LIVING HOPE CHURCH

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE

November 1, 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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

2. Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began
And ye who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of Man
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast
And takes and bears them for his own that all in him may rest

3. Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n enthroned in worlds above
Crown him, the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all

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.

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.

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*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 Psalms 73:28, 84:1-2

Pastor: It is good to be near God; make the Lord God your refuge and tell of all his works.

Congregation: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

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 worshiping God. Today, God graciously invites you to worship Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

2. Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who wert and art
And evermore shalt be

3. Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

4. Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven Your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, Your righteousness exalts us to Your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in You plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect jus- tice to Your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear Your assuring voice; that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in You, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to Your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In Your merciful name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arthur Chesson Wellons, son of Arielle and Howard Wellons

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

The First Song Of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

LHC Choir, Youth and Children's Choir
Soloists: Jordan Williams and Jeff Shows

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense
And he will be my Savior

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+Children Kindergarten and younger are dismissed for Worship Care.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 2:1-10

1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. 7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, qso that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON Rev. Mark A. Forbes

Life In The Church

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

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*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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for Coffee and Connections.
Gospel-Centered Parenting Small Group will meet after Coffee and Connections.

WEDNESDAY, 11/4

- 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: Chicken and Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Desserts

SUNDAY, 11/8 - Worship at 9:30

- We are looking forward to welcoming the Gospel Choir from Dutchman Creek Middle School. Overflow parking is available across the street on Catawba.
- Anyone interested in helping with the Back To Bethlehem Lunch on 12/6 is invited to a planning meeting during Coffee and Connections. Contact Betsy for more details.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR NOVEMBER:
Job 1 - 22; Ezekiel 1 - 48; Daniel 1 - 12; John 7:37 -13:38 ; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John; Jude

NOVEMBER MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS: Outreach North America

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS: 11/2 - Jeff Jordan, 11/8 - Andy Osborne; 11/10 - Becky Winfree
11/11 - Betty Weisskopf and David Hunter; 11/16 - Glenna Sevy; 11/21 - Alex Keipper

SAVE THE DATES:
11/15 - Ladies Thanksgiving Reading Plan begins (via YouVersion Bible App)
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
12/2 - Ladies Favorite Things Christmas Party (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) at Pauline Styers' home
12/6 - Back To Bethlehem Luncheon after worship
12/9 - Outreach opportunity - help pack gifts for our ministry partner's Christmas Party (11:00 a.m.)
Contact Betsy for more details
12/10 - Thursday Morning Bible Study Brunch (11:00 a.m.) at Christy Orr's
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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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 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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