

December 29, 2024

Worship | 10 am

Livestream | 10 am



LEXINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WELCOME

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

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LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

PRAISE

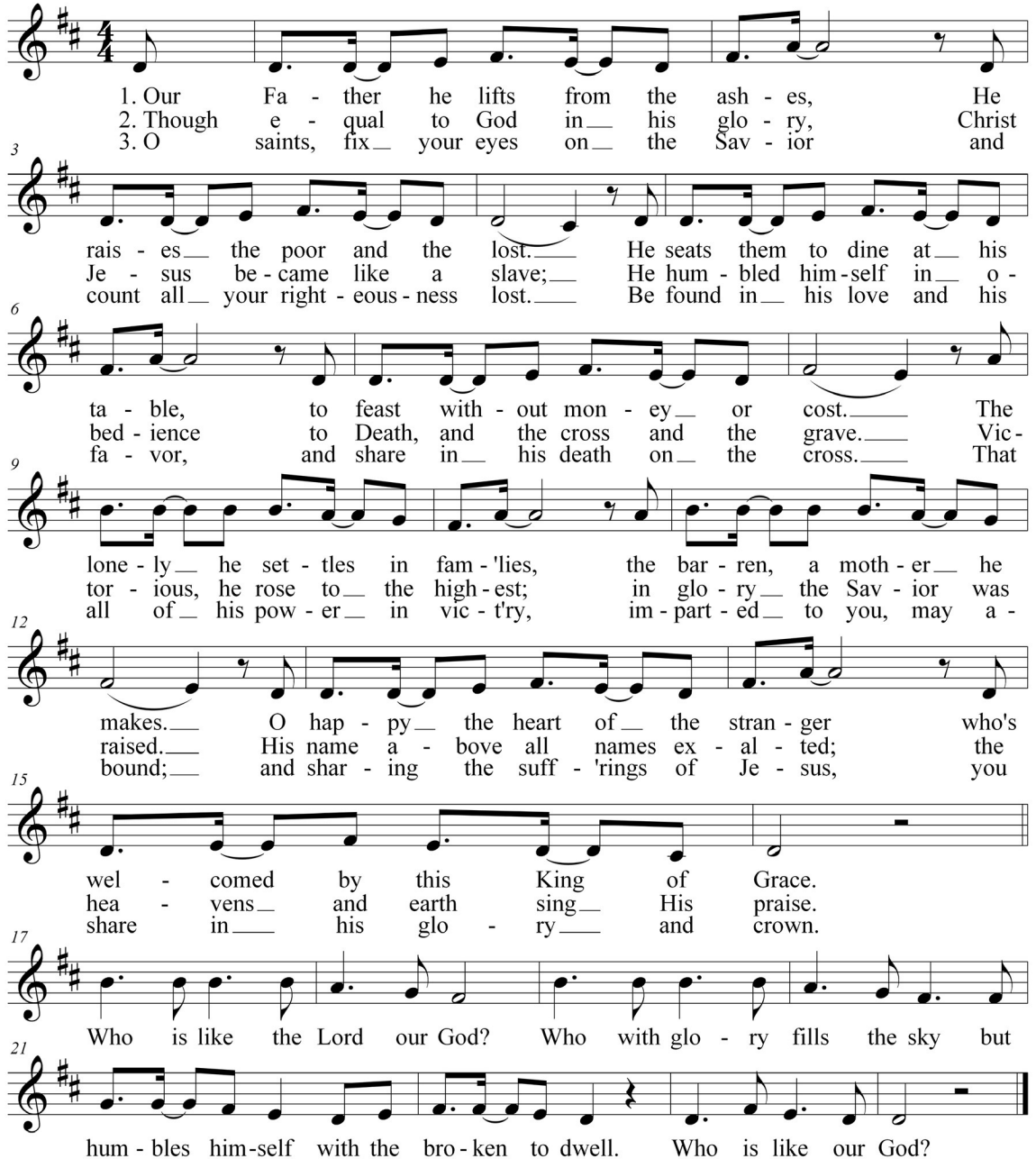
Updates | Following Christ Together

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 29:1-2

*Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

* Who Is Like the Lord Our God (Psalm 113)



1. Our Fa - ther he lifts from the ash - es, He
 2. Though e - qual to God in his glo - ry, Christ
 3. O saints, fix your eyes on the Sav - ior and

rais - es the poor and the lost. He seats them to dine at his
 Je - sus be - came like a slave; He hum - bled him - self in o -
 count all your right - eous - ness lost. Be found in his love and his

ta - ble, to feast with - out mon - ey or cost. The
 bed - ience to Death, and the cross and the grave. Vic -
 fa - vor, and share in his death on the cross. That

lone - ly he set - tles in fam - 'lies, the bar - ren, a moth - er he
 tor - ious, he rose to the high - est; in glo - ry the Sav - ior was
 all of his pow - er in vic - t'ry, im - part - ed to you, may a -

makes. O hap - py the heart of the stran - ger who's
 raised. His name a - bove all names ex - al - ted; the
 bound; and shar - ing the suff - rings of Je - sus, you

wel - comed by this King of Grace.
 hea - vens and earth sing His praise.
 share in his glo - ry and crown.

Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky but

hum - bles him - self with the bro - ken to dwell. Who is like our God?

