

June 29, 2025

Worship | 11 am

Livestream | 11 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.

At Lexington Presbyterian Church, for God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.

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# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

\* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

## PRAISE

Updates | Following Christ Together

\* **Call to Worship** | From Psalm 95:1-7a

*Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

*All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

*Leader: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.*

*All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.*

*Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

*All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.*

## \* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty-Trinity Hymnal No. 53



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.

*Trinity Hymnal No. 53*

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## \* Prayer of Invocation

\* **Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 11:10-16 | Pew Bible p. 576

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

He will raise a signal for the nations  
and will assemble the banished of Israel,  
and gather the dispersed of Judah  
from the four corners of the earth.

The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,  
and those who harass Judah shall be cut off;  
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,  
and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west,  
and together they shall plunder the people of the east.

They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab,  
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

And the LORD will utterly destroy  
the tongue of the Sea of Egypt,  
and will wave his hand over the River  
with his scorching breath,  
and strike it into seven channels,  
and he will lead people across in sandals.

And there will be a highway from Assyria  
for the remnant that remains of his people,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

# Across the Lands

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-  
 2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the  
 3. With a shout You rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ling vic-try from the

gan; ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand. All cre-  
 lost, and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross. With a  
 grave and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in Your way. Now You

a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of Your voice. Let the  
 prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea; Yet how  
 stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for Your own; From each

skies de-clare Your glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice! You're the  
 si-lent-ly You suf-fered, that the guilt-y may go free!  
 tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home!

Au-thor of cre-a-tion, You're the Lord of ev-'ry

man, and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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# RENEWAL

## Call to Confession | 1 Samuel 15:22-23

*Leader: And Samuel said,  
“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?  
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to listen than the fat of rams.  
For rebellion is as the sin of divination,  
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.  
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,  
he has also rejected you from being king.”*

## Corporate Confession of Sin | From the Valley of Vision

*All: Behold, Lord,  
I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled.  
My Lord, fill it.  
I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.  
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,  
that my love may go out to my neighbor.  
I do not have a strong and firm faith;  
at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether.  
O Lord, help me.  
Strengthen my faith and trust in You.  
In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have.  
I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.  
I am a sinner; You are upright.  
With me there is an abundance of sin;  
in You is the fullness of righteousness.  
Therefore I will remain with You,  
of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.  
Amen.*

## Silent Confession

**\* Words of Comfort** | Romans 8:1-2

*Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.*

*All: And also with you.*

## \* In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
 babe; this gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose - a -  
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
 me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 hand. 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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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](http://lexpres.churchcenter.com).
- Text2Give: text any dollar amount to 84321.

# Come, Thou Fount

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hi - ther by Thy help I'm  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dail - y I'm con - strained to  
 4. O that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly

4  
 grace; streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est  
 come; and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at  
 be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wand - ering heart to  
 face; cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - reign

8  
 praise. Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 home. Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of  
 thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I  
 grace. Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a -

12  
 bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 God: He, to res - cue me from dang - er, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 way; send thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Trinity Hymnal No. 457

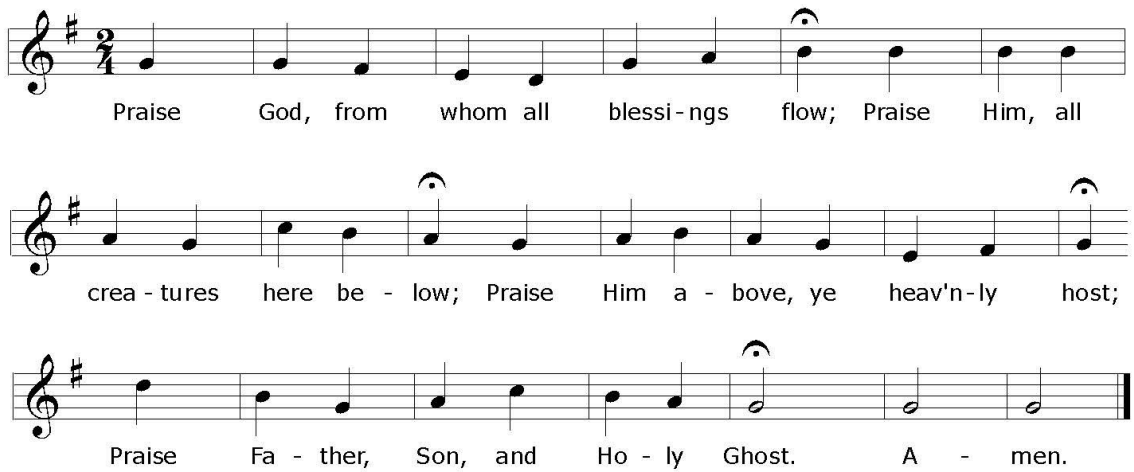
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## \* The Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings 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.

