



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
July 5, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we're thrilled to welcome Don Piers as our Director of Music Ministry. Donald (Don) Piers was born in Holland Michigan. His family transplanted to Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he grew up in south Florida. Don met his wife Robyn in undergraduate school at Jacksonville University where he earned his Bachelor's in Music Education. After serving as a band director in both Jacksonville and Fernandina Beach public school systems, he earned a Master's in Church Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Don served as Director of Worship at Kendall Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida for 10 years where all three of his children were born. He went on to serve as Director of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina for over 22 years. In 2017, he helped establish Trinity Chapel Charlotte, an ARP church plant in Weddington, NC. He comes to us from Woodlawn Baptist Church where he served as Director of Music for the last 7 years.

Don and his wife, Robyn, have three children: DJ (and his wife Jill, and two grandchildren, Sullivan and Charlotte), Kathryn (husband Jacob Klos), and Jason.

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

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

Proverbs 14:34, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 33:12

Pastor: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Congregation: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

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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God Of Our Fathers
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If My People's Hearts Are Humbled
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*SONG OF PRAISE

Medley - America, The Beautiful, Faith Of Our Fathers, If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea

God of our fathers whose Almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toil some way
Lead us from night to never ending day
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory laud and praise be ever Thine

If My people's hearts are humbled
If they pray and seek My face
If they turn away from evil
I will not withhold My grace
I will hear their prayers from heaven
I will pardon every sin
If My people's hearts are humbled
I will surely heal their land

Then My eyes will see
Their sorrow,
Then My ears will hear their plea,
If My people's hearts are humbled,
I will set their nation free.
If My people's hearts are humbled,
If they pray and seek My face;
If they turn away from evil,
I will not withhold My grace.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Question and Answer # 101

Q. 101. What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is contained in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being Jehovah, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thralldom: and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.

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.

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

Goodness Of God

1. I love You, Lord for Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, t's running after me
repeat

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
Yes, I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

Please sign and pass the attendance registers.

+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Awaken Us Today

1. From the oceans, through the valleys

From the mainland to the shore
Let Your Kingdom be awakened
In the hearts of men once more
Call Your children into freedom
Captive souls to liberty
Come awaken, Holy Spirit!
Come awaken us today!

2. Love unending, grace unyielding

Tender mercies from thy throne
Brings the lost soul into families
Calls the wayward sinner home
Bring salvation, Great Redeemer
Holy fire fan to flame
Come restore us, come revive us
Come awaken us today!

3. I will serve Thee, Precious Jesus

Unto Thee I give my all
Lay my hands unto thy service
And my heart unto thy call
Perish every fond ambition
Lay aside all selfish gain
All forsaken for thy glory
Come awaken us today!

4. Wake, O sleeper, from your slumber!

Saints awaken, come to life!
Christ will rise and shine upon you
In His heav'nly light divine
Like the sunrise in its dawning
Breaking darkness with new light
Rise upon us, King of glory
Come awaken us today!
For Your Kingdom, For Your Glory
Come awaken us today!

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**

Exodus 20:1-2

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Introduction to the Ten Commandments:
The Prologue*

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

SERMON OUTLINE

The Big Idea: God has revealed Himself to His people and God has redeemed His people for Himself, therefore out of love are called to obey.

The Points :

1. Context
2. Who He Is
3. What He Has Done

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Lord, I Need You

1. Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Chorus 1: Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Chorus 2: Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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*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 a Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship to welcome Don Piers, our new Director of Music Ministry, and his wife Robyn.

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

- 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.
- *The Lord Of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, 7/9

- *The Lord Of Psalm 23* Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11:00 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, 7/12 -

- 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

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 - Summer Sunday School (10:45 - 11:45) in the Fellowship Hall
 - *Trusting The Word - Examining The Authority Of Scripture* with Howard Wellons
 - Children's Sunday School offered, too
- Wonderful Wednesdays - Dinner and activity for kids and youth and their families
 - 7/15 - Woodworking at Jennifer and Jon Ford's
 - 8/5 - Fishing at Robyn and Don Piers
- 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
- 7/24 - Summer Pool Party for kids and youth at Gardner Acres hosted by Katie and Tyler Griffin (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)



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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.



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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