

*Christmas*  
AT LIVING HOPE

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP & LUNCH ON DEC. 22

8AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

LHCC KIDS PERFORMANCE @ 9:30AM SERVICE

TACOS FOR CHRISTMAS AFTER THE 9:30AM & 11:30AM SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP ON DEC. 24 | 7PM

LHCC TOTS PERFORMANCE

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 15, 2024

## LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

December 15, 2024

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Albert Kae

### SONGS OF PRAISE

Evan Lee

### OUTREACH FOCUS

### SCRIPTURE READING

Liz Kim

### MESSAGE

God of the Background, Part 4

“Sending Gifts of Food to One Another”

Esther 8-10

Pastor James Lee

### TESTIMONY

Ashley Lee

### SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

### CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor James Lee

*God of the*  
BACKGROUND

THE BOOK OF ESTHER





LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

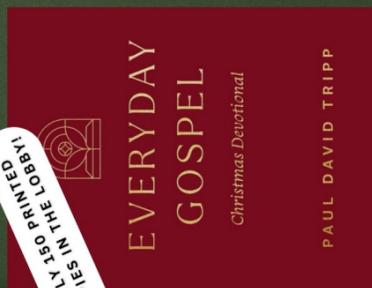
# DEACON & ELDER NOMINATIONS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. Advent Devotional

Starting December 1st, Living Hope will begin the advent season by providing a daily devotional. We are excited to share the 'Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional' to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. It's perfect for individuals or families to reflect on the gospel together. Use [this link](#) to download the free e-book version. Please join us in making this Advent season meaningful. For instructions and more information check out the, [Advent Devotional Page](#).

### 2. Congregational Vote Update

Votes are officially in and the church voted unanimously for the elders (2025-2027 term) and deacons (2025-2025 term)! Please see the following link for the list of newly elected elders and deacons.

[ELECTED DEACONS AND ELDERS LIST](#)

### 3. Christmas Sunday & Christmas Eve | Dec 22 & 24

Join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior during this season of celebrating the Greatest Gift, the birth of Jesus Christ!

Our Christmas Sunday on Dec. 22:

- The LHCC Choir and String Quartet & Trumpet: "Worthy is the Lamb" (Handel)
- LH Kids Christmas Performance (at the 9:30 Service)
- All Church Lunch: Tacos at Christmas

Our Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 @ 7PM:

- LH Tots Christmas Performance
- Candlelight Worship

### 4. Ministry Opening | Dec

LHCC is looking for candidates to fill our Kids Director and Tots Director positions. If you are passionate for the Gospel and God's children please click [here](#) for more information.

### 5. The Next Chapter Prayer Mtg | Dec 22

We are hosting monthly prayer opportunities during this time of transition: every 4th Sunday of the Month at 8:30 AM in the teaching room (second floor) and 11 AM in the main sanctuary (first floor, by the stairs). These meetings are in addition to the monthly Prayer Chapel (first Tuesday nights). Come gather to pray for the next chapter of Living Hope!

THE NEXT CHAPTER

**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS**  
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY  
8:30 AM, 11 AM



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11 AM in the Main Sanctuary (First Floor, by the stairs)

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## SERMON NOTES

God of the Background, Part 4

“Sending Gifts of Food to One Another”

Esther 8-10

Pastor James Lee

I. Esther Chapter 8

II. Esther Chapter 9

III. Esther Chapter 10

IV. Festival of Purim

# MINISTRY OPENING!

We are looking to fill two positions in our  
Christian Education pastoral staff.

- Kids Director (K-5th)
- Tots Director (0-PreK)

If interested, please click [here](#) for more  
information.

[www.livinghopecc.org](http://www.livinghopecc.org)



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## Cell Group Discussion Questions

### GET-TO-KNOW

- Ice Breaker – Describe the best celebration you've been part of.

### FROM-THE-SERMON

- 1) Read Esther 10:1-3 together. What are some observations and/or questions you have about the text?
- 2) How did the speaker summarize Esther 8 and 9? What are the reversals that happen in these two chapters?
- 3) According to the speaker, what is the function of Esther 10?
- 4) According to the speaker, what is the significance of how Israelites celebrate the Festival of Purim (9:22)?

### BEYOND-THE-SERMON

- 5) What does self-denial mean to you? Is there something that God has been nudging your heart about, whether giving something up, forgiving someone, choosing one path over another, etc.? Pray over it and ask the Holy Spirit for strength to die to yourself. Then, make that decision and experience life in God in the coming days.