Words: from Psalm 113, Phil 2,3; Wendell Kimbrough, 2013
 Music: Bruce Benedict and Wendell Kimbrough, 2013
 from *Hallel Psalms - Cardiphonia Compilation*

* Prayer of Invocation

* Scripture Reading | Psalm 138 | Pew Bible p. 521

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

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

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.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross-Trinity Hymnal #252



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.

Trinity Hymnal 252

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

TUNE (HAMBURG L.M.): Gregorian chant; Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

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RENEWAL

Call to Confession | Psalm 32:3-4

*Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

Corporate Confession of Sin | Psalter Hymnal, Grand Rapids: CRC Publications, 1987

All: Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
And free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

* **Words of Comfort** | Psalm 32:1-2, 5

*Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

*Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)



1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta -
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -
 3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own mer -
 4. What though I wait the live - long night, and till the dawn ap - pear -
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a - bound -



- tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear
 - eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much
 - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds
 - eth; My heart still trust - eth in His might; It doubt -
 - eth; His help - ing love no lim - it knows, our ut -



- my sup - pli - ca - tion; If thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se -
 - the best life fail - eth; No man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must
 - my faint - ing spi - rit; His pro - mised mer - cy is my fort, My com -
 - eth not nor fear - eth; Do thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, Ye of
 11 - most need it sound - eth. Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will



- cret - sins and mis - deeds dark, O
 - a - like and con - fess - thy might, And
 - fort and my sweet sup - port; I
 - the Spi - rit born in - deed; And
 - at last His Is - rael free From



13 Echo: who shall stand be - fore thee? O who shall
 live a - lone by mer - cy And live a -
 wait for it with pa - tience I wait for
 wait till God ap - pear - eth and wait till
 all their sin and sor - row from all their



stand be - fore thee?
 lone by mer - cy
 it with pa - tience.
 God ap - pear - eth.
 sin and sor - row.

Words: From Psalm 130, Martin Luther, 1523
 Music: Christopher Miner, 1997

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. Please, make sure to write your name legibly.

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.
- Go to “Giving” on your Church Center mobile app or lexpres.churchcenter.com.
- Text2Give: text any dollar amount to 84321.

I Will Extol You (Psalm 145)

1 I will ex-tol you my God my King For-ev - er and ev - er

5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise up — and sing For-ev - er and ev - er

9
 1. The Lord is great and will be praised let
 2. The Lord will rule — with his kind hand his
 3. The Lord up - holds all men who fall — our
 4. The Lord is just — in all his ways e -

13
 an - thems of — his love be raised with might you lead — us
 king - dom will — for - ev - er stand your migh - ty acts — and
 God is near — to those who call — Lord you are strong — to
 ter - nal his — sal - va - tion's days — the wick - ed man — you

16
 to pro - claim the bless - ings of — your ho - ly name.
 won-drous deeds from age to age — your works re - peat.
 help the weak let all who know your glo - ry speak.
 will de - stroy but saints for - e'er — raise songs of joy. —

Words and Music: Robbie Bell & Tim Nicholson, 2015 (from Psalm 145)

* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674

Tune (OLD HUNDREDTH): Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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* Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Children's Sermon | Created for a Purpose

*** Scripture Reading** | John 17:1-5 | p. 903

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Sermon | The Glory of Christ Revealed to Us

Doug Inman

* 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

* Sending

* Benediction

* Postlude

Please Don't Forget to Pick up Your Poinsettias

Serving This Morning:

Updates and Liturgist: Joe Wright

Pastoral Prayer: Steve Baarendse

Reader: Sue Skelly

Musicians: Abigail Baarendse, Butch and Teresa Bost, Dianne Britton, Jeff Francis, Ruth Ellen Lorick, and Tim McConnell

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis, Jason Waters

Faith Promise Giving:

LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.

Through the end of November 2024:

General Fund transfer to missions \$54,165

Transfer from 2023/2024 surplus* \$44,702

Faith Promise Giving: \$36,445

Missions Disbursements \$76,283

* The Elders and Deacons transferred one-half of last year's operating surplus to missions.

Stewardship

Through the end of November, 2024:

Budget FYTD \$508,864

Received FYTD \$461,909

Expenditures FYTD \$420,256

Updates

Church Office Closed | January 1

Please note that in observance of New Year, the LPC office will be closed on **January 1**. If you have plans to stop by, please reschedule accordingly. Thank you for understanding.

NOTES:

END OF YEAR GIVING

- GIVE IN THE OFFERING PLATE BY DEC. 29TH
- GIVE ONLINE BY DEC. 31ST
- BRING TO THE OFFICE BY NOON DEC. 31ST
- MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE WITH POSTMARK DATED NO LATER THAN DEC. 31ST

The Pastor Search Committee
is taking recommendations for
Senior Pastor

Please, fill out a form and place in the box at the back of the sanctuary



INQUIRERS CLASS

LEARN MORE ABOUT LPC'S
MISSION AND HOW YOU CAN BE
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!
STARTING JANUARY 19TH
DURING CE HOUR | 5 WEEKS




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MIDWEEK RESET

Returns Jan 8th



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HERE**

UN-Deck the Halls

Please plan to stay after 11:00 worship
on January 5th
and help us UN-Deck the Halls
~Lunch will be provided~



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Cookbooks
are still available.
Come to the
church office
to purchase!

Photos from our
50th Anniversary
Celebration can be viewed at
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Click on the
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Thanks for joining us today.
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If you're not familiar with QR codes, we're here to help!

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