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Worship | 8:15 and 11 am
Livestream | 11 am



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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 63:1-7

*Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.*

All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

*Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
And my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,*

All: When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

Trinity Hymnal: #2—O Worship the King



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -
trust, nor find you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Text: Based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833; Mod.

Tune (LYONS): Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; Arr. In William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

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Prayer of Invocation

Ancient of Days



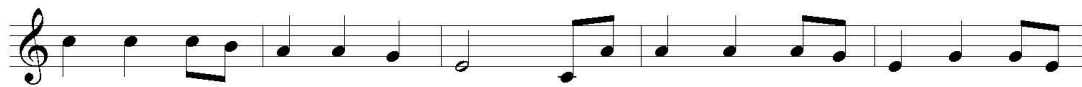
1.Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is still one
 2.Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, He is here with
 3.Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and



King reign - ing o - ver all. So I will not fear, for this truth re -
 me, I am not a - lone. O His love is sure, and He knows my
 wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to



mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. _____ None a - bove Him, none be -
 name for my God is the An - cient of Days. _____
 face in the pre - sence of the An - cient of Days. _____



fore Him; all of time in His hands. For His throne, it shall re - main and ev - er



stand. _____ All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His



name, for my God is the An - cient of Days. _____

Words and Music: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren and Jesse Reeves
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Scripture Reading | Job 12:1-16 | Pew Bible p. 424

Then Job answered and said:

“No doubt you are the people,
and wisdom will die with you.

But I have understanding as well as you;

I am not inferior to you.

Who does not know such things as these?

I am a laughingstock to my friends;

I, who called to God and he answered me,
a just and blameless man, am a laughingstock.

In the thought of one who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune;
it is ready for those whose feet slip.

The tents of robbers are at peace,

and those who provoke God are secure,
who bring their god in their hand.

“But ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;
or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of all mankind.

Does not the ear test words
as the palate tastes food?

Wisdom is with the aged,
and understanding in length of days.

“With God are wisdom and might;
he has counsel and understanding.
If he tears down, none can rebuild;
if he shuts a man in, none can open.

If he withholds the waters, they dry up;
if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.
With him are strength and sound wisdom;
the deceived and the deceiver are his.

RENEWAL

Spiritual Call to Confession

Corporate Confession of Sin | Isaiah 6:1-5

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

All: Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Leader: And one called to another and said:

All: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Leader: And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said:

All: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Isaiah 6:6-7

[Please stand]

Leader: Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips, your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Trinity Hymnal: #457—Come, Thou Fount

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan-der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758

Tune (NETTLETON): Asahel Nettleton, 1825

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Affirmation of Faith | Nicene Creed

Leader: Called by Emperor Constantine to deal with Arianism (a heresy that denied the eternal nature of God the Son), this creed was prepared by an assembly of 300 bishops who met at Nicaea (modern day Isnik in Persia) on May 20, 325 to state clearly the sonship, eternal nature and “one substance” quality of the Son in his relationship to God the Father. Next to the Apostle’s Creed, it is one of the more significant creeds in the Christian Faith. Christians, what do you believe?

All: We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*the universal church that trusts in Christ alone

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.

Trinity Hymnal: #38—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

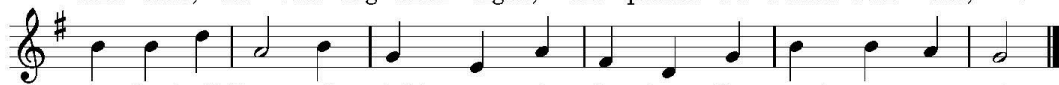
[8:15 AM only]



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O



An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Tune (JOANNA (or ST. DENIO)): Traditional Welsh hymn melody

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Ancient Words with Amazing Grace [11 AM only] Choir Anthem

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice,
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, Ancient words, words of hope, ever true.
Amazing grace.

