

March 10, 2024
Worship | 8:15 and 11 am
Livestream | 11 am



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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 | Psalm 138:1-5

*Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;*

All: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and for your
faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

*Leader: On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.*

All: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

Trinity Hymnal: # 53—Praise to the LORD, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore



tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Text: Based on Psalm 103; Joachim Neander, 1680; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990
Tune (LOBE DEN HERREN): Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665; Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668
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Prayer of Invocation

Only a Holy God



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en? _____
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es? _____
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire? _____
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing? _____



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
 What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? _____ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? _____
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? _____
 Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? _____



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly, for -



ev - er a Ho - ly God; come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

Words and Music: Jimmy Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Dustin Smith

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Scripture Reading | Joshua 6:1-20 | Pew Bible pp. 181-182

Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. And the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.” So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.” And he said to the people, “Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD.”

And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. But Joshua commanded the people, “You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.” So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city. And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Righ - teous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see Him there whomade an end to all my
 ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grace! One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
 free; for God the Just is sa - tis - fied to look on Him and par - don
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my



part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 me; to look on Him and par - don me.
 God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Words: Charitie Bancroft 1863
 Music: Vicki Cook 1997

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RENEWAL

Spiritual Call to Confession | Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Corporate Confession of Sin | From the Book of Common worship

All: Almighty God,
 You who dwell with the humble and contrite,
 and seek such to worship You:
 Cleanse us now from all sin and keep us undefiled,
 that the songs we sing in Your house
 may arise to You from hearts that are holy and lips that are pure;
 and that all our worship,
 begun in You, may in You be ended,
 to the honor and glory of Your holy name;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Romans 5:1-2

[Please stand]

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Passing of the Peace

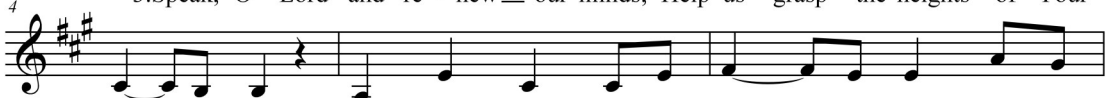
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Speak, O LORD



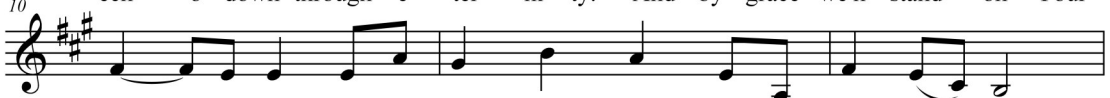
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord and re - new_ our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



4
Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep_ in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
7 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn_ of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness. That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise cause our
10 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen_ to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith.
eyes_ to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
13 prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill_ in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of power that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Words and Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2005

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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 the 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, the register is located at the head of each pew.

His Mercy is More [8:15 AM only]



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
 Fath - er so ten - der is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost, We stood neath a debt we could

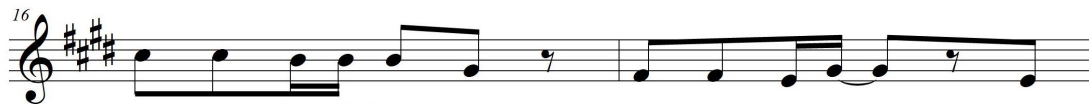


bot - tom or shore. Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is



CHORUS

more. Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more
 more.
 more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

Words & Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell, 2016

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Arise, My Soul, Arise [11 AM only] sang by Choir

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears:

The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:

Before the Throne, my Surety stands,

Before the Throne, my Surety stands.

My name is written on His hands.

My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,

“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,

“nor let that ransomed sinner die,

nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,

And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry, “Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise!

And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise.

Words: Charles Wesley

Hymn Tune: CHODAN/Arranged by Dan Forrest

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Children Sermon | A Vase, a Fist, and a Penny, Oh My!

Scripture Reading | Joshua 7:1-13 | pp. 0183-183

¹ But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

² Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. ³ And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." ⁴ So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, ⁵ and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

⁶ Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. ⁷ And Joshua said, "Alas, O LORD God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!" ⁸ O LORD, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! ⁹ For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do

for your great name?”

¹⁰The LORD said to Joshua, “Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? ¹¹Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. ¹²Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. ¹³Get up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, “There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.”’

Sermon | What Are You Hiding From Your First Love?

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Sermon Notes

So often, the things we secretly hide are the things that keep us entangled. The Bible talks about the perils of hidden sin and the consequences that come when we refuse to surrender them unconditionally before God. Take Achan as an example from Joshua 6-7.

Setting:

6:2: God promised victory: “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.” Long before the first sword was ever drawn, the people belonging to God were assured of victory.

6:16ff: The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers whom we sent. But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” Joshua and the people had clear orders from God in order to experience this victory. If they obeyed the LORD by returning to Him all the devoted, sacred things in Jericho, they would be blessed. **Key:** Why 7 times on this day alone? **They would be shouting in exhaustion, remembering that God’s power is made perfect in their weakness! (See 2 Corinthians 12:9).** God’s power brings the victory, not our schemes, strength and strategies.

