

February 11, 2024

Worship | 8:15 and 11 am

Livestream | 11 am



LEXINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshipping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshipping with us you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

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LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

PRAISE

Updates | Following Christ Together

Call to Worship | From Psalm 40:16-17 and 1 John 3:1

Leader: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually:

All: "Great is the LORD!"

Leader: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

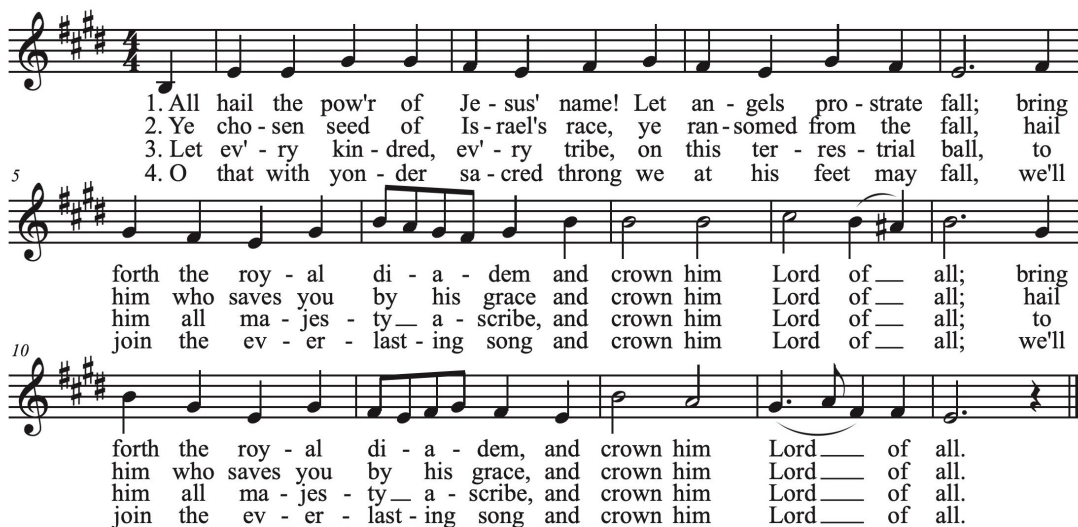
All: You are my help and my deliverer;

Leader: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

All: that we should be called children of God!

Leader: Children of God, let us together worship our loving Father.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pro-strate fall; bring
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall, hail
 3. Let ev'-ry kin-dred, ev'-ry tribe, on this ter-res-trial ball, to
 4. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall, we'll

forth the roy-al di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all; bring
 him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all; hail
 him all ma-jes-ty a-scribe, and crown him Lord of all; to
 join the ev-er-last-ing song and crown him Lord of all; we'll

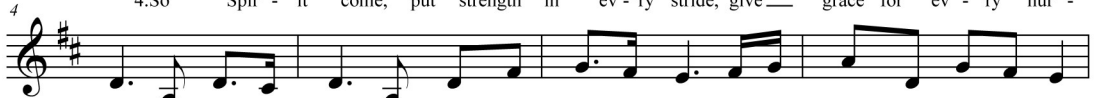
Words: Edward Perronet, 1779
 Music: Oliver Holden, 1793 (arr. Jeff Francis, 2018)

Prayer of Invocation

O Church Arise



1.O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 2.Our call to war to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
 3.Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
 4.So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give — grace for ev - 'ry hur -



tain, For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has giv -
 tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the Con - quer - er has ris -
 dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith -



en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my
 or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will
 en! And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry
 ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their



bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 have the prize for which He died an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2005

Scripture Reading | I John 2:12-17 | Pew Bible p. 1021

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.
I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.
I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Lord, we have sinned,
 without considering how much you love us.
 You see our sins more clearly
 than we can ourselves.
 Lord, you know
 when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible;
 how often we forget to pray;
 the times we come unwillingly to worship;
 and yet we turn to you
 when we are in trouble.
 Lord, you know when we are untruthful
 and when we think evil of others.
 You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.
 You know how hard it is for us to forgive.
 Forgive us and make us clean,
 so that we can obey your call
 to take up your cross and follow you.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Romans 8:1-4

[Please stand]

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1. Je - sus thy blood and righ - teous-ness my beau - ty are my
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, cleansed and re-deemed, no
3. Lord I be-lieve thy pre - cious blood which at the mer - cy
4. Je - sus be end - less praise to thee whose bound-less mer - cy



glor - ious-dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in these a - rrayed
debt to - pay for by thy cross ab - solved I am
seat of - God pleads for the cap - tives' li - ber - ty
has for me for me a full a - tone - ment made



with joy shall I lift up my - head.
from sin and guilt, from fear and - shame.
was al - so shed in love for - me.
an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. Von Zinzendorf, 1739
Tune: Andrew Whitaker, 2015

Worship Through Giving

The offering is a way for members and friends of Lexington Presbyterian to present the substance of their whole lives to God. Please feel no pressure to give.

