



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
March 22, 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

#### *The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

1. Father let your kingdom come  
Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven  
Right here in my heart  
repeat

*Chorus: Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned  
Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come*

Repeat Verse 1 twice  
*Chorus*

Bridge It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
The kingdom the power  
The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
Forever and ever  
The kingdom is yours  
Repeat

Repeat Verse 1 twice  
On Earth as in Heaven  
Right here in my heart  
*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

Isaiah 2:3-5

Pastor: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## 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**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

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

## 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

### 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."

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\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Battle Belongs*

1. When all I see is the battle  
You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain  
You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow  
Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now  
For I am safe with You

*Chorus: So when I fight I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You*

2. And if You are for me  
Who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing  
Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes  
You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross  
God You see the empty tomb  
*Chorus*

Bridge: (An) Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows  
You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God  
repeat  
*Chorus*

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*All I Have Is Christ*

1. I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Chorus: Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life  
Repeat

3. Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You  
Chorus (2x)

### 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 2:25-30*

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Examples To Live By Part 2*

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: As believers, our lives should be examples for others in what it means to live for Christ.

Epaphraditus

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Onward Christian Soldiers*

1. Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus going on before  
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe  
Forward into battle, see His banners go

*Chorus: Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before*

2. Like a mighty army moves the church of God  
Brothers we are treading where the saints have trod  
We are not divided all one body we  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity  
*Chorus*

3. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane  
But the church of Jesus constant will remain  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail  
We have Christ's own promise and that cannot fail  
*Chorus*

4. Onward then ye people join our happy throng  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph-song  
Glory laud and honour unto Christ the King  
This through countless ages men and angels sing  
*Chorus*

## \*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. Come and enjoy some breakfast snacks, tea, and coffee and fellowship!

### WEDNESDAY, 3/25

- 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 Easter Celebration
  - Craft for kids at 5:00; Dinner at 5:30; Classes at 6:15; Egg Hunt at 7:15
  - Menu: Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, Salad, Fruit, Desserts

*If you can make Deviled Eggs or cook green beans, let Betsy know. Green beans can be picked up today. You are invited to bring candy-filled eggs on Wednesday.*

### THURSDAY, 3 /26

- Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11 a.m.) at Christy Orr's
- Outreach Baby Shower (11:45 - 1:00) in the Fellowship Hall (It's a girl!)

SATURDAY, 3/28 - Ladies Retreat with Suzanne Allers (9-3) at Jena Jenkins' home

SUNDAY, 3/29 - Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

*Children are invited to process in with palms during the Song of Praise.*

### EASTER AT LIVING HOPE

- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.
- 4/ 5 - Easter Sunday
  - Sunrise Service (7:00 a.m.) at the shelter at Kevin Loftin Park
  - Drop-in Breakfast (8:15-9:15) in the Fellowship Hall
  - 9:30 - Worship

### 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: Please pray for our upcoming Easter services.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: 3/21 - Viki LaChapelle; 3/22 - Adam Summerville; 3/31 - Wilson Forbes



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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.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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