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## \* Offertory Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Corporate Prayer

### \* **Scripture Reading** | Acts 1:6-8 | Pew Bible p. 909

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## Sermon | Empowered for Christian Witness

Rev. Dr. Prakash Matthew

# \* May the People Praise You



1. You have called us out of dark - est night in - to Your glor - ious light, that  
 3. earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, and



we may sing the won - ders of the - ris - en Christ. 2. May our  
 from Your hand we give to - You to - make Christ known. 4. May the  
 5. (This our)



ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife with  
 seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard. May  
 ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to



## Refrain

bound - less love and deep - est - joy, with end - less life. May the  
 songs of praise build lives of - grace to - spread Your Word.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and - tongue, Your church pro - claim.



peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be - glad! All Your bless - ing comes that



we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus. 3. All the  
 5. This our

## Bridge



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.



Wor - thy, wor - thy, is the Lamb Who was slain.  
 All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name!

[ Repeat REFRAIN ]

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## \* Sending

Elders will be available to pray with you in the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

## \* Benediction | Ephesians 3:20-21

*Leader: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

## \* Postlude

## Serving This Morning:

Updates: Tyler Josephson

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Owen McCullough

Readers: Kim Gamble

Musicians: Abigail Baarendse, Esther Baarendse, Butch Bost, Ruth Ellen Lorick, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: Todd Shafer, Jacob Baarendse

## Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of May 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions \$119,163

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

Faith Promise Giving: \$85,539

Missions Disbursements \$179,264

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

## Stewardship

Through the end of May 2025:

Budget FYTD \$1,119,502

Received FYTD \$1,044,832

Expenditures FYTD \$987,967

## Announcement

Pastor Curt would like to let you know about new sermon series starting July 6. It is entitled, “Reality and Realization: What we face now; What awaits us in eternity.”

It does not take long to realize as biblical Christians living in a fallen world that we are enduring and suffering under a curse, first triggered by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The sobering news is that we face daily the daunting effects of this curse, and will continue to do so until we die or until Jesus returns. The good news is that we will NOT continue to live under this curse, for what awaits us in eternity is far beyond what we could ever imagine!

For some sad reason(s), few pastors and teachers ever spend much time teaching and preaching about this subject. Not here!

In this series, we will briefly remind ourselves of the current effects that we face from the Adamic Fall, but will spend much more time focusing on all the glories that await us in eternity. This includes especially examining the final two chapters of the Bible (Revelation 21–22) in a verse-by-verse exposition that will encourage us to see what awaits believers in the new heaven and the new earth.

Join us as we remind ourselves of today’s realities, but look forward to the glorious realizations in eternity in this powerful study.

## Connect Card

Thanks for joining us today. We would love to come alongside you in your walk with Jesus, whether you're new to our community or you've been here a while.

Visit [lexpreschurch.com/connect](https://lexpreschurch.com/connect) or scan the QR code to fill out our Connect Card!

If you're not familiar with QR codes, we're here to help!



1. Open your smartphone's camera and point it at the QR code so that it shows clearly on your screen.
2. Wait for the camera to recognize and scan the QR code.
3. Click the link banner or notification when it pops up on your screen. Our Connect Card will automatically load in your browser.

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<https://lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry/>

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**VBS 2025 Registration**  
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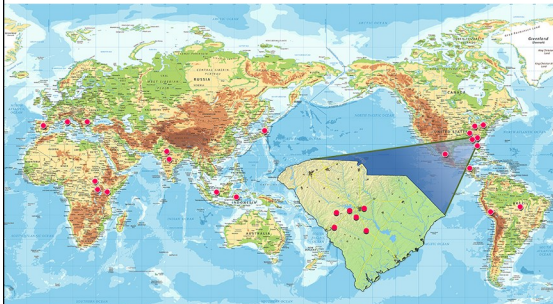
**TRUE NORTH**  
 Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Join us as we trek into an  
 unforgettable Alaskan Adventure!  
 Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Deadline to register is July 3<sup>rd</sup>



**New Service time!**  
**Beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>**

We're changing our routine!  
 We will have one service at 10:00 am.  
 CE classes will be at 8:45 am

**2025-2026 FAITH PROMISE**  
 Goal - \$100,000  
 Date - June 29, 2025  
 Engaging People  
 with Gospel Hope  
 in Lexington  
 and Around the World!

**LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH  
 LPC NIGHT**  
**Tickets \$15.99**  
 Includes ticket, unlimited all-beef hotdogs, burgers  
 chicken sandwiches, chips, brownies, drinks



**Fri, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:05PM**

Gates open  
 at 6:00PM



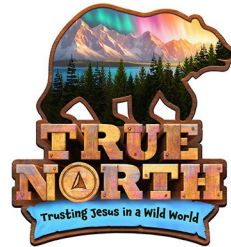

## Christmas in July???

No! But we need Christmas trees for decorating for our Alaska adventure!

We need trees delivered on July 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> and they must be picked up Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> after 12:00 pm  
\*Be sure and put your name on your tree!



## Help us decorate for our journey to ALASKA!



- Sunday, July 20th - 1:00 - 6:00 pm
- Monday, July 21st 9:00 am - 6:00pm
- Come for as long as you can.



## LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSIONS MOMENT LUNCHEON

with Michael & Julie  
Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> | 12:30pm



Please register



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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 13, 2025  
8:45 am  
(during CE hour)

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