



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
March 1, 2026

## Welcome

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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

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### 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

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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

#### *By Faith*

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth  
*Chorus*

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name  
*Chorus*

\*Please stand as you are able.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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

Psalm 96:1-6

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Congregation: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

## 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

*The God We Love (Nicene Creed)*

1. We believe in one God the Father  
The Almighty the Maker of all  
The One who rules the seen and unseen, we believe and we adore  
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation  
From the Father begotten not made  
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age

*Chorus: All glory to the Father now, all honour to the Son  
And praise the Spirit now and always, this is the God we love*

2. For this world and for our salvation  
He came down from the heavens above  
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God  
He was crucified under Pilate  
Suffered death and was laid in the grave  
And in accordance with the scriptures on the third He rose again

*Chorus*

Bridge: And He has made His ascent into the heavens above  
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now  
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth

The Holy Spirit has come, voice of the prophets of God  
Sent to us he has given us new life  
Forgiven now and baptised, one holy church verise, we rise

*Chorus*

3. Now we wait to be resurrected  
And we look for the world without end  
This is our creed our faith our anthem  
This is the God we love, this is the God we love

*Chorus*

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, we pray, as we are taught, for all people, believing that this is good and acceptable in your sight, for you want all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all. Look with compassion on the world that lies in wickedness and let the prince of this world be cast out, who has blinded people's minds. Let your ways be known upon earth, that those who live without you in the world may be brought to your service; and thus let your saving health be known to all nations.

Let the people praise you, O God; yes, let all the people praise you. Oh, let the nations be glad, and sing for joy, for you shall judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Give your Son the nations for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth as his possession. Let all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ.

Oh, let the gospel be preached to every creature! And send forth laborers, for how shall people believe unless they have heard, and how shall they hear unless preachers are sent? Add to your church daily such as are being saved. Enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Bring your sons from afar and your daughters from the ends of the earth. Let them fly as a cloud and as the doves to their homes.

And from the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be great among the nations. Let the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. - Matthew Henry

## 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.*

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."

Holy:  
Tambu (Fijian)  
Heilig (German)  
Oli (Australian  
Creole)

Shèngjié (Mandarin)  
Santo (Spanish)  
Kadosh (Hebrew)

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\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*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 (2x)

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

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*I Love To Tell The Story (Eaton Square)*

1. I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory  
Of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do

*Chorus: I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love*

2. I love to tell the story  
'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word  
Chorus

3. I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new new song  
'Twill be the old old story  
That I have loved so long  
Chorus

### 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)

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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

*Acts 13:1-12*

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Missions: The Vital Work Of The Church*

Rev. Morrie Lawing

# SERMON NOTES

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Facing A Task Unfinished*

*You're invited to bring your Faith Promise Pledges forward.*

1. Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees  
A need that undiminished rebukes our slothful ease

We, who rejoice to know Thee renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known

2. Where other Lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today

With none to heed their crying for life and love and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night

Chorus: We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

3. We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose

Ours is the same commission the same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition to Thee we yield our powers  
*Chorus*

4. O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired

From cowardice defend us from lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us to labour for Thy sake  
*Chorus (repeat)*

## \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHURCH'S DOXOLOGY (Psalm 72)

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.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Connections followed by Sunday School (11 - 11:45). Children 2nd grade and younger have a Sunday School Class. Older kids and youth are invited to stay with the adults.

### WEDNESDAY, 3/4

- 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: Baked Ziti, Salad (with chicken), Rolls, Fruit, and Dessert

THURSDAY, 3 /5 - Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11 a.m.) at Christy Orr's

SUNDAY, 3/8 - Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### READING PLAN FOR MARCH::

Matthew 21:23 - 28:20, Romans 1 - 16, Psalm 48 - 71, Numbers 1 - 36, Deuteronomy 1 - 34

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Rev. Morrie Lawing and Outreach North America

BIRTHDAYS: 2/29 - Will Wellons; 3/2 - Vicki Hodges; 3/7 - Andrew Summerville; 3/9 - Ambrose Winfree; 3/16 - Conner Adams; 3/19 - Chris Carr; 3/20 - Bill Sevy; 3/21 - Viki LaChapelle; 3/22 - Adam Summerville; 3/31 - Wilson Forbes

### SAVE THE DATES:

- 3/26 - Outreach Baby Shower (12:15 - 1:15) at LHC in the Fellowship Hall (It's a girl!)
- 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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Need prayer?

- We have elders available to pray with you after the service in the parlor. Exit the right door and turn right. Jon Ford is serving this month.
- 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.

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