6:24, 27: “And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD... So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.”

But then the contrast in 7:1: “But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.” This is an intriguing statement. Throughout chapter 6, you see a

combination of Joshua's commands and the Israelites' obedience bringing God's favor, blessing, and victory. But now, in chapter 7, we learn that God's wrath was not just against Achan. It was against Israel. One man's sin, his own secret desire to keep some of the sacred, devoted treasures of Jericho to himself, brought God's burning anger against the whole camp.

One Man With a Hidden Sin → **Calamity to All.** See the consequences that one man's sin brought upon the group's effort to capture Ai:

7:4: "So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water." No doubt, this had to be an incredible shock and blow to Joshua and his warriors. Look at Joshua's response:

7:7: "Alas, O LORD God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!" Joshua did not know what hit him and them! God gave him a clear answer in 7:10-15. They were to do an all-out search among the clans of the people, find the devoted (sacred) things that belonged to God, and judge those that held them in hiding. Through the selection process, Achan came forward, and these words in 7:19 reveal the issue:

**"My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and give praise to him.
And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."**

The rest of the chapter reveals the awful consequences of hiding something from God. In his pronouncement, Joshua said in 7:25, "Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today." You can read for yourself the rest of the story. This account and others in Scripture tell us not to hide from God. Examples:

Genesis 3: Adam and Eve hid from God in the Garden. And they (we) have been paying for it ever since.

Genesis 12: Abraham hid the knowledge of Sarai from Pharaoh. And it cost him.

2 Samuel 11-12: David hid his sin with Bathsheba. This began a series of troubles in his

life.

Matthew 25: Jesus tells a parable (v. 14) about the final servant who hid a talent in the ground. Jesus called him “wicked”, and “slothful” (26), and “worthless” (30).

John 12:6: [Judas] “said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.” His outcome is in Matthew 27:1-5.

Acts 5: Ananias and Sapphira hid part of the money. Results: “You have not lied to man but to God.” Consequences: death to both (5:5-10).

My friends, it is a terrible thing to hide something from God. The consequences are enormous! It is true that God loves the sinner, but His wrath is against sin, and sadly, we see sin’s calamitous effects, feel its painful discipline, and oftentimes—for a period of time—experience the withdrawal of God’s favor over us.

Why do we hide things from God?

1. Selfishness: Like Achan, Judas, Ananias, and Sapphira, we want something for ourselves, not trusting that “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). Paralleling this truth, Jesus said: “Therefore do not be anxious, saying ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:31-33).

2. Insecurity: Adam and Eve hid in the garden from God because they knew they broke God’s command (note Genesis 3:10 especially). Worse, both of them pointed the finger back at God and blamed Him or the serpent for the calamity: “The woman you gave me” (3:12), and “The serpent deceived me” (3:13). Passing the buck, pointing the finger away from oneself, and looking the other direction have been here from the beginning!

3. Cover up: David attempted to cover up his sin in obtaining Bathsheba at the expense of Uriah’s life (2 Samuel 11). Through Nathan, God rebuked David, and he confessed his sin. God forgave him, yet Nathan’s words were strong: “Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD” (2 Samuel 12:14a).

4. Fear: We fail at times to trust the LORD and to put the knowledge that we have of Him into action. Like Peter, who walked upon the water for a few steps, but then... ‘when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “LORD, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”’ (Matthew 14:30-31). Fear is an arch enemy of the soul.

Personal Application:

What are you hiding from God today? What specific thing(s) are paralyzing you? What are you trying to conceal or suppress from God or others? Come to Christ today. Stop holding on to the pain and the garbage of the past. Stop clinging to the secret sins and fantasies that keep you from Him, your first love. Realize that when you surrender these hidden things, Christ will replace them with something greater—Himself!

Take a good look at Jesus Christ, your first love, today. Behold His majesty, glory, and beauty. In love, our heavenly Father sent Him in love for you. He lived a perfect life for you. He suffered at the hands of evil people for your forgiveness. He died on the Cross for you in love so that you can receive eternal life by trusting in His work. He rose from the dead for you so that you may experience new life, never to hide anything from God again. Come to Him in repentance today. Give up your secret sins, your past baggage, your wounds and your scars, and your worldly charms. Do what the hymn writer said so eloquently:

“All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.”

Stop hiding! Come to Jesus! Give it up! Give it up! Look what you will receive in return!

