



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Welcome

Welcome to Living Hope Church! We are so glad that you are here and long to show you the love and hospitality of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

Gathering of God's People

We are a gathering of God's people located in Belmont, NC. Each Lord's Day, God meets us as we gather for worship. We encounter Him in worship through the ordinary means of grace - prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments. These means of grace are appointed by God for His people. They point us to Christ, sustain us and nourish us in our union with Him as a part of His Body.

Growing in God's Word

We are committed to knowing God. God has revealed Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ. We believe all of scripture points us to Him. Therefore, we are faithfully committed to the authority of His Word. We believe the Bible teaches us all things necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation. Growing in God's Word happens in community through preaching, small groups, Bible studies, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Fellowship, and special events.

Going on God's Mission

We are a mission-minded congregation with a heart to obey The Great Commission, making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through community outreach and evangelism, supporting the planting of local churches and global missions, we are committed to faithful participation in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until He returns.

Children

Worshiping together with their family is a wonderful way for children to learn to love Jesus. We value the children's participation and invite them to worship with us during the entire service. Children's Bulletins and crayons are available each Sunday to go along with our service. If kids need to leave the sanctuary, parents are welcome to stay with them in the children's room or parlor. We have Worship Care for children aged Kindergarten and younger which begins at the offertory. Parents are asked to walk them to the classroom located behind the sanctuary. The children will be cared for and taught by background checked volunteers. Please pick them up immediately following the service unless we are having Sunday School.

Gathering Music will begin a few minutes before the service.

HOW WE WORSHIP:

Throughout church history, the style of worship has been expressed in different ways. Each church or tradition has its own style. We believe that the worship of God is far more than style and not about our preferences. Worship begins with a heart to worship God through faith in Jesus Christ. The elements of worship are determined by God and revealed in His Word. When we meet God in worship there is a dialogue between God and his people: God speaks, and we respond. He promises to meet with us as we worship him in the way he has ordained.

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TIME OF PREPARATION

Personal Prayer of Preparation: Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GATHERING MUSIC

All Creatures Of Our God And King

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him, Alleluia alleluia alleluia
2. Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son and praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him, Alleluia alleluia alleluia
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him, Alleluia alleluia alleluia
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee, all creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him, Alleluia alleluia alleluia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:19-25

Pastor: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Congregation: and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

All: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near

PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ADORATION

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God initiates worship by speaking first to call his people into his holy presence. The Call to Worship compels us to turn from the world and focus our hearts and minds on worshipping God. Today, God graciously invites you to worship Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF

INVOCATION/

ADORATION::

God has called us to worship, so we now respond by humbly praying for His Spirit to help us worship Him in spirit and in truth. We pray with confidence that he will meet us as He has promised through His Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

SINGING:

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

~ Martin Luther

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***SONG OF PRAISE**

All My Boast Is In Jesus

1. What wonder of wonders what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness His merit His righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished

*Chorus 1: All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done*

2. Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy
Chorus 1

Bridge: O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord
repeat

3. I boast not in riches in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me
Chorus 1

*Chorus 2: Now I stand in His freedom
Ransomed clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ, forever my boast is Jesus Christ*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you:

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 5:11-13

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Our sin isn't just about breaking rules. It is "missing the mark" of the perfect righteousness required by God's Law. God uses His Word to convict us of sin and calls us to confess our sins and turn to Him. Throughout Scripture, when people experience God, they face the reality of their own brokenness, guilt and shame. Therefore, we pray, confessing our sins both corporately and personally, enabling us to rest assured we are both forgiven by faith in Jesus and dearly loved by God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

As an expression of faith and unity, we join together in corporate prayer. Prayer is a means of grace by which God works His grace into our hearts. We lift up specific needs to our powerful and merciful God, asking for His help for one another, the Church, our city, our nation, and our world.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As recipients of God's grace, we have received peace from Him. In response, we invite you to share that peace with one another with a greeting, handshake or a hug, being especially mindful of those you have not yet met. Christians have long greeted one another with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

THE OFFERING:

The offering is part of our worship of God as we give back to Him what He has so graciously given us. As David said in 1 Chronicles, "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." (29:14)

Online Giving Link:



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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*Chorus: It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
Chorus

3. My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul
Chorus

4. And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul
Chorus

*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-26

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Divine Dilemma

SCRIPTURE:

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

PRAYER OF

ILLUMINATION:

The prayer of illumination asks the Holy Spirit to "turn on the light" in our hearts so that we understand and are transformed by God's Word as it is read and preached.