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo
Arranged by Phillip Keveren
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HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Children Sermon | How **Small** or **Big** is Your Faith?

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Scripture Reading | Luke 24:13-35 | p. 885

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day

since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon | “Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us”: Rekindling First Love Passion

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Sermon Notes

Vince Lombardi is still regarded by the most knowledgeable commentators as the most formidable coach and competitor the game of football has ever seen. What made Coach Lombardi stand out in his day and ours was his passion for the game and for winning. Bart Starr, HOF quarterback, states this explicitly:

To win, you have to have a certain amount of mental toughness. Coach Lombardi gave me that. He taught me that you must have a flaming desire to win. It's got to dominate all your waking hours. It can't ever wane. It's got to glow in you all the time. ¹

That “glow in you all the time” is what many people call **passion**. It's an all-consuming fervor, obsession, ardor, zeal, and pursuit of something that a person deems to be one of the most valuable quests that anyone could ever undertake. You get a glimpse of this in the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after an unrecognized Jesus spent time with them, as “beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27). Then, after going into a home in the nearby village and enjoying a meal with them, their eyes were opened to see Jesus' resurrected identity, causing them to say, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (24:32). This burning, this flame, this “soul blaze”, is what is called passion. It comes from a mighty longing for God, and **it finds all its fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ**,

Come near to the holy men and women of the past, and you will soon feel the heat of their desire after God. They mourned for Him; they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they found Him the finding was all the sweeter for the long seeking...I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of a holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.²

Tozer's reflection motivates me to study the holy saints of God in the past to see how they pursued God and how that pursuit finds its fulfillment in Jesus. It is important to

remember that the pursuit of God and the passion for Him is not a “cookie cutter” formula or a “magic wand” prescription that will instantly bring fervor and spark to one’s inner life. God’s infinite nature and manifold character are eternally immense and gloriously spectacular, so how can you pursue Him with persistent intentionality and with determined devotion? **Where do you start?** I have been greatly helped by the writings of the Rev. Edward Pearse (1633-1673), preacher and pastor of St. Margaret’s, Westminster (adjacent to Westminster Abbey in London) from 1657-1660. Because of his nonconformist views, this beloved Puritan herald was ejected from this parish by the Church of England in 1660, yet he continued to preach and to write until tuberculosis claimed his life when he was 40. He wrote a couple of gems that I find so helpful. One is called *The Best Match: The Soul’s Espousal to Christ, and this one, A Beam of Divine Glory: The Unchangeableness of God Opened, Vindicated, and Improved* (published in 1674 shortly after his death), states:

The unchangeableness of God calls aloud upon us all to choose Him for our God and portion, and to take up the rest and happiness of our souls in Him and not in the creatures. The truth is, to choose God for our God and portion, and to take up our rest and happiness in Him, is what every discovery of God, in one or another excellency or perfection of His, requires and calls for at our hands. Does He reveal Himself to be a holy God? This calls upon us to choose Him for our God and portion, and to get an interest in His holiness. Does God reveal Himself to be a gracious God, a God of grace and love? This calls upon us to choose Him for our God and portion, and to get an interest in His love...God is such an infinite ocean of goodness, sweetness, and blessedness as He is, yet that which crowns all is His unchangeableness in all; without this, the whole of God could not make us happy.³

What I see Pearse saying motivates me to deepen my passion for God upon a foundation that rests in God’s unchangeable nature. Upon this foundation, I study Scripture, looking for those attributes of God that surface in the narrative, prophetic, poetic, and epistolary genres of a text. **When they appear explaining the biblical-redemptive story and its fulfillment in Christ, I am stoked to ponder the wonder of God in it all.** The beauty of this approach is that when you look at many biblical characters, you see different attributes of God pursued by each character, and **all these attributes in one way or another point to Jesus, our Immanuel:**

