

August 31, 2025
Worship and Livestream || 10:00 am

Reality and Realization:



What We Face Now;
What Awaits Us In Eternity
Revelation 21-22

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 145:1-5

*Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

*All: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*

*Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*All: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

* 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing,



it's time to sing Your song — a - gain. What -
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
 the end draws near, and my time has come;



ev - er may — pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore — me,
 all — Your — goodness I will keep — on — sing - ing;
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more.



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O — my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name.



— Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. —

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011

* Prayer of Invocation

* **Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 12:3-6 | Pew Bible p. 576

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - dee - mer There is no
 2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture
 4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he has



more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness, and
 side, the Sav - ior he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly
 joi - cing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -
 par - don and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -
 new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus For my life is who - lly bound to his. Oh how
 fend - me Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the
 fea - ted Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea Oh the
 Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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RENEWAL

Call to Confession | Psalm 130:1-4

*Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

*All: Merciful and Gracious Father,
we bow before Your holy presence in reverence,
humility, repentance, and devotion.
We know that You are the Holy God,
and that we are sinners in thought, in word, and in deed.
We confess that You are the Omnipotent God,
and so we bow in humility and in sorrow over our sin.
We declare that You are the Majestic God and King
over all things, so we submit ourselves in obedience to You.
Hear our prayers of repentance and confession,
and fill us with the love of Jesus
and with the cleansing presence of Your Holy Spirit in all that we do.
We ask this in Jesus' name, 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.

* The Sands of Time Are Sinking



1. The sands of ___ time are sink - ing ___ The dawn of
 2. The king there ___ in ___ His beaut - y ___ With - out a
 3. O Christ He ___ is ___ the Foun - tain ___ The deep sweet
 4. The bride eyes ___ not ___ her gar - ment ___ But her dear
 5. Oh! I am ___ my ___ be - lov - ed's ___ And my be -



hea - yen ___ breaks, The sum - mer morn I've sighed for ___
 veil is ___ seen It were a ___ well spent jour - ney ___
 well of ___ love The streams on ___ earth I've tast - ed ___
 bride - groom's ___ face I will not ___ gaze at glo - ry ___
 13 lov - ed is ___ mine! He brings a ___ poor vile sin - ner ___



The fair sweet morn a - wakes ___ Dark dark had
 Though sev'n deaths lay be - tween ___ The Lamb with
 More deep I'll drink a - bove ___ There to an
 But on my King of grace ___ Not at the
 19 In - to His house of wine ___ I stand up -



been the mid - night But day - spring is at ___ hand
 His fair ar - my ___ Doth on Mount Zi - on ___ stand
 o - cean full - ness His mer - cy doth ex - pand
 crown He giv - eth ___ But on His pier - ced ___ hand
 25 on His me - rit ___ I know no oth - er ___ stand



And glor - y glor - y dwell - eth In Em-man - uel's ___ land.
 And glor - y, glor - y, dwell - eth In Em-man - uel's ___ land.
 And glor - y, glor - y, dwell - eth In Em-man - uel's ___ land.
 The Lamb is all the glo - ry ___ Of Em-man - uel's ___ land.
 Not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth In Em-man - uel's ___ land.

Words: Anne Cousin, 1857 (based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters 1600-1661)
 Music: Traditional Folk Tune (Arr. Philip Palmertree, 2001)

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.

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

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great high
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
5 3. Be - hold him there! the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less righ - teous - ness; the great un -
Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on his
look and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
10 change - a - ble I Am, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self I can - not
hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God the Just is sa - tis - fied to look on
die, my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
15 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Words: Charitie Bancroft 1863

Music: Vicki Cook 1997

* 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 | "Where is Belle?"

