



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
May 31, 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*

\*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 105:1-3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

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

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

## 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**

*How Great Is Our God*

1. The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*Chorus: How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God*

2. And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb  
*Chorus*

Bridge  
Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
Repeat  
*Chorus*

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## \*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

*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

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### *I Need The Every Hour*

1. I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

*Chorus: I need Thee O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior  
I come to Thee*

2. I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou near by  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh  
*Chorus*

3. I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain  
*Chorus*

4. I need Thee every hour  
Most Holy One  
O make me Thine indeed  
Thou blessed Son  
*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 4:1-3*

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

Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart (Marion)*

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart  
Rejoice give thanks and sing  
Your festal banner wave on high  
The cross of Christ your King  
Rejoice rejoice rejoice  
Give thanks and sing

2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age  
Both men and women, raise  
On high your free, exulting song,  
Declare God's wondrous praise  
Rejoice rejoice rejoice  
Give thanks and sing

3. Still lift your standard high  
Still chanting as you go,  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice rejoice rejoice  
Give thanks and sing

4. Praise God, who reigns on high  
The Lord whom we adore  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
One God forevermore  
Rejoice rejoice rejoice  
Give thanks and sing

## \*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 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.*

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.

SUNDAY, 6/7 - Worship at 9:30

SATURDAY, 6/13 - First Summer Large Group at Pauline and Wes Styers (5-7)

Scan to sign up for dinner:



BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JUNE:

Luke 1 - 7:10; Ephesians 1 - 6, Philippians 1 - 4, Psalm 119 - 122, 1 Kings 1 - 22, 2 Kings 1 - 25

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Today's Daily Bread

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: 6/3 - Tucker Jenkins; 6/6 - Michael Adams, Judy Gullede; 6/12 - Jena Jenkins; 6/21 - Jaime Sullivan; 6/22 Levi Dunn; 6/26 - William Adams

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
  - 8/5 - Fishing at Robyn and Don Piers
- 6/24, 7 /8, 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.

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