



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

10,000 Reasons

*Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Chorus

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

Isaiah 40:6-9

Pastor: A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

Congregation: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

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

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus: Leaning, leaning

Safe and secure from all alarms

Leaning, leaning

Leaning on the everlasting arms

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

3. What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Jordan, Whitney and Declan Buehler; Ken and Suzanne Darms; Lisa Marzano; Mark, Lyndsi, Owen, Miller, and Christian Valenti; Ellen Steele; Andrew, Danielle, Drew and Adam Summerville

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Through faith in Jesus Christ, God's Truth sets us free from the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We affirm our faith each Lord's Day as we worship God to remind and strengthen us in our faith. This also unites our hearts with one another in the core beliefs of who God is and what He has done, is doing and will do.

**catholic means universal*

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.

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

All Sufficient Merit

1. All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

2. In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

*Chorus: It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own*

3. I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine
Chorus

4. All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross
Chorus

Please sign and pass the attendance registers.

+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rise With The Sun

1. There's a song that's sung through the nations
Of joyful thanks to the King
Where the countless saints who are rescued
Praise Jesus who set them all free

2. Hear the anthem sung in the islands
Where sun first touches the earth
Over land and sea it advances
Now joined by the saints of this church

Chorus: Rise with the sun, lift up His name
All through the earth we sing out His praise
East to the west, night to the day
Join in the song and sing out His praise

3. I will add my voice to the chorus
Of many people and tongues
For we share the gift of salvation
And share in the life yet to come
Chorus

Bridge 1: And the church will sing Holy holy holy are You Lord
You're the glorious One, we lift up Your name

Bridge 2: And the church will sing Tabu Heilig Oli are You Lord
You're the Lamb who was slain we lift up Your name

Bridge 3: And the church will sing
Shèngjié Santo Kadosh are You Lord
You're the King who was raised, we lift up Your name

Bridge 4: And the church will sing Holy holy holy are You Lord
Now You reign evermore we lift up Your name
Over all of the world we lift up Your name
Chorus (2 x)

Join in the song
And sing out His praise
repeat
Come sing out His praise

+Children Kindergarten and younger are dismissed for Worship Care.

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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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."

*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:14-16

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may
be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in
the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom
you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of
life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run
in vain or labor in vain.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Stop Complaining and Start Proclaiming

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: As believers must stop complaining and start proclaiming.

Points:

1. Stop Complaining
2. Start Proclaiming

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

1. 1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*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.

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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.

"The Church's Doxology" - Words - Psalm 72; Music by Holden, public domain.

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Everyone is invited to join us after worship for Lunch in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our recent new members and baptisms.

WEDNESDAY, 2/25

- 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
 - Menu: BBQ, Rolls, Baked Beans, Fruit, Salad, Chips, and desserts

SATURDAY, 2/28 - Join us for our 5th Annual Missions Conference Dinner (5:00 - 7:30 p.m.)



Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming.

SUNDAY, 3/1 - Faith Promise Sunday - Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed Missions Conference Sunday School. Children's Sunday School class for 2nd grade and younger; older kids and youth are invited to stay with the adults.

READING PLAN FOR FEBRUARY:

Matthew 10:21 - 21:22, ; Acts 15:22 - 28, Psalm 24 - 47, Exodus 1 - 40, Leviticus 1 - 27

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Please pray for our Missions Conference and Faith Promise Budget.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: 2/25 - Paula Black and Jon Ford, 2/26 - AJ Forbes, 2/27 - Ellen Steele and Arielle Wellons, 2/29 - Will Wellons

SAVE THE DATES:

- 2/23 - Ladies Retreat Planning and Prayer Lunch with Suzanne Allers (9:15 - 3)
- 3/28- Ladies In-Town Day Retreat (9-3) with Suzanne Allers; location TBD
- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday Service (6:30 p.m.)
- 4/24 - Spiritual Enrichment Night - An Evening With Rosaria Butterfield



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Artie Cooper
Tim Daniels
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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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