- **Enoch, a passion for pleasing God:** “Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.” Jude wrote that Enoch’s passion prophesied a coming judgment from God against all ungodliness (14-15), fueled by a desire to please God in his daily life (Hebrews 11:5). Jesus sought to please His heavenly Father.
- **Noah, a passion for righteousness:** “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). Hebrews 11:7 tells us Noah’s passion “constructed an ark in reverent fear.” By this, he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” Jesus affirmed Noah.
- **Abraham, a passion for believing God:** “And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6, quoted in Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, and James 2:23). This faith enabled him to “look forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder was God” (Hebrews 11:10), a trust that was tested and refined in the offering of Isaac (Genesis 22, Hebrews 11:17), commended by God, and picturing the sacrifice of Christ on that same mount centuries later (Mt. Moriah is the Temple Mount).
- **Jacob, a passion for God’s blessing:** a relentless wrestling with God, determining not to let go of Him (the preincarnate Christ in the OT, a Christophany in Genesis 32:22ff) until He blesses him. Note the timing of this event and its relationship to Jacob’s preparation to meet Esau (32:1-20) and later the reunion with his brother (33). Obviously, many years had passed, but you see in Genesis 33 an intersection of divine grace (personified in Jacob) with divine mercy (personified in Esau), with all the beauty that results from it!
- **Joseph, a passion for God’s providence:** Through his enslavement, imprisonment, and abandonment (Genesis 39-41), God instilled in Joseph a passion for His sovereign orchestration of events: “So it was not you who sent me here, but God” (Genesis 45:8a), and “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (50:20). Jesus understood His mission in the timing and providence of God.
- **Moses, a passion for God’s glory:** Through the burning bush experience (Exodus 3-4) and other accounts, “The Lord used to speak to Moses’ face to face, as man speaks to his friend” (33:11), “and the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (34:29). See Paul’s reflection in 2 Corinthians 3:7-18, and the thoughts of the

writer to the Hebrews (11:23-29). Jesus reflected the Father's glory (John 1:14).

- **David, a passion for God's triumph:** While he is known as the warring king and the "giant slayer," David was ultimately obsessed with God's honor and triumph (Psalm 2), showing him to be "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22). Note Psalm 2:12 and how it points to Christ's triumph and hope.
- **Isaiah, a passion for God's holiness:** In a time of national mourning (King Uzziah's death), Isaiah sees a vision of God's holiness (Isaiah 6), provoking repentance (6:5), receiving forgiveness (6:7), and a call to go and to declare a message from God to the nation, filled with prophecies of the Messiah. Jesus is holy.
- **Daniel, a passion for God's law:** During Darius' reign, this king was trapped by some satraps and officials to sentence those like Daniel who placed God's law above the law of the land (6:3-5). Through his allegiance to God's law and his trust in God's protection, Daniel was delivered from the lions (6:16-28). Jesus upheld God's law in his earthly ministry and fulfilled every feature of it.
- **Habakkuk, a passion for God's sovereignty:** In a time of great lawlessness and violence where he questioned God's silence and supremacy (Habakkuk 1-2), God showed the prophet His dominion (1:5ff, 2:1-4, 14) and holiness (2:2), moving him to deep worship and trust (chapter 3). Note 2:4: "by faith" (in Jesus), a verse quoted several times by Paul in the NT (Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38).
- **Peter, a passion for Jesus' identity:** In a pivotal moment, he said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This enabled him later to get out of the boat and walk a few steps toward Christ, and this confession would mold him to be one of the two greatest preachers and leaders in the early church. You cannot read Acts 2-12 (then his testimony in 15:7-11) without sensing a deep fire for Jesus' identity.
- **Paul, a passion for God's gospel, power, and intimacy through suffering:** Many facets of passion are seen in Paul. He was "not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'" (Romans 1:16-17). Why was he not

ashamed? Because of his relentless pursuit of the Son of God, who pursued him on the road to Damascus, “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death” (Philippians 3:10). Through his experiences, calling, ministry, and imprisonment, we possess some of the greatest writings in the history of civilization: the prison and pastoral epistles in the NT.