Personal Reflection:

‘Ah, brethren, this evil spirit must be exorcised, for it comes from the devil. God will not bless us if we tolerate this spirit. Why, some of us are too great altogether for our Lord Jesus to use in His work. Like Saul’s armor, we are unfit for our David to put on if Goliath is to be slain. We must be more sensible of weakness, more mindful that the conversion of souls is the work of omnipotence, or we shall see but little done. We must ourselves believe more fully in the need of earnest work for God, and put forth all our

strength, and strain every sinew for Him, knowing that it is His power that works in us mightily when we strive with all our hearts. We must learn that our great Leader means us not only to shout and blow rams' horns, but to employ all the strength of every man in our ranks to His glorious cause. May we be delivered from the presumption which leads to the foolish course which Israel pursued...If we have the fire from heaven in the form of zeal for God's glory, it can easily be regulated, but the most terrible calamity is to have no fire at all." ¹

Study and Discussion Questions:

1. Review the context in Joshua 6 (you may find a Bible map helpful) and discuss the victory that came at Jericho, noting any pertinent biblical principles for our walk with God today as a "church militant." From where does our victory come? How is it obtained?
2. Review the context in Joshua 7, especially v. 1, then proceed to 7:4-7 and 7:10-15. What did Joshua first learn, then the people later?
3. Comment on this principle: "It is a terrible thing to hide something from God." If appropriate, share a life experience that taught you this lesson.
4. Review the Scriptural examples where people hid something from God, including additional ones that come to mind. What lessons can be learned from them? Why do we hide things (even ourselves at times) from God? Take time to offer prayers of repentance, if appropriate.

Footnote:

¹ Charles H. Spurgeon, "All the People at Work for Jesus." Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit. 63 Volumes. Pasadena, TX: Pilgrim Publications, 1972. XXIII: 327, 329-330. Sermon #1358, preached Wednesday, May 9, 1877, at Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, London, for the London Missionary Society.

Trinity Hymnal: #252—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

Tune (HAMBURG L.M.): Gregorian chant; Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1824

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Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Joe Wright

Updates: Anita Boland

Readers: Tim McConnell and Stephanie Lorick

Musicians: Vicki Bowles, Katie Drayton, Jeff Francis, Barb Howell, Karen Laughridge, Jackson Love, and Tim McConnell.

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis, Don Parker and Vitaliy Petrenko

Updates

Midweek Reset | March 13th

Join us for Midweek Reset this Wednesday, March 13th! 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 at lexpres.churchcenter.com/registrations. See you there!

Church Administrator

LPC is seeking a full-time Church Administrator (aka Business Manager). Please visit lexpreschurch.com and click on “Jobs” at the bottom of the home page to view the full job description and learn how to apply. Thank you!

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.

Easter Resource for Families

The Children's Ministry Team invites families of any age to stop by the Children's Check-in Desk to pick up a new Easter resource to begin using today, **March 10**. Families will enjoy going on a journey through the Bible leading up to Easter Sunday. We pray this will be a blessing to our church family.

LPC Music Ministry

Do you have the gift of music? LPC Music Ministry is looking for you! Please contact Barb Howell at bhowell@lexpreschurch.com to discuss where you might plug in.

Reception for Rick and Karen Laughridge/New Staff Recognition/Cover Dish Fellowship Lunch | March 17th

We want to thank Rick and Karen for their dedication to LPC as Ministry Director as he poured his soul and God's given talent into our lives. We wish him and his family the best.

We would also like to introduce our new Church Staff Members: Barb Howell, Interim Music Director of Music and Worship; Susan Sisk, Director of Communications; Andrea Fuller, Youth Assistant.

Please join us for this event on **March 17th** right after 11 a.m. service in Tomlin Hall. No need for registration. Please make sure to bring a meal, salad and/or dessert to enjoy and to share. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ginny Wingard at ginny.wingard@gmail.com, or the church office at 803.359.9501 or hello@lexpreschurch.com.

Blood Drive | March 20th

Give the gift of life by donating blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on 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.

Easter Lilies Order | Last Day to Register

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. The deadline for orders is this Sunday, **March 10th**. You can order your lily by filling out the form that you can find at the back of the Sanctuary, in your Church Center mobile app, or at www.lexpreschurch.com/registrations.

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, or using one of the Recipe Collection sheets available in the basket by the Coke machine. Please be sure to print neatly in ink, not pencil; one recipe per form. If you need more room, use a second form and staple them together. Thank you!

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!

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 airfare. A deposit is required by March 15th to reserve your space. Half of the trip funds are due by April 1st, and 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.

Missions Conference | April 5-7

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

Guiding Kids in a Gender-confused World | March 10

Our sister church, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, invites us to visit a free seminar and panel discussion for parents, teens, pastors, youth leaders, teachers, etc. who are interested in guiding kids in a gender-confused world. This even will take place on **March 10th**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (5637 Bush River Rd., Columbia, 29212).

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.

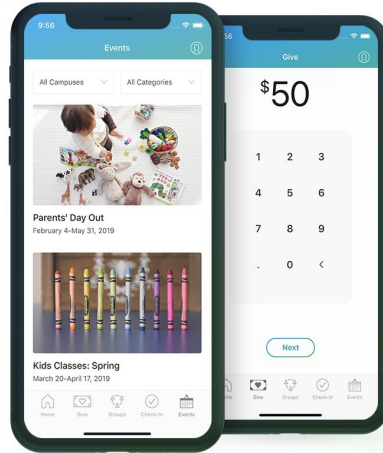
Children's Ministry:

- **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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