

January 5, 2025

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

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

PRAISE

Updates | Following Christ Together

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 105:1-3

*Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

* Our God, Our Help in Ages Past-Trinity Hymnal No. 30 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
7. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:



our shel-ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
O be our guard while trou-bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Trinity Hymnal No. 30 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)

TEXT: From Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1719; Alt. 1990, mod.

TUNE (ST. ANNE): Atr. to William Croft, 1678-1727; Tate and Brady's *Supplement to the New Version*, 1708

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* Prayer of Invocation

* **Scripture Reading** | Romans 5:1-5 | Pew Bible p. 942

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. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less-Trinity Hymnal #521



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



righteous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

REFRAIN



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand;
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Trinity Hymnal No. 521
TEXT: Edward Mote, 1834
TUNE (SOLID ROCK): William B. Bradbury, 1863
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RENEWAL

Call to Confession | James 4:7-10

Leader: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,
prone to evil and slothful in good.
You see our shortcomings and offenses.
You know our wanderings from Your ways.
We have wasted Your gifts and forgotten Your love.
But You, O Lord, are merciful and gracious,
and we humbly confess to You our sin, guilt, shame, and griefs.
Cleanse us from our secret sins,
and purify our hearts for the sake of Your Dear Son.
And help us, we pray, to live in Your light
and to walk in the steps of our blessed Savior,
for we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Silent Confession

* **Words of Comfort** | Romans 5:6-8

Leader: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend; —
 2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace; —
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own; —

— Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of
 — You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the
 — Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your

men? Oh, you res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we
 way. Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 throne. Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

praise, — You are the One we a - dore. — You give the heal - ing and

grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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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.

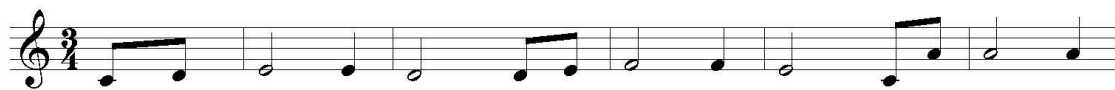
Worship Through Giving

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.

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 -
 wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, and He knows my
 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. _____

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* 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 | "Confidence while holding a VCR remote"

* Scripture Reading | Romans 15:8-13 | p. 949

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰ And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Communion Homily | The State of the Church: LPC 2025

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Homily Notes

Welcome to the new year! In many settings previously where I have served, I have often set aside the first Sunday in the new year to give a “state of the church” address. You are used to hearing a “state of the State” address from our governor and a “state of the Union” address by our president. Well, why not a “state of the church address, specifically LPC! It is prudent to take time to review what occurred in 2024, what plans are ahead of us in 2025, and to pray, to prepare ourselves in ministry, and to get busy with plans for this new year that will move the gospel forward within this congregation and into this community, state, nation, and world. What will be said to you is set in the context of prayerful, deep, pastoral love to you, this precious body, aimed at your well-being and vitality as a spiritual community of faith. Your spiritual health is paramount to me.

Review: It is helpful for us to take stock of the many things that occurred in the previous year. Too often we are prone to forget all the many things that the Lord did in our midst that brought us to where we are now. The good:

- LPC finished the fiscal year (July 23-June 24) in the black, with a surplus (\$89K), and half of this surplus was given to the missions committee toward *additional* projects for our missionaries and their agencies. The April missions conference weekend with Dr. Richard Pratt and missionaries was well received.
- LPC experienced 3 beneficial short-term trips: Mexico, Spain, and Pittsburgh.
- LPC launched a new leadership ministry, *Joshua's Leaders*, and 14 men are experiencing monthly fellowship and focused spiritual leadership training. From that number, 5 new elders emerged.
- In addition, LPC elected 4 new deacons to the Diaconate.
- LPC welcomed new members to the congregation, and a new Inquirers' Class starts on January 19.
- LPC's children's ministry, on top of the excellent weekly work in the CE hour and in the Midweek Reset with Kids Quest, conducted an outstanding VBS “Summer Seaquest” with a record number of volunteers. On October 30, the outstanding Protestant Reformation Celebration had a large family attendance.

