

February 25, 2024

Worship | 8:15 and 11 am

Livestream | 11 am



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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 24:1-4

*Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;*

All: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

*Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?*

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

*Leader: Through Jesus our mediator, we can ascend the hill of the Lord!
Come, let us worship the risen and reigning Christ this morning.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 5 4. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea.
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 9 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 13 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shall be.
 per - fect in pow'r in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - t - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861 (arr. Karl Digerness, 2008; orch. Minna Choi, 2010)

Prayer of Invocation

Oh How Good to Be Together



1. Oh, how good to be to - geth - er in this wear - y world
 2. On this day the Lord has fash - ioned come re - joice with all
 3. When it looked like e - vil con - quered, when we felt the dark -
 4. Tell the theme of his pro - vi - sion how he met our ev -



we trod. What a gift, and what a treas - ure; kin-dred in the
 your might. Raise a ban - ner of sal - va - tion he has led us
 - est hour, in de - spair we sought the Fath - er, he has proved his
 - ry need. He has been our firm foun - da - tion, he will ev - er



1. house of God. through the night Oh, the joy, oh, the sweet-
 2, 3, 4. through the night might - y pow'r.
 al - ways be



- ness, to be gath - ered in the name of the Lord. Ev - er - more



he will keep us, from the val - ley to the gold - en shore.

Words & Music: Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim, 2020
 (c) Mellow Toad Music | Bold Canary Music (BMI)

Scripture Reading | Psalm 27 | Pew Bible p. 460

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
 "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
 Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
 O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living!
Wait for the Lord;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the Lord!

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become what you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We confess that too often we do not confess.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice
and be glad in you and in the righteousness
that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Psalm 107:1-3

[Please stand]

*Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

4
 — so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home -
 — bent down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark -
 — ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos -
 7 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc -

7
 — land we did not know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
 — ness we were slaves to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
 — er to the death we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
 — tion brought us trem - bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

11
 — ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God of mer - cy came
 — bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God of mer - cy wiped
 — tion and He called us by our names and the God of glo - ry took
 — lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God of com - fort took

15
 and brought us near CHORUS Oh give thanks to the Lord
 a - way our tears.
 a - way our shame.
 19 a - way our fears.

19
 — for His love en - dures for - e - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

24
 — ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place to a feast

28
 — of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2016

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.

Friendship Register

Kindly remember to give your neighbor the Friendship Register. Once it reaches the end of the pew, then please pass it back. Making acquaintances with guests and fostering friendships within the larger church family is the goal of this register. Starting from the middle aisle, that register is located at the head of each pew.

My Help, My God [8:15 AM only]

1. Why are you so full of hea - vi - ness
 2. Deep goes un - to deep like o - cean waves
 3. Ya - weh grants His kind - ness in the day

Why are you dis - qui - et - ed with -
 All your floods and ra - pids on me
 Through the night His song it is that

4
 in break Oh my soul Oh my soul As the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks
 stays Oh my soul Oh my soul I will say un - to my God, my strength
 Oh my soul Oh my soul (to chorus)

9
 So my soul, it longs and thirsts for you Oh my God Oh my God
 How it is you have for - got - ten me Oh how long Oh how long

13
 Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him

15
 Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him

17
 Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him, my help, my God.

Words and music: Sandra McCracken, 2015 (based on Psalm 42)

Worthy of Worship [11 AM only]

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,
worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
worthy of all this and added to these...
Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Savior and Source of our life without end.

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of worship and praise.

You are worthy of praise!

Words by: Terry W. York
Music by: Mark Blankenship
Arranged by: Tom Fettke

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Children Sermon | That Nasty, Stubborn Tick!

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 and Philippians 3:17-19 | pp. 968 and 981

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹ I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—
² I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

Philippians 3:17-19

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Sermon | Who is Keeping You from Your First Love?

Rev. Curt McDaniel

Sermon Notes

This coming April will mark the 25th anniversary of the catastrophic shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado. On April 20th, 1999, two students shot and killed 12 other students and a teacher, and they also wounded 25 others in one of the most horrific domestic violence incidents to date in the history of our country. Since then, there have been many more like it, much to our sorrow and grief. Just five weeks after those shootings, Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Joy Scott, who was killed, was invited to testify before the House Judiciary Committee. His words point us to the real issues involved in this tragic monstrosity:

“Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers. The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA — because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore, I do not believe they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder, I would be their strongest opponent. I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy — it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves.