Ways to give:

- You may use offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary as you exit.
- Go to “Giving” on your Church Center mobile app, or lexpres.churchcenter.com.
- Text2Give — text any dollar amount to 84321 to give.

Speak, I Pray Thee, Gentle Jesus [8:15 AM only]

1. Speak, I pray Thee gen - tle Je - sus! O, how pass - ing sweet Thy words,
2. Tell me Thou art mine, O Sav - ior, Speak a true a - ssur - ance clear;

Breath - ing o'er my troub - led spi - rit Peace which ne - ver earth af - fords All the
Ba - nish all my dark mis - giv - ings, Still my doubt - ing, calm my fear. In Thy

world's dis - tract - ing voi - ces all the temp - ting tones of ill, At Thy
right - eous - ness I tri - umph, in Thy wis - dom I'll be wise, in Thy

voice, so mild, mel - o - dious are sub - dued, and all is still.
robes I'm per - fect beau - ty, in Thy pow'r I'll a - rise.

I'll a - rise. In Thy pow - er, I'll a - rise. I'll a - rise, I'll a - rise, I'll a -
rise, In Thy pow - er, I'll a - rise. I'll a - rise, I'll a - rise, I'll a - rise, In Thy

pow - er, I'll a - rise.

Words: William Williams, 1717-1791
Music: Kevin Twit, 2015

Breathe on Me, Breath of God [II AM only]

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity,
of Thine eternity. Amen.

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Children's Sermon | My Cup Runs Over

Scripture Reading | 1 John 4:7-12 | p. 1023

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Sermon | The Present Value of Our First Love's FULLness, A Communion Homily
Rev. Curt McDaniel

Sermon Notes

One of the primary indictments against the Church in Ephesus was that while they held to strong biblical teaching, their fervency and spiritual affection—**the passionate love for Jesus Christ that fires the life of a believer**—was somehow lost in the 30-40 years that marked this congregation's existence. What caused this passion to fade? What made their fervor fizzle and dissolve? A primary answer lies in failing to draw from **the present value of Jesus Christ's fullness for a believer's life today**.

Big Idea: My fire for Jesus remains aglow when I value and draw today from His overflowing fullness.

Reflection:

- Draw from the overflowing fullness of Jesus' redeeming life as your Savior (Hebrews 10:5-14).
 - ◇ His perfect sacrifice that cleanses you daily from your sins (1 John 1:7).
 - ◇ His perfect salvation that frees you from the dominion and domain of darkness (Colossians 1:13-14).
 - ◇ His perfect obedience that credited justifying righteousness to your life's account (Romans 8:1-4).
 - ◇ His perfect suffering that identified with your trials and temptations (Hebrews 2:18).
- Draw from the overflowing fullness of Jesus' resurrected life as the victorious Son (Philippians 2:9-11).
 - ◇ His perfect submission to the Father's will and mission (John 5:19-21).
 - ◇ His perfect triumph over the devil and all his hosts (1 John 3:8).
 - ◇ His perfect ascension that led captivity captive (Ephesians 4:7-10).
- Draw from the overflowing fullness of Jesus' intercessory life as your high priest (Hebrews 7:25).
 - ◇ His perfect comfort in your times of grief and affliction (Isaiah 49:13, 2

Corinthians 1:3-5).

- ◇ His perfect peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:6-7).
- ◇ His perfect promises that enable you to become more like Him (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Personal Application: What enables you to draw from this fullness for your life? Jesus tells us in John 14:20-23: “In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him...If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Surrendered obedience to God’s way!

Reflection: “Oh, what a fullness must this be of which all receive! Fullness, indeed, must there be when the stream is always flowing, and yet the well springs up as free, as rich, as full as ever. Come, believer, and get all your need supplied; ask largely, and you shall receive largely, for this “fullness” is inexhaustible, and is treasured up where all the needy may reach it, even in Jesus, Immanuel—God with us.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Read John 1:16 and compare with Colossians 2:9-10. Reflect and discuss the meaning of these texts.
2. Think for a few moments upon all the attributes and qualities of Christ’s fullness that are available to you. List them, and tell how this makes you feel to know that all these are available to you **right now**.
3. Why do we at times fail to draw from the present (daily) fullness of Christ in our life? What happens within us when do not seek His face and His fullness?
4. Review the three main points and their subpoints above. Which aspect of Christ’s fullness do you need most today?