- Likewise, LPC's youth ministry experienced a fruitful and sustaining year of unity and health, largely due to the leadership of the youth ministry team and the elders that filled the gap created from the departure of the youth director who had served more than 10 years.
- Coming into the end of the first quarter of 2024, LPC was challenged with a shortage of a number of key staff: a communications director, an assistant pastor for music and worship, a youth director, a church administrator/ministry director, a youth ministry assistant (for girls), and, of course, the Senior Pastor. In 2024, God brought in His timing many of the right staff members not only to fill these posts but to take the ministry areas to a deeper level. We now have a new church administrator (Brian Hersperger), a new communications director (Susan Jackson), and a new youth director (Tyler Josephson). In addition, special appreciation is expressed to Joe Wright, who served in the interim as church administrator; to Barb Howell, who is serving now as our interim director of music and worship; and to Andrea Fuller (youth ministry).
- LPC began 2024 with no stated vision and course of ministry action for the future. This is critical when it comes to searching for and securing the next pastor. What pastor wants to come to a ministry where there is no defined plan for ministry and an undetermined vision for the future? To that end, a two-fold strategic planning process began: 1) In December 2023 (Discovery Weekend) and 2) In the first quarter of 2024 (strategic planning questionnaire), with the total percentage of participants in this process at 46% from the congregation, an outstanding representation (experts say that if you get 25% or more, this is good). From these sources, the elders held a weekend retreat in early February and the staff in late February to assess the results. From these meetings, and from many discussions that later ensued, the *Ministry Compass*[®] was written, then unanimously reviewed and endorsed by the LPC Session in July and the Diaconate, Women's Ministry Officers, and Staff in August. It was then presented to the congregation, and, likewise, they voted unanimously to approve it as setting forth the plan of action and ministry vision for 2024-2028. We are already seeing fruit from these ministry plans put into action, as the 6 Session permanent committees have been organizing and forming ministry teams underneath them, and church members are responding toward participation on these ministry teams and task forces. More of this will continue in the forthcoming months. We want everyone involved in ministry! To

that end, we have initiated efforts to teach all of our CE hour classes the “Spiritual Gifts Discovery” workshop and the “Basics of Evangelism and Witnessing” in the 2025 year.

- Utilizing the *Ministry Compass*[®] plans (articulating LPC’s “church profile” and “pastor profile” needed by our PCA denomination for their pastor search service to congregations), the congregation elected 9 members in October from many quadrants within LPC to represent and to voice their passions on the Pastor Search Committee. Following an initial training, the PSC began internal organizational work in the final two months of this past year, and now they are in an excellent position to process applications and nominations and in time will begin the formidable task of interviewing candidates that surface to the top for consideration. Please continue your prayers for their search, as well as pray also for the music and worship committee as they search for a Director of Music and Worship Ministries.
- On November 8-10, following an excellent planning process for nearly 2 years, LPC celebrated her 50th anniversary, welcoming back several former pastors and their wives, plus many former members who had moved away, including a Saturday evening concert. It was a “homecoming” for so many, and I saw many Facebook pictures that you posted! This could not have occurred without the work of the 50th anniversary committee, and we thank them for their dedication, tastefulness, and plans. In preparation for this celebration, the deacons and our staff facilities director conducted a number of work projects to spruce up the facilities, as they absorb a great deal of wear and tear over time. Our facilities and grounds are in good shape now as a result of their dedication, and we thank them for their diligence and hard work.
- In the Word of God, we spent a great portion of the year studying the letter to the Colossians, and many of you privately told me how my notes were so helpful to you in your own personal study. I’m grateful for this and appreciate your encouragement. We ended the year during Advent studying the “Christmas Songs of Scripture” in Luke, and now next Sunday, we begin a chapter-by-chapter narrative study of Nehemiah under the theme, “Rebuilding Walls, Restoring Hope.”

This leads me to unveil for you our theme verse for 2025, approved unanimously by the LPC Session:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

~Romans 15:13

We have come out of a tough and challenging—formidable at times—yet strategic 2024 year. Last year at this very moment, LPC was embroiled in a deep and divisive internal conflict, causing the previous pastor and subsequently 5 other staff members to depart for various and sundry reasons. I am not at this point desirous of going back and revisiting the issues that provoked this conflict to occur, but I will say that as a third party that came into this whirlwind and then subsequently listened to all sides of the issues, I grieve with everyone over the matters that festered this turbulence and subsequent grief and sorrow. Some matters were settled in this conflict. Some remain on the table. Your LPC Session continues to desire resolution and reconciliation of all matters involved in this conflict (the door is always open) with everyone, yet at the same time and in the same breath, they believe that you cannot stand still but instead move forward for the best interests of the ministry and for the well-being of the congregation. So many good things came together in 2024, and I know that God is *FOR* this congregation, and that is why we should continue 2025 on the ending note of the 2024 50th celebration theme, “Celebrating God’s faithfulness...with bright expectation.”

There is a BRIGHT FUTURE awaiting Lexington Presbyterian Church!

You can live with great hope that a great God has great plans in store for you (plural)!

