



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
May 10, 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

### *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  
*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 84:1-2, 4-5, & 145:1

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Congregation: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Congregation: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## 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**

*Fight The Good Fight*

1. Fight the good fight with all your might  
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life and it shall be,  
Your joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace.  
Lift up your eyes and seek His face.  
Life with its path before us lies,  
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.
3. Throw care away and on your Guide,  
Lean, and His mercy will provide.  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove,  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
4. Faint not, nor fear, His arm is near.  
He changes not and you are dear.  
Only believe and you shall see,  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

## \*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

*It Is Well (Because He Lives)*

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say  
It is well it is well with my soul

*Chorus:*

*It is well with my soul  
It is well it is well with my soul*

2. My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul  
*Chorus*

3. O Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well with my soul

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives  
He lives, He lives, He lives

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

# +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Press On*

1. When the valley is deep  
When the mountain is steep  
When the body is weary  
When we stumble and fall

2. When the choices are hard  
When we're battered and scarred  
When we've spent our resources  
When we've given our all

Chorus

In Jesus' name we press on  
In Jesus' name we press on

Dear Lord with the prize  
Clear before our eyes  
We find the strength to press on  
Repeat

Chorus

We find the strength to press on

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 3:12-16*

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*We Press On*

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

## SERMON OUTLINE

The big idea: As those justified by God, we must press on towards a holy life in Christ.

Points:

1. Never Satisfied
2. Knowing the Way
3. Be Determined

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

### *When We All Get To Heaven*

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus  
Sing His mercy and His grace  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place

*Chorus: When we all get to heaven  
What a day of rejoicing that will be  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout the victory*

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky  
But when trav'ling days are over  
Not a shadow not a sigh  
*Chorus*

3. Let us then be true and faithful  
Trusting serving ev'ry day  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay  
*Chorus*

4. Onward to the prize before us  
Soon His beauty we'll behold  
Soon the pearly gates will open  
We shall tread the streets of gold  
*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 Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship. The children are invited to make a Mother's Day card(s) and pick out a flower for their mom.*

TUESDAY, 5/12 - LHC Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 5/13

- 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.

SUNDAY, 5/17

- Worship at 9:30
- Lisa Marzano will be taking Directory Pictures after worship - please stop by if you haven't had your picture taken.
- Everyone is invited to join us for a Covered Dish Graduation Luncheon honoring Lily Sullivan, daughter of Jaime Sullivan and granddaughter of Carol Austin.



BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MAY:

Mark 9:33-16, 2 Corinthians 1-13 , Psalm 95 - , 1 Samuel 1-31, 2 Samuel 1-24

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Crisis Pregnancy Center - We are once again participating in the Baby Bottle Blessings. Please take a bottle home and fill it with silver change, dollars or a check and return by Father's Day.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: 5/12 - Susan Jordan; 5/17 - Sarah Koehler; 5/24 - Rick Hodges;  
5/25 - Tim Daniels, 5/27 - Sofia Garcia

SAVE THE DATES:

- 5/27 - Ladies Book Club
  - Dinner & Discussion of *Theo Of Golden* (6-8 p.m.) at the home of Jennifer Ford. Scan the QR Code to sign up for the Taco Salad Dinner.



- 5/30 - Men's Ministry Breakfast (7:30 - 8:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall



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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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