



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
October 11, 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

My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)

1. My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
2. My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

3. As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
4. I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Chorus

5. Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross
Chorus (2x)

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 5:1-3, 7, 11-12

Elder: Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

Congregation: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Elder: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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**

This Is The God We Love (Nicene Creed)

1. We believe in one God the Father
The Almighty the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen, we believe and we adore

Jesus Christ one Lord of creation
From the Father begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age

*Chorus: All glory to the Father now, all honour to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always, this is the God we love*

2. For this world and for our salvation
He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God

He was crucified under Pilate
Suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures on the third He rose again

Chorus

Bridge: And He has made His ascent into the heavens above
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth

The Holy Spirit has come, voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us he has given us new life
Forgiven now and baptized, one holy church we rise, we rise

Chorus

3. Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed our faith our anthem
This is the God we love, this is the God we love

Chorus

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

repeat

Please sign and pass the attendance registers.

+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Above All/There Is None Like You

Chorus 1: Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought Of me
Above all

1. Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

2. Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth
Chorus

Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Chorus 2: There is none like You
No one else can touch
My heart like You do
I could search
For all eternity long and find
There is none like You
Repeat

I could search
For all eternity long and find
There is none like You

Verse: Your mercy flows like a river wide
And healing comes from Your hands
Suffering children are safe in Your arms
There is none like You
Chorus 2

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

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of
need.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

What You Need But Do Not Deserve

Rev. Ken Cross

SERMON NOTES

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.
6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
7. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

*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 and OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

WEDNESDAY, 10/14

- 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.
- Wednesday Night Fellowship - Dinner at 5:30; Classes at 6:15
 - Menu: baked ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, rolls, desserts

SUNDAY, 10/18

- Worship at 9:30
- Small Group Interest Meeting after worship (Led by Mark and Betsy Forbes using *The Gospel-Centered Parent*) Lunch included. Contact Mark or Betsy to sign up and request childcare.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR OCTOBER:

John 1 - 7:36; James 1 - 5; 1 Peter 1 - 5; Ecclesiastes 1 - 12; Jeremiah 1 - 52; Lamentations 1 - 5

OCTOBER MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS: SEED Ministry (Serve by Educating, Equipping, and Discipling) - This World Witness Ministry team mentors, disciples and encourages pastors and church leaders on the field.

OCTOBER MISSIONS COLLECTIONS; Please bring candy for our Trunk or Treat.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS: TODAY - Cathy Schronce; 10/13 - Suzanne Darms; 10/16 - Lisa Marzano; 10/17 - Jessica Roman; 10/21 - Joe Schronce; 10/25 - Ivey Joy Hunter; 10/30 - Ben Jordan

SAVE THE DATES:

10/19 - Advent Devotions due to Lisa Marzano

10/29 - Trunk or Treat (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) Contact Jena Jenkins to serve (980-259-8589)

10/31 - Men's Ministry Breakfast (7:30 - 9:00 a.m.) at LHC

11/1 - Kids and Youth sing in Worship

11/22 - Thanksgiving Service at 5:00 followed by Covered Dish Dinner.

Adult Choir and Kids Music rehearsal at 4:00

11/29 - First Sunday in Advent

12/6 - Family Christmas Celebration after worship

12/12 - LHC Drop in Christmas Party at Trey and Jena Jenkins' home (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

12/20 - College Student Luncheon after worship



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Session

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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. Elders Vinnie Cherry and Bill Sevy 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