



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
April 19, 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.

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

#### *Come People Of The Risen King*

1. Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

Chorus: Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace  
*Chorus*

3. Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all  
*Chorus*

## 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 84:1-2, 4 & 145:1

Pastor: How lovely is the Lord's dwelling place; let your soul long, yes, faint for the courts of the Lord;

Congregation: let your heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in the Lord's house.

Congregation: Come before him in worship, ever singing his praise!

All: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

### 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 Solid Rock*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

2. When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus: On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

3. His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

*Chorus*

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

*Chorus*

## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

### Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 20.1 Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin, from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law; but under the New Testament the liberty of Christians is further enlarged in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

## 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."

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Rock Of Ages (Toplady)*

1. Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure
  
2. Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone  
Thou must save and thou alone
  
3. Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die
  
4. While I draw this fleeting breath  
When mine eyes shall close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown  
See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee

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## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)*

1. My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

2. My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

3. As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

4. I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross  
Chorus

5. Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

*Chorus*  
Repeat

### 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 3:1-11*

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Hymn Of Heaven*

1. How I long to breathe the air of heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

2. And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith  
We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears  
Chorus

3. And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
repeat  
Forever He shall reign

So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the saints  
We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
repeat

Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord

## \*BENEDICTION

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

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

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 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.*

MONDAY, 4/20 - Outreach Baby Shower (12 - 1:30 p.m.) in the LHC Fellowship Hall - It's a boy!

WEDNESDAY, 4/22

- 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - Spiritual Enrichment Night with Rosaria Butterfield

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

Contact Betsy if you'd like to help with the Reception Dinner (704-718-0026)

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

Scan to RSVP:



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: Gaston Community (local ARP church)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- 5/3 - Baby Breakfast honoring the Wellons after worship during Coffee and Connections
- 5/17 - Graduation Sunday
  - Everyone is invited to a Covered Dish Luncheon after worship to celebrate our high school senior, Lily Sullivan
- 5/27 - Ladies Book Club - Dinner & Discussion of *Theo Of Golden* (6-8 p.m.) at the home of Jennifer Ford



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Artie Cooper  
Tim Daniels  
Jon Ford  
Bill Sevy

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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. Bill Sevy 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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