I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today:

*Your laws ignore our deepest needs. Your words are empty air.
You've stripped away our heritage. You've outlawed simple prayer.
Now gunshots fill our classrooms, and precious children die.*

*You seek for answers everywhere and ask the question, "Why?"
You regulate restrictive laws through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand that God is what we need."*¹

Scott's words are straightforward. When you analyze it, there's an underlying message that's often minimized or discarded. What is the real message and what is the moral of the story? *We do not know and understand our enemy.* Something like Columbine, or 9/11, or the December 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, CT, the June 2015 killings in Charleston at the Emmanuel AME Church, and many other events parallel to them, show that evil is alive and working in our world, seeking to find a foothold and then attacking anywhere it can scheme an ambush. Yet while this is going on, there are people seeking only to finger point blame, and find a human scapegoat, failing to see the real enemy.

Over the last three weeks, Scripture has reminded us that Jesus Christ is our first love and that we must return to Him. Realistically, we saw last time in 1 John 2 that there are roadblocks (sins) that often keep us from our first love. These roadblocks are the "what." Today, I want to pose to you an equally important issue and question: **WHO** is keeping you from your first love? For too long, we have not realized that God and His Church have enemies. Who are they?

I come to you today with the conviction that many professing Christians do not realize that there are enemies not only against God directly but also, additionally, more opponents subtly against us for making a stand **FOR** God's truth. So when something bad happens in the world or in the church, oftentimes you see finger pointing, just like what was seen in Columbine, in Charleston, in CT, on 9/11, and elsewhere, not realizing that our enemies want us to get so caught up in this finger pointing that we lose heart to do the mission that God wants us to do: love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then love others as ourselves. So, **WHO** is our real enemy? Who is trying to keep us from the love of God? Who is seeking to divide the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and our nation? As a general rule of thumb, the Bible presents in broad categories two great enemies against God. Both of them are formidable. Both of them can keep you from your first love.

They are Satan and his strongholds. You could lump them together, but I want them separate for two reasons:

- We rarely see Satan directly in something. He's too good at disguises. The Bible calls him a "deceiver" (Revelation 20:3) and "an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), a

being that sinisterly cloaks his activities behind other things or people so that people cannot recognize him. Remember, he came to Adam and Eve as a serpent, not as a fallen angel from heaven.

- Oftentimes we fail to see satanic opposition in the form of religious enemies, as seen in Philippians 3:2, 1 Thessalonians 2:2, and Philippians 3:18.

Now, let's get specific. What Satanic strongholds and human forces are present in our world? Important terms:

Satanic strongholds are strategies, operatives, devices, and walls that are constructed by the devil and his hosts to keep families, neighborhoods, and cities as a whole in a grip of oppression and degradation.

Human projections of satanic strongholds are arguments, philosophies, systems, lifestyles, methods, and tactics devised by people (at times even by professing believers within the church) that restrict the renewing grace of God from penetrating the church, thus keeping her from fulfilling her divine mission.

i. Satanic Strongholds in the World (in Discussion with Pastors. What We Have Seen):

a. Delusion: a fallacious, twisted, and misguided understanding of human gender, deceived to compromise or to forget that “male and female God created them” (Genesis 1:27). This is also seen in erroneous views of marriage, forgetting that God instituted the union of one divinely engineered human male with one divinely engineered human female in the sacred, exclusive, covenant bond of marriage (Genesis 2:24).

b. Depression: lack of quality jobs, strangling and crippling civic debt, many living in poverty and on welfare. The distribution of services to the poor and marginalized is often minimalized, unknown, or hidden, creating despondency.

c. Drugs: from alcohol to prescription pain killers; from fentanyl to anti-depressants; from cannabis to cocaine, our culture is overrun with this both by teens and by adults.

d. Dependency: among many of the city residents, there exists a welfare state mentality, a reliance and dependence on others to provide food, clothing, shelter, and help with utility bills.

e. Distrust: this is seen toward numerous institutions—the government, the

military, the school system, and towards churches and Christians in general.

f. Divorce: 20-25 % of all marriages between professing Christians end in divorce. ²

g. Darkness: witchcraft, cultic activity, and demonic oppression were reported as strong and growing in numbers.

2. Human Projections (Strongholds I Have Seen in My Experience as a Pastor in Some Churches):

a. Disinterest: a passive resistance focused on apathy, an unwillingness to change, a little desire to evangelize and reach people in a diverse community that are different than you, a withdrawal from ministry and from membership because their desires and image of a church are not fulfilled.

b. Distrust: focused on the elders, the office of pastor (sometimes because of a previous pastor's moral misconduct or failure), or an unwillingness to follow the leaders of the church.

c. Defamation: Significant gossip and malicious badmouthing about others have caused many broken relationships and wounded feelings. Much of this has been done by email and behind-the-back slander.

d. Dead Wood: minimal desire to take the steps needed to grow deeper in the Christian life; minimal effort to utilize the resources of the church to grow spiritually (Christian education, small groups). A focus on a simplistic "heaven and hell" message without a deepening desire to grow in sanctification and godliness.