* Scripture Reading | Revelation 22:1-7 | Pew Bible pp. 1,041-1,042

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Sermon | Reality and Realization

What We Face Now; What Awaits Us in Eternity

8. Trustworthy and True: An Inside Look at the Wonders Awaiting God's People

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Sermon Notes

In 2007, an interesting event occurred in Washington, D.C., that The Washington Post termed a “social experiment.”¹ In a hustle and bustle get-to-work environment of the L’Enfant Plaza Station entrance of the Metro, they positioned Joshua Bell, widely regarded by musicians as a world-class violinist, to play some of the most elegant and beautiful compositions to see if people would stop and listen. Disguised with a baseball cap and everyday clothes to look like any other street performer, he played for nearly an hour some of the same masterpieces that he had performed previously to sold-out concert audiences all over the world on his \$3.5 million Stratovarius. To his and everyone’s surprise, only 7 people stopped to listen. How many people passed by? 1,070. What is the moral of this story? We can become so absorbed in our own world that we fail to slow down, to “wake up and smell the roses,” and to think about the deeper and more beautiful realities of life.

The moral of that story applies aptly to our text today as readers enter the last chapter of the Bible. When people read the opening lines of Revelation 22, they are struck with realities that are spellbinding and exhilarating, but often they do not choose to take the time to ponder the wonders of the believer’s eternal life and of a Christian’s everlasting home. Maybe it is due to the preoccupation over the issues of this temporary life. Maybe it is because they think that Jesus is really not coming back soon. Whatever the reason is, the results are clear: when we fail to think about eternal realities, there is a loss of focus, anticipation, and hope.

By the end of the first century, John was the last surviving apostle of the original twelve. Because of his faith and witness, he was banished to a rugged, unforgiving landscape on the Island of Patmos. His congregation faced intimidation, persecution, and harassment from the Roman government. At a moment when times were difficult and the temptation to compromise and to forsake the Faith was real, these visions—and especially this final vision in chapter 22—came to the apostle to encourage him and his followers to stay loyal to Christ and to serve Him until the end: “Why is this vision placed at the end of the book? It is here to underscore the ultimate basis for John’s final goal and purpose in writing: to exhort God’s people to remain faithful.”²

There appears to be a resurgent interest in the study of Revelation these days. Why? I believe there are at least 3 reasons: 1) We are living in oppressive days when evil seeks to

overthrow good; 2) Masses of people are leaving organized churches (mostly mainline) because they see hypocrisy and worldliness, themes seen in Revelation 2-3; and 3) some are sensing that we are living in “the last days.” Whatever the reason(s) may be, we need to see this last vision for what it truly means and for what it causes us to do: THINK about eternity and what believers will do forever in our heavenly home so that we will endure and remain faithful to Christ.

Big Takeaway: Because Jesus’ vision and words are true and trustworthy, believers are to anchor our spiritual identity in Him, rooted in the assurance of everlasting life and light that Almighty God has deposited in us now and will lavish on us completely in eternity.

1. Trustworthy and true: True believers receive the mark of God’s ownership upon their lives (22:4). “They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.” Of all the profound truths in Scripture, none could ever be more endearing than these precious words. What Moses asked for but did not receive (Exodus 33:20), what Philip requested and was rebuked for by Christ (John 14:8ff), and what Paul reminded the Corinthians (“we now see in a mirror dimly” in 1 Corinthians 13:2), true believers will experience in total and complete fullness throughout eternity. *We shall see the face of our Savior, and all the trials, troubles, tribulations, sorrows, disappointments, sadness, tears, and hardships will all melt away when we gaze upon His beauty and countenance.* It is *THEN* that the full Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) will find completion:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

It is in Jesus, the Eternal Lamb’s presence, that we not only see His brilliance and wonder, but it is also where we receive the seal of His ownership upon our lives: His name shall be etched upon our foreheads. We shall bask in the luster of this bondedness, rest in the comfort of His love, and savor the pleasures of all that He has prepared for us in our heavenly home on earth: “The process of transformation now underway in the life of the believer (2 Corinthians 3:18) will be brought to completion when the church enters its ultimate and ideal state. As the followers of the beast bore his mark upon their foreheads (Revelation 13:16), so will the faithful bear the name of God upon theirs. The metaphor stresses ownership and likeness.”³ His eye will always

be upon us, and we shall delight and relish in the total goodness and mercy of His provisions throughout eternity, to the praise and glory of His Name. Note this allusion in Exodus 28:36-38. And in this vision, two aspects of our identity stand out that remind us how precious and valuable we are to Him. We know that we will do at least two important things (likely more!) in eternity:

