



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
March 29, 2026

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

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

1. Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus: 'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

*Chorus: Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

2. Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Pre-Chorus

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

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:9-11

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Congregation: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

All: This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.

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**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna loud hosanna
The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises
The simplest and the best

2. From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait

3. Hosanna in the highest
That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His holy presence
Eternally rejoice

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1 and 8.4

1. God was pleased, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them, to be the mediator between God and man. God chose Him to be prophet, priest, and king, and to be head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world. From all eternity, God gave to the Son a people to be His offspring. In time this people would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by Him.

4. The Lord Jesus most willingly undertook this office. To discharge it, He was born under the law and perfectly fulfilled it. He also experienced the punishment that we deserved and that we should have endured and suffered. He was made sin and a curse for us. He endured extremely heavy sorrows in His soul and extremely painful sufferings in His body. He was crucified and died and remained in a state of death, yet His body did not decay. On the third day He arose from the dead with the same body in which He suffered. In this body He also ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of His Father, interceding. He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the age.

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

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name (Coronation)

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
3. Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Please sign and pass the attendance registers.

+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Jesus Messiah

1. He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus:

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

2. His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Lord of all
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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

Isaiah 50:4-11

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

7 But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

10 Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

All Glory Laud And Honor (Saint Theodulph)

*Chorus: All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring*

1. Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One

Chorus

2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present

Chorus

3. The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply

Chorus

4. To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise

Chorus

5. Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

*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!

Our Care and Compassion Ministry is in need of more volunteers to help serve, support and encourage our congregation in times of loss and sickness with cards and meals.
Contact Tammy Cherry to help (704-747-0333).

WEDNESDAY, 4/1

- 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.

THURSDAY, 4/2

- Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER AT LIVING HOPE - SUNDAY, 4/5

- 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

READING PLAN FOR APRIL:

Mark 1 - 9:32, 1 Corinthians 1 - 16, Psalm 72 -94, Joshua 1- 24, Judges 1 - 21, Ruth 1 - 4

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: The Nursing Program at Christian Hospital Sahiwal, Pakistan

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS: 3/31 - Wilson Forbes, 4/1- Alex Garcia; 4/18 - Trey, Betsy Forbes, Miller Valenti; 4/20 - Allie Cherry; 4/22 - Ken Darms, Sylvia Wellons; 4/27 - Kim Taylor

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - Spiritual Enrichment Night with Rosaria Butterfield

Children's Program beginning at 6:30 for kids 2nd grade and younger with reservation.

- 5:30 - Reception Dinner
- 6:30 - The Gospel Comes With A House Key
- 7:30 - Q & A Discussion

Scan to RSVP:





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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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