Personal application: It takes the spiritual weapons of warfare (Ephesians 6:roff) to fight. Are you engaged?

Pastoral Reflection: One of the major reasons the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in this culture finds herself in Her present situation lies in the reality that in many places She has and is now operating in Her own strength and finite wisdom against satanic strongholds in the community and against human strongholds within that do not want to experience life-empowering, spiritual change. **We have no one to blame but ourselves.** The spiritual resources are ours. The armor of God is ours. The divine commands to advance God's kingdom are clear. These strongholds must be confronted with the authority of the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit in humility, love, prayer, and faith. It's time to be a church militant, not a church in maintenance mode.

1 John 3:8b: “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

1 John 4:4: “Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world.”

Personal Meditation:

“A holy character does not avert temptation—Jesus was tempted. When Satan tempts us, his sparks fall upon tinder, but in Christ's case, it was like striking sparks on water; yet the enemy continued his evil work. Now, if the devil goes on striking when there is no result, how much more will he do it when he knows what inflammable stuff our hearts are made of. Though you become greatly sanctified by the Holy Ghost, expect that the great dog of hell will bark at you still. In the haunts of men we expect to be tempted, but even seclusion will not guard us from the same trial. Jesus Christ was led away from human society into the wilderness, and was tempted of the devil. Solitude has its charms and its benefits, and may be useful in checking the lust of the eye and the pride of life; but the devil will follow us into the most lovely retreats. Do not suppose that it is only the worldly-minded who have dreadful thoughts and blasphemous temptations, for even spiritual-minded persons endure the same; and in the holiest position we may suffer the darkest temptation. The utmost consecration of spirit will not insure you against satanic temptation. Christ was consecrated through and through. It was His meat and drink to do the will of Him that sent Him: and yet He was tempted! Your hearts may glow with a seraphic flame of love to Jesus, and yet the devil will try to bring you down to Laodicean lukewarmness. If you will tell me when God permits a Christian to lay aside his armor, I will tell you when Satan has left off temptation. Like the old knights in war time, we must sleep with helmet and breastplate buckled on, for the arch-deceiver will seize our first unguarded hour to make us his prey. The Lord keeps us watchful in all seasons, and gives us a final escape from the jaw of the lion and the paw of the bear.”³

Study and Discussion Questions:

- Think of as many descriptions (names) that are attributed to the devil in the Bible as possible and list them. Why so many?
- Study 2 Corinthians 10:1-5. Define a satanic stronghold. Review the list above. Which ones have you seen?
- Study Philippians 3:2, 18, and 1 Thessalonians 2:2. Name some of these enemies that you have seen or heard.

- Think of the human strongholds present in some churches listed above. What have you seen? What can be done to overthrow them?
- Conclude by reading and meditating on Ephesians 6:10-20. How much warfare prayer are we doing these days?

Footnotes:

1 <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/darrell-scott-testimony/>

2 <https://www.myhoustondivorce.lawyer/christian-divorce/rates/#:~:text=Recent%20surveys%20and%20studies%20suggest,and%20younger%20generations%20of%20believers.>

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

Heal Us

CHORUS: Heal us, E - mman - uel here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;

O, Sav - ior hear our _____ cry.

1. Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,
 2. Re - mem - ber him who once a - pplied,
 3. She, too, who touched you in the press,
 4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come

We faint - ly trust Thy _____ word; But
 With tremb - ling for re - lief; "Lord,
 And heal - ing vir - tue _____ stole, Was
 to touch you if we _____ may; O

will you pi - ty us the less? Be
 I be - lieve," with tears he cried; "O
 an - swered, "Daught - er, go in peace; thy
 send us not de - spair - ing home; Send

that far from you, _____ Lord!
 help my un - be - lief!"
 faith has made thee _____ whole!"
 none un - healed a - way.

Words: William Cowper (alt Twit)
 Music: Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Owen McCullough

Updates: Anita Boland

Readers: Leslie Waters and Vicki Green

Musicians: Andrew Whitaker, Scott Lyle, Butch Bost, Jackson Love, Travis Shaw and Heather Coleridge

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis, John Parler and Vitaliy Petrenko

Updates

Midweek Reset | February 28th

Please, be aware that there will be **NO Midweek Reset on February 28th, March 27th and April 3rd.**

Church Office Closed | February 27th

Due to Church Staff Retreat, the Church Office will be closed on **February 27th**. If you were intending to visit on that date, please reschedule.