- a. *True believers will serve (worship) Him (v. 3).* “And His servants will worship Him.” That word “worship” is the Greek verb “la-true-oh”, and while the ESV translates it as “worship,” it means literally “to serve.” Certainly worship is a part of serving God, especially when you do it with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30-31), so it may be more comprehensive to say that in all that we do to serve our great God throughout eternity, we shall do it in a spirit of reverent, grateful worship, thanking Him for all the blessings that make up our incredible identity as children of God.
 - b. *True believers will reign with Him (v. 5c).* “For the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.” This brings to mind Scripture texts that speak to some degree of the kind of ruling believers will do in eternity (1 Corinthians 6:2-3, Hebrews 1:14, 2:5-8, Revelation 2:26-27, 17:14, 19:14), not to forget the truth that our dominion over the earth, originally given to Adam, is *still* in effect and will occupy our time and priorities in eternity (Genesis 1:28, Psalm 8:5-8): “Christ fulfills the role of the last Adam in order, partly, to rule over, to have corporate solidarity with His people, the eternal new creation, which includes the holy angels (Hebrews 2:5-16), who exist merely to be servants of the redeemed (Hebrews 1:14, Revelation 21:12). But exalted believers are different from the first Adam in that, whereas God only commissioned him to rule, now God *promises* that His people certainly will reign without end.”⁴
2. Trustworthy and true: True believers will nourish and thrive upon the provisions of eternal life given by God Almighty (22:1-2). The opening words of chapter 2 evoke a magnificent and astounding sight: “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.” Two sources of eternal life are pictured: water and fruit, a similar picture seen in the original Garden of Eden

(Genesis 2:8-10), but now it is a *redemptively restored haven for all the elect of God's grace*:
“John has pulled back the veil so that we can see the blessing of the new creation, where we'll be:

- blessed to be adorned as a bride for Jesus,
- blessed to be at home with Jesus,
- blessed to have our tears wiped away by Jesus,
- blessed to drink the living water of Jesus,
- blessed to share in the inheritance of Jesus,
- blessed to gaze upon the radiance and beauty of Jesus,
- blessed to live in the security provided by Jesus,
- blessed to enter into the Most Holy Place because of Jesus,
- blessed to be satisfied by Jesus,
- blessed to be healed by Jesus,
- blessed to worship Jesus,
- blessed to see the face of Jesus,
- blessed to belong forever to Jesus,
- blessed to live in the radiant light of Jesus,
- blessed to reign forever and ever with Jesus.

Truly blessed. Eternally blessed. Indeed, this will be the life of blessing we were made for.”⁵

Several OT prophecies come to mind when thinking about the river of life and the tree of life. We quickly recall Ezekiel 47:iff, where the prophet sees a sight remarkably like John's in this text. We also remember Isaiah's prophetic declaration, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day, ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His Name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel’” (Isaiah 12:3-6). See also Joel 3:18. “In the new city of God the pure water does not issue from the temple as in Ezekiel but comes from the throne of God, since this whole city is a Most Holy Place with God at its center. Life from God streams unceasingly through the new world.”⁶ The first thing John sees when he is escorted inside the eternal city is this beautiful, crystal-clear river

of life, the same waters that Ezekiel and Isaiah saw from a prophetic distance. The second thing John saw was the tree of life (22:2), and he described its uniqueness with two peculiar characteristics:

- a. *It produces manifold fruit throughout the year (v. 22).* John noticed that it had “twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.” I do not know what I appreciate more about this image: the sight of one tree bearing many kinds of fruit (one each month), or that we will continue to experience seasonal climates, indicated by the word “month.” “The actual time cycles will continue on forever. The fact that months are identified as such in New Jerusalem indicates that the orbital and rotational motions of the earth will go on as God established in the very beginning and that the moon likewise will continue orbiting around the earth.”⁷ Farmers and gardeners, rejoice!
- b. *Its leaves bring therapeutic healing (v. 2b).* Not only is the fruit of the Tree of Life eternally nourishing, but so are its leaves: “The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” This language presents us with a beautiful, yet perplexing metaphor. Some have pondered, “Why is healing pictured in heaven with the Tree of Life? Aren’t all believers healed before we enter the new, redeemed, eternal city?” For sure, we are completely healed and restored when we see Christ face to face; however, we must remember that this imagery came from God to John to *comfort believers who were suffering and living with the pains of earthly life now*. The knowledge that a future day of no pain, no hurt, no disease, and no misery awaits them in the balm of complete healing would bring John and his readers great consolation and comfort: “The glory of the age to come is necessarily portrayed by means of imagery belonging to the present age. The healing leaves indicate the complete absence of physical and spiritual want. The life to come will be a life of abundance and perfection.”⁸
3. Trustworthy and true: True believers will saturate their redeemed souls and resurrected bodies in the cleansing light of God Almighty’s presence in eternity (22:3). “No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.” The opening words of this verse appear this way in the original language: “And every curse will not be there, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it.” See how this nuance is slightly different

from the ESV? It reminds us that with the manifestation of God's purifying and cleansing presence, His glory and light will never permit anything unclean, unholy, impure, and contaminated in this new world. John reiterates here what was already seen in 21:27. The overwhelming greatness of God's light will permeate every inch of our eternal existence with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit dwelling among us in richness and in beauty. What Peter, James, and John experienced briefly on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17), we will enjoy permanently and completely as we worship God the Trinity in purity and in love. John echoed two themes here that appeared earlier in chapter 21, repeated because of the forging impression that this vision made upon his heart:

- a. *No more night (v. 5)*. "And night will be no more." The original language makes this emphatic: "And night *not will* be there." The "not" in the original is placed early in the sentence for emphasis and priority. This was seen earlier at 21:25. Our eternal home will allow us never to need sleep, never to get tired, never to need rest, and never to grow weary. *Finally!* We will be able to do ALL that we were created and redeemed to do, not just in brief moments or in spurts, but for all eternity! Amen!
- b. *No need for a lamp nor for the sun's light (v. 5)*. "They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light." Again, John repeated this concept, seen previously in 21:11, 23. This left a significant impression on his soul that he wanted to stress it again for importance.

Summary: Believers, this is your eternal home:

- Soon you shall see your Savior's face, and the light of His countenance will be upon you forever.
- You shall enjoy eternal food (the Tree of Life) and eternal drink (the River of Life) in abundance.
- You shall enjoy the identity marker of "Child of God Almighty" upon your life forever.
- You shall reign with God forever in His holy presence and upon the newly restored and redeemed Earth.

Personal Application:

Let these words penned by hymnwriter Charles Gabriel (1856-1932) and its story⁹ encourage your heart:

When all my labors and trials are o'er,
and I am safe on that beautiful shore,
just to be near the dear Lord I adore
will through the ages be glory for me.

When by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
just to be there and to look on His face
will through the ages be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago,
joy like a river around me will flow.
Yet just a smile from my Savior, I know,
will through the ages be glory for me.

Chorus:

O that will be glory for me,
Glory for me, glory for me!
When by His grace I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me!

Reflection on Revelation 21:23:

“Yonder in the better world, the inhabitants are independent of all creature comforts. They have no need of raiment; their white robes never wear out, neither shall they ever be defiled. They need no medicine to heal diseases, for the inhabitant shall not say, ‘I am sick.’ They need no sleep to recruit their frames—they rest not day nor night, but unweariedly praise Him in His temple. They need no social relationship to minister comfort, and whatever happiness they may derive from association with their fellows is not essential to their bliss, for their Lord’s society is enough for their largest desires. They need no teachers there; they doubtless commune with one another concerning the things of God, but they do not require this by way of instruction; they shall all be taught of the Lord. Ours are the

alms at the king's gate, but they feast at the table itself. Here we lean upon the friendly arm, but there they lean upon their Beloved and upon Him alone. Here we must have the help of our companions, but there they find all they want in Christ Jesus. Here we look to the meat which perishes, and to the raiment which decays before the moth, but there they find everything in God. We use the bucket to fetch us water from the well, but there they drink from the fountainhead, and put their lips down to the living water. Here the angels bring us blessings, but we shall want no messengers from heaven then. They shall need no Gabriels there to bring their love notes from God, for there they shall see Him face to face. Oh! What a blessed time shall that be when we shall have mounted above every second cause and shall rest upon the bare arm of God! What a glorious hour when God, and not His creatures; the Lord, and not His works, shall be our daily joy! Our souls shall then have attained the perfection of bliss.”¹⁰

