



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
June 14, 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

#### *By Faith*

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

*Chorus*

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*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

Isaiah 26:1-4

Pastor: In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.

Congregation: Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

All: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

## 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**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity
  
2. Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be
  
3. Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power  
In love and purity
  
4. Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

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## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism Question and Answer 75*

Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life.

## 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

*Build My Life*

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Verse 2 (again)  
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You  
Chorus

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
repeat  
Chorus  
Bridge (2x)

*Please sign and pass the attendance registers.*

## +WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### *He Calls Me Friend*

1. I have a friend a faithful friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He will not leave He stands by me  
My Shepherd He remains

2. I have a friend a mighty friend  
And Jesus is His name  
I shall not fear He holds me near  
His strength will keep me safe

*Chorus: His name is true King Lord of creation  
Ruler without end  
I call Him hope peace wonderful Saviour  
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend*

3. I have a friend the kindest friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He hears my cry by day or night  
And wipes my tears away  
*Chorus*

4. I have a friend a Saviour friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He fought for me on Calvary  
And trampled on the grave  
*Chorus (2x)*

### 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 4:8-9*

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

3. Be Thou my shield  
And my sword for the fight  
Be Thou my dignity  
Be Thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter  
And Thou my high tow'r  
Raise Thou me heav'nward  
O pow'r of my pow'r

4. High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

## \*BENEDICTION

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

Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, the God of Israel  
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that exel  
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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 a Mission Opportunity during Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We'll have coffee and breakfast snacks and pack 180 lunches for Today's Daily Bread.*

### WEDNESDAY, 6/17

- 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.
- Wonderful Wednesday! Join us at the barn beside Mark and Betsy's for dinner, games and horseback riding - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 621 Archie Whitesides Road, Gastonia.  
Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming:



### SATURDAY, 6/20

- Men's Ministry Breakfast (7:30 - 9:00 a.m.)
- Discussing Friendship from chapter 5 of *Disciplines Of A Godly Man*.

### SUNDAY, 6/21

- Worship at 9:30
- During Coffee and Connections we'll have Doughnuts with Dad in honor Father's Day

### 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: Suzanne and Jeff A., World Witness Missionaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: 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.)
  - 7/18 at Jena and Trey Jenkins
  - 8/29 at Betsy and Mark Forbes
- Wonderful Wednesdays - Dinner and activity for kids and youth and their families
  - 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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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. 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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