



**LIVING HOPE CHURCH**  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE  
July 12, 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. Christians Join To Sing*

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He who made all things well, formed us His praise to tell;  
Hear now the anthem swell: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Sing this salvation song: Alleluia! Amen!  
Christ on the cross has won: Alleluia! Amen!  
Praise we the Risen Lord, come run through mercy's door;  
Loved, rescued, and restored: Alleluia! Amen!
4. Lift high the Savior's name: Alleluia! Amen!  
Till all the earth proclaims: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;  
The world to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Please stand as you are able.

## 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 103:1-8

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### 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**

*10,000 Reasons*

*Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes  
*Chorus*

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
*Chorus*

3. And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
*Chorus*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Our sin isn't just about breaking rules. It is "missing the mark" of the perfect righteousness required by God's Law. God uses His Word to convict us of sin and calls us to confess our sins and turn to Him. Throughout Scripture, when people experience God, they face the reality of their own brokenness, guilt and shame. Therefore, we pray, confessing our sins both corporately and personally, enabling us to rest assured we are both forgiven by faith in Jesus and dearly loved by God.

### 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.*

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:



+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Amazing Grace*  
*Sabrina Cooper, piano*

*arr. Hiroshi Nakamura*

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

*Exodus 20:3*

You shall have no other gods before me.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*No Other Gods*

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

### 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."

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Invitation and Words of Institution

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## Distribution of the Elements

### Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper, also referred to as Communion, is the meal Jesus instituted Himself for the remembering of his sacrificial death, the sealing of its benefits to true believers for spiritual nourishment and growth, and as a bond of communion with Christ and fellow believers. This is a family meal for those who belong to Christ in the visible Church, are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and seek to live faithfully for Jesus Christ. You are invited to the Table!

If you have not yet embraced Jesus by faith or are not prepared to take this meal, we are glad you are here and ask you to let the elements pass and spend time seeking the Lord in prayer.

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Send Us Out*

We have sat at your feet  
We have learned from your Word  
We have eaten from your table, Lord  
Repeat

Establish the work of our hands  
Inspire the work of our minds  
Anoint the work of our hearts  
Send us out, send us out

We have sat at your feet  
We have learned from your Word  
We have eaten from your table, Lord

Establish the work of our hands  
Inspire the work of our minds  
Anoint the work of our hearts  
Send us out, send us out  
Repeat

In the name of the Father  
For the glory of the Son  
By the power of the Spirit  
Send us out, send us out  
Repeat

Send us out, send us out, send us out, send us out

## \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHURCH'S DOXOLOGY

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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We have Sunday School following worship until 11:45. Join us for refreshments and teaching by Howard Wellons on *Trusting The Word - Examining The Authority Of Scripture*. Two Children's Sunday School also offered.*

### WEDNESDAY, 7/15

- 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 - Woodworking at Jennifer and Jon Ford's; dinner provided.

Let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code:



SATURDAY, 7/18 - Large Group at Trey and Jena Jenkins. Scan the QR Code to sign up.



### SUNDAY, 7/19 -

- Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Summer Sunday School (10:45 - 11:45 a.m.)
  - *Trusting The Word - Examining The Authority Of Scripture* with Howard Wellons
  - Children's Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, 7/22 - *The Lord of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.) at church

THURSDAY, 7/23 - *The Lord of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11:00 a.m.) at church

FRIDAY, 7/24 - Summer Pool Party for kids and youth at Gardner Acres hosted by Katie and Tyler Griffin (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY, 7/25 - Men's Ministry Breakfast (7:30 - 9:00 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall

### BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JULY:

1 Chronicles 1 - 29; 2 Chronicles 1 - 36; Colossians 1 - 4; Psalm 124 - 150  
1 Thessalonians 1 - 5; 2 Thessalonians 1 - 3; Luke 7:11 - 12:59

MISSIONS MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS: Today's Daily Bread

JULY BIRTHDAYS: 7/8 - Leigh Daniels; 7/9 - Wes Styers; 7/13 - Lily Sullivan; 7/15 - Ava Hayes;  
7/23 - Grayson Wingate; 7/24 - Isaac Cherry; 7/30 - George Alexander, Kim Hayes



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Jon Ford  
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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. Elder Jon Ford is serving today.
- 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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