



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
July 26, 2026

Welcome

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

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

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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*GATHERING MUSIC

Bless His Holy Name

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Chorus:

*Bless the Lord oh my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name
repeat*

He has done great things
He has done great things
He has done great things
Bless His holy name
Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

*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 113:1-3

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

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

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***SONG OF PRAISE**

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
In 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

*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

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

1. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free

Chorus:

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer
With His blood He purchased me
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free*

2. I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave
Chorus

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory He gives me
Over sin and death and hell
Chorus

4. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heav'nly love for me
He from death to life
Hath brought me
Son of God with Him to be
Chorus

Please sign and pass the attendance registers.

⁺WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ancient Words, Standing On The Promises

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

2. Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

*Chorus: Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart*

3. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

4. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Chorus

Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God
Repeat

Chorus (2x)

+Children Kindergarten and younger are dismissed for Worship Care.

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**

Exodus 20:7

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the
Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

*Chorus: Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

2. Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone
Chorus

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb
Chorus

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat
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

*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, 7/29

- 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, 8/2 -

- Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall (10:45 - 11:15 a.m.)
- Inquirers Class (11:15 - 2:00) - We welcome all who are interested in learning more about more about LHC. Lunch provided. Contact Mark to to sign up (704-685-1335)

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

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR AUGUST:

Luke 13 - 20; 1 Timothy 1 - 6; 2 Timothy 1 - 4; Titus 1 - 4; Philemon 1
Proverbs 1 - 17; Ezra 1 - 10; Nehemiah 1 - 13; Esther 1 - 10

MISSIONS MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS: Today's Daily Bread

JULY BIRTHDAYS: 7/30 - George Alexander, Kim Hayes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: 8/7 - Donna Forbes; 8/8 - Pauline Styers; 8/10 - June Hunter, Mark Wingate;
8/11 - Jeff Shows; 8/20 - Howard Wellons; 8/25 - Josie Stone

SAVE THE DATES:

8/5 - Wonderful Wednesday (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.) Fishing at Robyn and Don Piers

- Dinner provided; please bring a chair and fishing rod; fishing license is covered.
- Scan the QR Code to let us know you're coming: 

8/29 - Large Group (5-7 p.m.) at Betsy and Mark Forbes

9/2, 9/9, 9/16 - Choir Rehearsals (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.)

9/13 - 4 years of Living Hope! Join us for a covered dish lunch after worship to celebrate God's faithfulness!

9/30 - Wednesday Night Fellowship begins



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LEADERSHIP

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Session

Matt Adams
Vinnie Cherry
Artie Cooper
Tim Daniels
Jon Ford
Bill Sevy

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.



WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 112. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires, that the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, the word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works, and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by an holy profession, and answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves, and others.

Q. 113. What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required; and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious, or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots; violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful; and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful; murmuring and quarreling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of God's decrees and providences; misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the word, or any part of it, to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines; abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms, or sinful lusts and practices; the maligning, scorning, reviling, or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways; making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends; being ashamed of it, or a shame to it, by unconformable, unwise, unfruitful, and offensive walking, or backsliding from it.

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