- **John, a passion for God’s light and love:** This “disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23) was one of the 2 closest eyewitnesses to Jesus’ life and work, and his relationship with Christ, both in his youth with Jesus’ earthly ministry and later his reflection as an apostle for nearly 60 years—where he preached and wrote about Jesus’ revelatory and redemptive mission—has resulted in one of the greatest apologetic presentations of the Lord Jesus Christ ever given (the Gospel according to John), 3 letters showing us how God’s light and love are best demonstrated (the Johannine Epistles), and the most comforting treatise for Christians in human history: The Apocalypse (Revelation). Don’t get overwhelmed with Revelation’s meaning; instead, get its message: “Our Side Wins!” This can give you great hope.

Personal Application: We can quickly lose passion and fervor for God either when 1) we get fixated and prioritized engaging the Scriptures just to gain more knowledge and information (remember 1 Corinthians 8:1b); and/or 2) we fail to see and pursue the character of God and His glorious attributes magnificently displayed in the biblical text, **driving us to personal worship and adoration of Jesus Christ, the One who fulfills all of them in His being and accomplishment.** Seeing God in the text and pursuing Christ as its fulfillment marks the quest of the worshiper who says, “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?” (Psalm 42:1-2).

Reflection:

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had a most profitable journey. Their companion and teacher was the best of tutors; the interpreter one of a thousand, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. The Lord Jesus condescended to become a preacher of the gospel, and He was not ashamed to exercise His calling before an audience of two persons, neither does He now refuse

to become the teacher of even one. Let us court the company of so excellent an Instructor, for till He is made unto us wisdom we shall never be wise unto salvation. ⁴

Study and Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the things in life that fill you with passion? Give an explanation. What does this particular pursuit do to you and produce in you?
2. Reexamine the account in Luke 24:13-35, and note especially verses 16, 31, and 35. How does this help you understand passion?
3. Review the quote by the Puritan preacher Edward Pearse, and discuss his insight into obtaining happiness. How does this help you read Scripture?
4. Review the various biblical characters referenced in the sermon, and their respective passions. Which one(s) resonate(s) with you right now? How can this help you engage Scripture on a “passion level?”

Footnotes:

1 Jerry Kramer, ed. Lombardi: Winning is the Only Thing. New York: Pocket Books, 1970, 86.

2 A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God. Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, n.d., 15, 17.

3 Edward Pearse, A Beam of Divine Glory or The Unchangeableness of God Opened, Vindicated, and Improved. Ed. Don Kistler, Morgan, PA: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998, 89, 91. For more Puritan writings, go to www.heritagebooks.org

4 Charles H. Spurgeon, Morning and Evening: Daily Readings. 20th Printing. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1978, 37. January 18 PM reading. Original emphasis.

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, On
 2. But oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, Here

5
 Thee when sor - rows rise On Thee when waves of trou - ble roll,
 fear to call Thee mine The springs of com - fort seem to fail,
 shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sov - ereign grace,
 9 let my soul re - treat With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will,

14
 My fain - ting hope re - lies To Thee I tell each ri - sing grief,
 And all my hopes de - cline Yet gra - cious God where shall I flee?
 Be deaf when I com - plain? No still the ear of sov - ereign grace,
 And wait be - neath Thy feet Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still,

19
 For Thou a - lone canst hea - I Thy Word can bring a
 Thou art my on - ly tru - st And still my soul would
 At - tends the mour - ner's pray - er Oh may I ev - er
 Here let my soul re - treat With hum - ble hope at -

sweet re - lief, For eve - ry pain I feel.
 cleave to Thee Though pro - strate in the dust.
 find ac - cess, To breathe my sor - rows there.
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy feet.

