



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
August 2, 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

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus:

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
Chorus

3. And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Chorus

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art
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.

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 84:1-2, 4-5, 10-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

Today we will sing The Lord's Prayer.

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**

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
3. Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

COMMISSIONING GERMANY MISSION TEAM

Grayson Wingate, Mark Wingate

Wilson Forbes, Betsy and Mark Forbes

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

Speak, O Lord

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

+Children Kindergarten and younger are dismissed for Worship Care.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

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
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

TODAY - Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for Coffee and Connections. Following Coffee and Connections, we'll have an Inquirers' Class Luncheon starting at 11:15 for anyone interested in learning more about Living Hope.

WEDNESDAY, 8/5

- 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 (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.) Fishing at Robyn and Don Piers; dinner provided
 - Scan the QR Code to let us know you're coming:



SUNDAY, 8/9

- Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall (10:45 - 11:15 a.m.)

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY: Contact Beth Wingate (704-868-6179) if you have a student who would like to be adopted or if you would like to adopt a student.

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: World Witness Bridge Europe Team; Please also pray for our Mission Team (Mark, Betsy and Wilson Forbes, Mark and Grayson Wingate) as they serve with World Witness in Germany.

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:

8/29 - 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, 9/20, 9/27 - Fall Sunday School

9/30 - Wednesday Night Fellowship begins

10/4 - 4 years of Living Hope! Join us for a covered dish lunch after worship (note date change) to celebrate God's faithfulness!



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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. Elder Jon Ford is serving today.
- You may also scan the QR code to submit a prayer request.



HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
QUESTION AND ANSWER #103

Q. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

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