Footnotes:

1. John Chrysostom, Homilies on John, XIV:1. Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers. Ed. Philip Schaff. First Series. 14 Volumes. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1999,

XIV:47.

2. NT scholars and biblical historians universally acknowledge that the gap from Acts 19:10 to Revelation 2:1-7 is roughly 30-40 years.

3. C.H. Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening: Daily Readings*. 20th Printing. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978, January 27 AM.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Introduction to the Table

A few words on how we celebrate the Lord's Supper at LPC:

- We invite everyone to proceed down the middle aisle as the ushers dismiss your row and to individually, or as a family, go to one of the tables.
*If you are unable to go forward, we will bring the elements to you in your seat but please let us know with a wave of your hand! For those sitting in the transepts, please come to the tables first.
- We use real bread at the tables but there are gluten free wafers on the center table that you may pick up on your way to a table.
- We have both red wine and white grape juice in our trays. The red wine is in the tinted cup.
- If you are not partaking of the Supper, we encourage you to come forward and refrain from taking the elements, but to consider the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the welcome that is offered in the Gospel. There are cards on the tables where you will find printed prayers that offer honest words for those who are seeking truth.
- Please discard cups in the black trash cans placed at the front of the sanctuary.
- We encourage you to sing along with us as everyone proceeds forward and is served!

Confessing Our Faith | Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose
again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; *
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of **sins**;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*the universal church that trusts in Christ alone

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution

Eating and Drinking Together

As a Beggar, I Come to Thee

As a beg - gar I come to Thee As a
 At Thy ta - ble I find a feast At Thy
 Pre - cious Sav - ior how can it be? Pre - cious
 All my days Lord, Thy will be done All my
 Come, Lord Je - sus O quick - ly come! Come, Lord

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 beg - gar I come to Thee With emp - ty hands, with - out one
 ta - ble I find a feast Here come the poor the lame, the
 Sav - ior how can it be? Thine own dear blood, was shed for
 days, Lord, Thy will be done Long I to see Thy king - dom
 Je - sus, O quick - ly come! With lift - ed hearts, our prayer is

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 plea, As a beg - gar I come to Thee.
 least; At Thy ta - ble I find a feast.
 me! Prec - ious Sav - ior how can it be?
 come; All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.
 sung: Come, Lord Je - sus, O quick - ly come!

Words & Music: Luke Morton

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Doug Inman

Updates: Rick Laughridge

Readers: Melody Shafer and Eddie Williams

Musicians: Tim McConnell, Travis Shaw, Andrew Whitaker, Savannah Elgin and Katie Drayton

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis, Jason Waters and Don Parker

Updates

Midweek Reset | February 14th

Join us for Midweek Reset this Wednesday, **February 14th!** Our evening begins with a delicious meal at 5:30 p.m. in Tomlin Hall. Then at 6:15 p.m. we have discipleship opportunities for all ages including children, youth, men, women, and a co-ed small group. Remember to register for the meal each week at lexpres.churchcenter.com/registrations. Also, children ages three through the fifth grade must register for Kids Quest in the Church Center app, or at lexpres.churchcenter.com/registrations. See you there!

Reception for Andrew Whitaker | February 25th

We want to thank Andrew for his dedication to LPC as Assistant Pastor for Worship and Service as he poured his soul and God's given talent into our lives. Andrew will also share about the new opportunity as RUF Campus Minister at Indiana University, and how we can support him. We wish him and his family the best.

Please join us for a reception for Andrew **on February 25th at 5 p.m.** in Tomlin Hall. Let us know if you and your family are coming by registering in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations.

The Children's Ministry Team Announcement

The Children's Ministry Team has two wonderful opportunities for service:

- Nursery: 8:15 a.m. service on the 4th Sunday of each month. One lady needed to care for children and enjoy fellowship with other volunteers.
- Children & Youth Check-In Desk: 11:00 a.m. service for the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month. High school student(s), a couple, or one adult to serve at the desk. Volunteers greet visitors, welcome families, and serve at the desk while the service is ongoing. Volunteers can usually stream the service as they serve.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Becker at rbecker@lexpreschurch.com.