Words: Anne Steele (1716-1778)
 Music: Kevin Twit, 1998

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New Staff Recognition

Barb Howell, Interim Music Director of Music and Worship

Susan Sisk, Director of Communications

Andrea Fuller, Youth Assistant

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Rick Laughridge

Updates: Anita Boland

Readers: Emily Waters and Will Miller

Musicians: Butch Bost, Heather Coleridge, Theron Drayton, Jeff Francis, Barb Howell, and Scott Lyle.

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis, Jeff Becker and Jo Marturano.

Lilies in Loving Memory of:

*Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Grace McAulay,
Mr. and Mrs. George and Vive Wessel,
Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Dot Parler,*
by Ray and Everose Alexander

Ron Masterson
by Joyce Masterson

Janice Ann McConnell
Tim McConnell

*Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Grace McAulay,
Mr. and Mrs. George and Vive Wessel,
Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Dot Parler,
Dr. Bob Hooper,
Peter and Alice Kohler*
by John, Rhonda, Jack and Matthew McAulay

Jack Wilkie and Alyce C. Player
by Joan and Jimmie Player
Richard L. Tessmann who just went to be with his Lord and Savior 2/26/24
by Todd and Melody Shafer

Bob Hooper
by the Fuller Family

Our parents and step-dad
by McKie and Vicki Green

Margaret Wilson
by Maggie Dittmar

My husband, Vern Eaton
by Nancy Eaton

Dear brothers in Christ, Bob Hooper and Thomas McDonald
by Natalia Petrenko

Thomas McDonald
with love from Nichole and Hollis McDonald

In Honor of:

Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Everose Alexander, Mrs. Vicki Kohler
by John, Rhonda, Jack and Matthew McAulay

Katharine Joy McConnell, Emily Elizabeth McConnell, Julie McConnell-Romero
by Tim McConnell

The Romans
by Ray and Everose Alexander

To the glory of God
by Neil and Dale McLeod

LPC Melchers Small Group
by McKie and Vicki Green

Genie Graham
by Maggie Dittmar

Updates

Midweek Reset | March 20th

Join us for Midweek Reset this Wednesday, **March 20th!** 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!

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

Church Administrator and Director of Youth Ministry

LPC is seeking a full-time Church Administrator (aka Business Manager) and Director of Youth Ministry. 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!

Youth Mission Pittsburgh 2024 | July 13-19

Please join us for a brief Parent/Student Information Meeting on Sunday, **March 24th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

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.

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.

Today is the last day to donate. 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. 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.

Cover Dish Fellowship Lunch Honoring Rick and Karen Laughridge and Recognizing New Staff Members | Today

We want to thank Rick and Karen for their dedication to LPC as Ministry Director as they poured their souls and God's given talents into our lives. We wish them 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 **today** 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.

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.



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LPC Missions Conference Highlighting Local Ministries

Friday
Sub Sandwich Supper & Speaker - JP Sibley

Saturday
Onsite Visit Opportunities:
Bethel Christian Camp
LaVie Pregnancy Center
Chris Myers' Children's Place

Sunday
Morning Breakout Sessions
Pizza Dinner & Speaker - Richard Pratt

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.

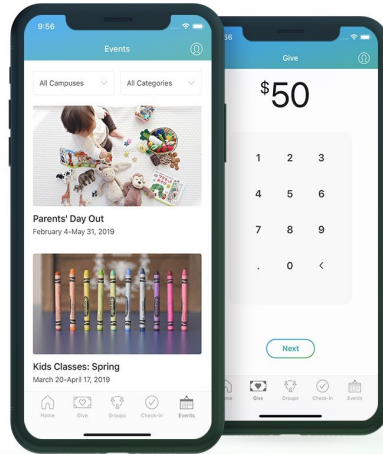
Children's Ministry:

- **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.

church center

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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 February, 2024:

Budget FYTD	\$820,389
Received FYTD	\$869,887
Expenditures FYTD	\$813,207

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you in your walk with Jesus,
whether you're new to our
community or you've been here
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