Reception for Andrew Whitaker | Today

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. Please, check your email from a Signup Genius about providing a dessert for this reception.

LaVie Pregnancy Care Center Baby Shower

In partnership with our upcoming LPC Missions Conference, we would like to invite families with children in our Christian Education and/or Kids Quest classes to donate items to help fill diaper bags that are given to new moms who visit LaVie.

We will collect donations at the LaVie table until Sunday, **March 17th**. Please see the LaVie posters for donation information, or email Rebecca at rbecker@lexpreschurch.com.

Missions Conference | April 5-7

Our April 5-7 Missions Conference will be a focus on LPC's locally supported ministry partners. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Women's Ministry Meeting | Today

A Women's Ministry congregational meeting will be held **today** 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.

LPC Cookbook

In celebration of LPC's 50th anniversary, a new church cookbook is in the works, but we need your help. Please join us in this work by sharing your favorite recipes. You can submit recipes by emailing cookbook@lexpreschurch.com.

There is also a drop box beside the Coke machine if you would rather submit a paper recipe!

Short term missions trip opportunity | June 1-7

Lexington Presbyterian Church will again serve with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico this summer from June 1st to 7th. The trip will involve outreach to local children, some basic construction and handy work, and other tasks to support the full-time missionaries in the country. The trip cost is estimated at \$1,600 per person depending on the cost of airfares. A deposit is required by March 15th to reserve your space. Half of the trip funds are due by April 1st, the other half by May 1st. Some scholarship money has been made available by the LPC Missions Team. Please contact Arlan or Amy Brady for details at abrady2694@aol.com.

LPC's 50 Anniversary Celebration

As we plan for LPC's 50th Anniversary celebration this November, we want to make sure our invitation list is complete. If you know of a former member who has moved away, please email their name and current address to 50anniv@lexpreschurch.com. We will make sure they are on the invitation list!

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.

Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair | March 2nd

Hope you are planning to attend the Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair Saturday March 2 from 9:30a-1:30p at the Lexington Leisure Center 108 Park Rd. It will be a great opportunity to meet others from the community and Share the Love of Jesus.

It's exciting that Lexington Presbyterian Church will be a part of the fair. Be on the lookout the fair will also be featured on WLTX Street Squad Feb 28 during the 6pm news cast!

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.

We ask that you pray for the fair and that our community will be impacted by it for Jesus!

If you would like to volunteer to help sort clothing March 1st anytime from 12:30-4pm at the Lexington Leisure Center, or help the day of the fair at the Lexington Leisure Center, please sign up 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 24th) - Regular Schedule | Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem! Children age 2-5th grade are invited to participate in our Palm Sunday processional during the 11:00 service! Children will stay in their CE class after 10:30am and line up with their teachers. If you miss CE, children can join their class in the Welcome Center before worship.

Maundy Thursday (March 28th) - 6:30pm | Join us to remember the Last Supper and Jesus's command to his disciples: "that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). Nursery for age 2 and under will be available.

Good Friday (March 29th) - 6:30pm | We're gathering with other local PCA churches for this community service focused on the sacrifice of our Savior at Icehouse Amphitheater.

Easter Sunday (March 31st) - 9:00am & 11:00am | Join us and invite others for this joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection! Christian Education classes will not meet.

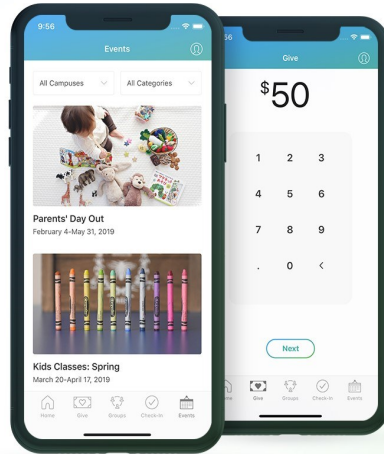
Children's Ministry:

- **9 a.m. service:** nursery for age 2 and under will be provided.
- **11 a.m. service:** nursery for age 2 and under and childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds will be provided.

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Stewardship

- LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.
- The current budget was revised on January 1st, 2024.

Through the end of January, 2024:

Budget FYTD \$717,840

Received FYTD \$768,514

Expenditures FYTD \$709,217

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