



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
Pentecost  
May 24, 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

#### *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

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 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 63:1 - 4

Pastor: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

Congregation: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Pastor: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

## 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**

*O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

1. I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

2. His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*Chorus:*

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

3. Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King  
*Chorus*

4. He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face  
*Chorus*

## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place[a] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

## 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

*Psalm 34 (O Taste And See)*

1. I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from every fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed  
They'll never be ashamed
2. This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The Son of God surrounds His saints  
He will deliver them  
He will deliver them

*Chorus: Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

3. O taste and see that the Lord is good  
O blessed is he who hides in Him  
O fear the Lord O all you saints  
He'll give you everything  
He'll give you everything

*Chorus*

Let us bless the Lord  
Every day and night  
Never ending praise  
May our incense rise  
(repeat)

*Chorus*

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We Will Feast In The House Of Zion*

*Chorus:*

*We will feast in the house of Zion*

*We will sing with our hearts restored*

*He has done great things we will say together*

*We will feast and weep no more*

1. We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

*Chorus*

2. In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

*Chorus*

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom

*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**

*Philippians 3:20 - 4:1*

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*Living For The Future Part 2*

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

### *There Is One Gospel*

1. There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan the Son has rescued me  
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

2. There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

3. There is one Gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free  
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

4. And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home  
And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Saviour the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

#### Ending

And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Saviour the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
Praise to my Saviour the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## \*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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship. For coffee, tea, and breakfast snacks. Hope you can drop by for a time of fellowship.*

TUESDAY, 5/26 - Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 p.m.) at Least Of These Carolinas

WEDNESDAY, 5/27

- 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.
- 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.



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

- Discussing chapter 4 (Fatherhood) in *Disciplines of a Godly Man*.

SUNDAY, 5/31 - Worship at 9:30

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MAY:

Mark 9:33-16, 2 Corinthians 1-13 , Psalm 95 - 118, 1 Samuel 1-31, 2 Samuel 1-24

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

MAY BIRTHDAYS: TODAY - Rick Hodges, 5/25 - Tim Daniels, 5/27 - Sofia Garcia

SAVE THE DATES:

- Summer Large Group Gatherings (Church-wide gatherings, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
  - 6/13 at Pauline and Wes Styers
  - 7/18 at Jena and Trey Jenkins
  - 8/29 at Betsy and Mark Forbes
- Wonderful Wednesdays - for kids and youth and their families
  - 6/17- TBD
  - 7.15 - Woodworking with Jon Ford
- 6/24, 7/18, 7/22 - *The Lord of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.) at church
- 6/25, 7/9, 7/23 - *The Lord of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11:00 a.m.) at church with childcare available upon request.



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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. Vinnie Cherry and Jon Ford are 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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