THE SERMON:

The preaching of the sermon is a means of grace and kindness from the Lord. As it says in the Westminster Shorter Catechism Answer 89, "The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation."

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Words of Institution

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Distribution of the Elements

Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper, also referred to as Communion, is the meal Jesus instituted Himself for the remembering of his sacrificial death, the sealing of its benefits to true believers for spiritual nourishment and growth, and as a bond of communion with Christ and fellow believers. This is a family meal for those who belong to Christ in the visible Church, are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and seek to live faithfully for Jesus Christ. You are invited to the Table!

If you have not yet embraced Jesus by faith or are not prepared to take this meal, we are glad you are here and ask you to let the elements pass and spend time seeking the Lord in prayer.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Send Us Out

We have sat at your feet
We have learned from your Word
We have eaten from your table, Lord
Repeat

Establish the work of our hands
Inspire the work of our minds
Anoint the work of our hearts
Send us out, send us out

We have sat at your feet
We have learned from your Word
We have eaten from your table, Lord

Establish the work of our hands
Inspire the work of our minds
Anoint the work of our hearts
Send us out, send us out
Repeat

In the name of the Father
For the glory of the Son
By the power of the Spirit
Send us out, send us out
Repeat

Send us out, send us out, send us out, send us out

*BENEDICTION

*CHURCH'S DOXOLOGY

Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, the God of Israel
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that exel
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that exel

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

BENEDICTION:

The benediction is not a prayer; it is a pronouncement of blessing from God. You have worshiped and now you will go out into your week to labor. Go in peace and with the blessing of God's covenant promises upon you. You belong to Him and you will be his forever. No matter the difficulties and trials that may come, remember you are loved by God and He is always with you.

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Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We have coffee, tea, breakfast snacks and a "Kid's Corner" with activities for our young ones.

WEDNESDAY, 11/5

- LHC Dawn Prayer via Zoom - Join us from 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. as Mark leads us in scripture and prayer time for one another and LHC. Contact Mark for the Zoom link.
- Wednesday Night Fellowship - Dinner at 5:30; Classes at 6:15 until 7:30
 - Menu: Chicken and Rice Casserole, Salad (with Chicken), Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit and Desserts.

THURSDAY, 11/6 - Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11:00) at the home of Christy Orr

SUNDAY, 11/9

- Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Everyone is invited to celebrate Betty Weisskopf's 93rd Birthday during Coffee & Connections - join us for birthday cake and coffee!

READING PLAN FOR 11/2 - 11/9: Hosea 8 - 14; Joel 1; Psalm 123 - 141

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Persecuted Church (Today is the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church.)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: TODAY - Jeff Jordan; 11/11 - Betty Weisskopf and David Hunter;
11/16 - Glenna Sevy

SAVE THE DATES:

- 11/15 - Serve The Church (9 - noon)
- Thanksgiving Service and Dinner- please invite family and friends to join us!
 - Service at 5 p.m. (Childcare for Kindergarten and younger)
 - Dinner at 6 p.m. - Jon Ford will be smoking turkey breasts for us and you're invited to bring a side dish or dessert.
- 12/3 - Ladies Favorite Things Christmas Party (6- 8 p.m.) at Kim Taylor's
- 12/6 - LHC Christmas Party (5-7 p.m.) at Trey and Jena Jenkins'
- 12/21 - College Student Lunch after coffee and connections - all college students and their families along with their "adopted families" are invited.
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols (5 p.m.)



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Need prayer?

- We have elders available to pray with you after the service in the parlor. Exit the right door and turn right.
- You may also scan the QR code to submit a prayer request.



THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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