VBS 2024 | Summer Seaquest

Children and volunteers, please plan to join us July 22-26 for VBS. "Our course is charted for ancient Nineveh whose people must be told to turn from their evil ways and follow Jehovah, the only true God!" As children follow Jonah's journey to repentance, we pray they will have a life-changing encounter with the Sovereign, Omnipresent God who saves and rescues us from our sins. Registration will open later this spring.

Women's Ministry Meeting | February 25th

A Women's Ministry congregational meeting will be held on **February 25th** from 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a slate of officers.

The slate of officers is as follows President: Kelly Lewis; President-elect: Melody Shafer; Bible Studies and Discipleship Chair: Christy Spurgeon; Special Events Chair: Natalia Petrenko, Hospitality Chair: Genie Graham; Encouragement Chair: Cindy Thompson.

All women members should have received an email with this information along with a copy of each nominees' testimony. There are also paper copies of testimonies available at the Welcome Desk. Please plan to drop your children off by 9:30 a.m. so you can attend.

Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair | March 2nd

It's exciting that Lexington Presbyterian Church will be a part of the upcoming Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair! Did you know that the fair will be featured on the WIS Soda City Live February 20th at 3 p.m.? The fair will also be featured on WLTX Street Squad February 27th during the 6 p.m. news cast! You can make plans to attend this community event Saturday, March 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lexington Leisure Center, 108 Park Rd, Lexington. It will be a great opportunity to meet others and share the love of Jesus.

- Screenings that will be included at the fair are vision, hearing, dental, blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Activities will include tours of the fire station next to the leisure center, games and crafts.
- Resources include H&R Block, Covid/Flu vaccines, Leeza's Care Connection and many others!
- Free clothing and Food available too!

You can help to get the word out by:

- 1) Inviting others to attend in person or through social media. Be sure to include the link to www.lexpreschurch.com.
- 2) Putting flyers up in the community. These are available at the welcome desk at the church.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort clothing March 1st anytime from 12-4 p.m. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church or help the day of the fair at the Lexington Leisure. Please, register in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations, or contact Anita Boland at aboland@lexpreschurch.com.

Blood Drive | March 20th

Give the gift of life by donating blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, **March 20th**. This drive will be located on the American Red Cross Bus that will be parked outside the sanctuary near the covered drive. Appointments are available from 3 to 6:45 p.m. You can register to donate at Redcrossblood.org with sponsor code Lexpres or contact Anita Boland at aboland@lexpreschurch.com.

Men's Ministry Breakfast | February 24th

Please join the men of LPC on **Saturday, February 24th**, at 8:30 a.m. in Tomlin Hall for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.

Dads, please bring your boys. After breakfast we are going to help Don Parker with some chores around the church.

Chores include: pressure washing the basketball court, washing windows, leveling the gazebo, policing the outdoor chapel area, moving boxes from storage and cleaning up the volleyball court. Don has most of the tools we will need but a few additional rakes and an extra pressure washer or two would be a big help. Many hands make light work! Please, pass the word!

Please, register in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations.

Mission Lunch | February 18th

LPC Mission Team is inviting you to a luncheon after church on **February 18th**. We will hear about works in Spain by Juan Antonio and Anna Romera, missionaries we support for a long time. Join us for a lunch and a prayer. Please register in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations.

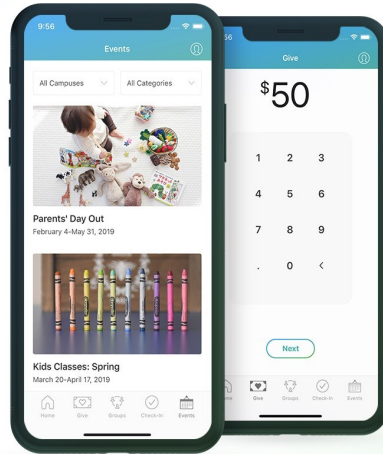
Easter Lilies Order | Opened

The church will be decorated with beautiful Easter lilies on Sunday, March 17th. You can purchase the lilies in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one for \$15 each. Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 10th. You can order your lily by filling out the form that you can find at the back of the Sanctuary, or in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations.

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Through the end of December, 2023:

Budget FYTD \$700,000

Received FYTD \$638,813

Expenditures FYTD \$619,342

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Thanks for joining us today!
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you in your walk with Jesus,
whether you're new to our
community or you've been here
awhile.

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