This is why the Lord led me to the OT book of Nehemiah for our opening study of this new year. In the midst of great lament and sorrow over the plight of Jerusalem, Nehemiah heeded a call by God to return to his native homeland and to help his people not only rebuild the walls of the city but more importantly, *to restore their hearts back to God, the ONLY source of their hope*. I am convinced that there will be many life lessons that we will learn in the study of this book week by week that will challenge our souls to turn back to God. There, we will find His promises and truths that will kindle our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit that will bring true revival and genuine spiritual renewal to our lives and to this congregation’s ministry. The time is ripe—**the time is now!**—to turn back to God, to His Word, and to this mission! Let me remind you of LPC’s mission:

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

So, what are our plans for this new year? Here is where I call the LPC Session, Diaconate, Staff, Women's Ministry leaders, and congregation to move ahead by faith, prayer, commitment, and dependence upon God in 2025:

1. By God's grace and timing, the Lord will bring LPC its next pastor. Your responsibility: Pray daily for the PSC and be *patient* with them. I'll say it again: give them prayers and patience!
2. By God's grace and timing, the Lord will bring LPC its next Music and Worship Director/Pastor. Your responsibility: Pray daily for the Music and Worship Search Committee and support them with your participation in the choir and with the worship teams.
3. Continue to pray for the LPC Session's implementation of the *Ministry Compass*[®] plans. There are many things that can and should be implemented *now*, long before the next pastor arrives. I have asked the elders to put forward at our January 31-February 1 retreat one major implementation for each of the six Session committees to mark the forward work for this new year. You already know we are emphasizing the importance of evangelism and spiritual gifts discovery (with the new classes that will be taught this year), so this initiative will put forward these ministry plans as the church awaits her next pastor. Important: It is necessary to implement these plans *before* the next pastor comes, as it communicates to him that he is not expected to do this implementation alone but instead to help *facilitate it*. This will help prevent ministry burnout in him (so often seen), and it has the potential to create longevity in the pastorate, something personally I want to see at LPC. I am praying specifically for such a positive match in your next pastor that he would be willing—with the Lord's favor—to stay here 15+ years!
4. I am asking each of you to evaluate your commitment to the Lord, seen tangibly in the support that you give this ministry. From my experience covering four decades, I have noticed three basic types of church participants:
 - ◇ *Attendees*: They give effort to come and to participate, enjoying the activities and services/offerings that the congregation gives, but at this point they have not committed themselves either to membership (uniting their lives with this congregation) or to the full support of this ministry either with their spiritual gifts

and/or their tithes and offerings. I challenge you in this group to take the next step: unite with this congregation, let your spiritual gifts be discovered (if not already), join a ministry, and start supporting this ministry with your heart, time, and treasures.

- ◇ *Members.* Many of you give great efforts in prayer and evidence good participation in your faithful attendance and participation, and I see and love your faithfulness. After a period of time early last year when volunteerism declined, due largely to the conflict, some of you withdrew from your involvement and participation in ministry, and perhaps your financial support declined as well. I am calling on you now to see the path that this ministry has taken in 2024, and I am asking you to recommit yourself both in time and in treasures to the work of the gospel here in 2025. I challenge you in this group to take the next step: DO NOT WAIT for the elders, deacons, or staff to initiate asking you to volunteer, but instead, YOU INITIATE GOING TO THEM and asking how your spiritual gifts, passions, and time can be useful to this ministry in 2025. Do not assume anything! Take the initiative!
- ◇ *Long-Termers.* Some of you have been members here for a long time, and there is a tendency (temptation) to think to yourself, “I’ve done my time. It is time for others to step up to the plate.” While I agree with you on the latter (others stepping up to the plate), the Bible does not have any mention of a “retirement plan” for Christians in the service of the church and in the ministry of the gospel! Show me one verse that refutes my claim. You cannot! Our attitude should be every day, “Lord Jesus, what will You have me do for You and for Your Church, Your Bride, which shows that I love You?” We need more people working with our children. We need more people working with our youth. We need more people teaching and discipling our adults and families. We need more evangelism and missions, more choir members, more worship team instrumentalists and singers, more greeters and ushers, more volunteers in congregational care showing love and hospitality, more people daily praying for the church’s witness and work in the community, and more! What would compel me to challenge you today to consider stepping up and doing greater things in 2025 and beyond? How could I be so audacious enough to ask you—whether you are an attender, a member, or a long-termer—to take the

next step towards a deeper commitment in this new year?

BIBLICAL HOPE.

Biblical hope challenges us to see the faithfulness of God in the midst of our challenges, trials, disappointments, failures, and even our times of lament, questions, and sorrows, and summons us to look forward with anticipation that God is not finished with us yet. In fact, God is just beginning a new work and a new chapter here at LPC, and He wants you to be involved in it!

- Hope believes that God has a plan and purpose for all things, including you and this church.
- Hope knows that God has His best for you. He is working out all things for His glory and for your good.
- Hope actively takes hold of God's promises and engages with others in doing the work of the gospel.
- Hope never disappoints, because it knows that God holds your life in the palm of His hands.
- Therefore, those who hope in God consciously move forward, make commitments, give of their time and money, and partner with others in the progress of the Christian Faith in this place and beyond it.

What will you do with the biblical hope that is the theme for LPC's 2025 year? This decision is yours to make.

**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”**

~Romans 15:13

Reflection:

“Patience has her perfect work in the Lord Jesus, and until the last day of the feast He pleaded with the Jews, even as He pleads with us, and waits to be gracious to us. Admirable indeed is the long suffering of the Savior in bearing with some of us year after year, notwithstanding our provocations, rebellions, and resistance of His Holy Spirit.

Wonder of wonders, that we are still in the land of mercy!

Pity expressed herself most plainly, for Jesus cried, which implies not only the loudness of His voice, but the tenderness of His tones. He entreats us to be reconciled. “We pray you,” says the apostle, “as though God did beseech you by us.” What earnest, pathetic terms are these! How deep must be the love which makes the Lord weep over sinners, and like a mother woo His children to His bosom! Surely at the call of such a cry our willing hearts will come.

Provision is made most plenteously; all is provided that man can need to quench his soul’s thirst. To this conscience the atonement brings peace; to his understanding the gospel brings the richest instruction; to his heart the person of Jesus is the noblest object of affection; to the whole man the truth as it is in Jesus supplies the purest nutriment. Thirst is terrible, but Jesus can remove it. Though the soul were utterly famished, Jesus can restore it.”¹

Footnote:

1. Charles H. Spurgeon, Morning and Evening. Twentieth Printing. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978, 732. December 31 AM devotion. Original emphasis.

* Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free;
 2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore;
 3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur - pass - ing all the rest;



Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me;
 How He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
 It's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of ev - 'ry test;



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love;
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior, pre - cious friend;



Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.____
 How for them He's in - ter - ced - ing, plead - ing now be - fore the throne.____
 You will bring us home to glo - ry, where Your love will nev - er end.____



Oh, the deep, deep love; All I need____and trust is the



deep, deep love____of Je - sus.____

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Introduction to the Table

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

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

Prayer of Preparation | The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

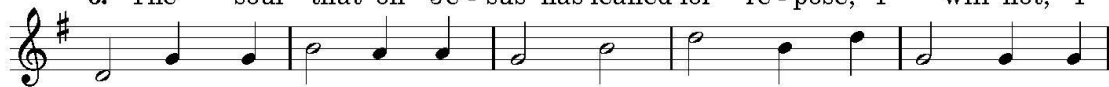
Words of Institution

Eating and Drinking at the Table of the LORD

How Firm a Foundation-Trinity Hymnal No.94 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)



1. How firm a foun-da-tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go, the riv-ers of
4. "When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie, my grace, all-suf-
6. "The soul that on Je-sus has leaned for re- pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and
sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your
fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I
will not de-sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en-



you he has said, to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.
on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.
dea-vor to shake, I'll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er for-sake."

Trinity Hymnal No. 94 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)

TEXT: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.; Mod.

TUNE (FOUNDATION): Traditional American melody; J Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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* Sending

* Benediction | Hebrew 10:23

Leader: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

* Postlude

**If you haven't picked up your Poinsettias yet, you
can find them in the Tomlin Hall Lobby.**

Serving This Morning:

Updates: Andrea Fuller

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Owen McCullough

Readers: Frances McFarland and McKie Green

Musicians: Abigail Baarendse, Vicki Bowles, Dianne Britton, Heather Coleridge, Barb Howell, Tim McConnell, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: Chris Hollis

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

Midweek Reset Small Group | Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

LPC has a Midweek Reset Small group that meets every Wednesday in the Parlor each time church meal is served at 5:30 p.m.

Our new study is the video series **“Unoffendable” by Brant Hansen.**

“As it turns out, giving up our right to be offended is one of the most freeing, healthy, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, and encouraging things we can do. It allows us to recognize that people are broken and stop being scandalized by their actions. It enables us to accept people and stop judging them. It creates a way for us to not just love others but to actually like them.”

Please join us each week as we discuss each of the six 18 minute videos.

May the GOD of *Hope*
 fill you with all *Joy*
 and *Peace* as you trust
 in HIM, so that you
 may overflow with
Hope by the *Power*
 of the HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 15:13 NIV

UN-Deck the Halls

Please plan to stay after 11:00 worship
TODAY!
 and help us UN-Deck the Halls
 ~Lunch will be provided~



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