Study and Discussion Questions:

- Review and discuss the opening illustration about violinist Joshua Bell. What is learned here?
- Discuss this statement: “At a moment when times were difficult and the temptation to compromise and to forsake the Faith was real, these visions—and especially this final vision in chapter 22—came to the apostle to encourage him and his followers to stay loyal to Christ and to serve Him until the end.”
- Discuss the significance of Revelation 22:6, “These words are trustworthy and true.” How important is this?
- Review and discuss what believers will experience and enjoy in their eternal home in this passage.
- Review and discuss what will not be in a believer's eternal home in this passage, and what that means to you.

Footnotes:

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* All Must Be Well



1. Through the love of God our Sav - ior, All will be _____ well;
 2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, All will be _____ well;
 3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor - row, All will be _____ well;



Free and change - less is His fav - or All _____ is _____ well; Pre - cious
 Ours is such a full sal - va - tion, All _____ is _____ well; Hap - py
 Faith can sing through days of sor - row, All _____ is _____ well; On our



is the blood that healed us, Per - fect is the grace that sealed us _____ Strong the
 still in God con - fid - ing Fruit - ful if in Christ a - bid - ing, _____ Stead - fast
 Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, _____ Yes in



hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be _____ well.
 through the Spir - it's guid - ing, All must be _____ well.
 liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be _____ well.

Words: Mary Bowley-Peters (1813-1856)

Music: Matthew Smith 2007

* Sending

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

* Benediction | Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Leader: 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.

* Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Updates: Tyler Josephson

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Steve Baarendse

Reader: Will Miller

Musicians: Abigail Baarendse, Heather Coleridge, Jeff Francis, Tim McConnell, Don Parker, Josiah Rogers, Brian Skelly

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler

Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of July 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$10,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$9,316
Missions Disbursements	\$27,844

Stewardship

Through the end of July 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$95,522
Received FYTD	\$108,181
Expenditures FYTD	\$98,001

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 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.

Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LPCWomen>

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Let's send Pastor Curt and Beth off with a big Thank You!

*Sunday, September 14th
Covered Dish Luncheon
and Reception in honor of
The McDaniels*

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE TODAY!

We are currently accepting nominations for Ruling Elder, Deacon and Corporate Officers. Please be sure and speak to your nominee(s) to get their "OK" that they are willing to serve. Fill out forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and return to the church office or hand to an Elder.



Activity Guide

FALL 2025

Pick one up in the Welcome Center or Children's Check-in area
Stay up to date with all of our fall activities



WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR

Labor Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

lifeline

adoption info meeting


Defend the weak and the fatherless,
the poor and the powerless.
Proverbs 82:3

September 14, 2025 | 6:00pm
Lexington Presbyterian Church



register here






Palmetto Presbytery

There will be a called meeting of Palmetto Presbytery on September 10th for the purpose of examining and approving the transfer of ordination credentials of Pastor Josh to our presbytery and his call to LPC. Everyone is invited to attend. Please register for brunch if you plan to come!

register here





midweek reset resumes
 wednesday, september 10th
 registration for meals opens sept. 4th



Wednesday Nights
 Beginning Sept. 10th
 6:15-7:30 pm



Register Now!



YOUNG MEN TOO!
MEN'S BREAKFAST
 WITH SOME GOOD NEWS
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
 7:30 - 8:30 AM | TOMLIN HALL

REACH OUT AND INVITE FRIENDS
 AND NEIGHBORS WHO MIGHT
 NEED SOME GOOD NEWS TOO!



REGISTER HERE



CPR/AED CLASS

American
 Heart
 Association®

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:00am - 12:30pm

Tomlin Hall

Cost - \$25

Max class size - 12



register here

Children's Ministry Meal & Meeting

You're invited to learn more about our fall
 discipleship opportunities for children
 including CE classes, Kids Quest,
 CAMP, and more!

Wednesday, September 3rd

6:00-7:30 PM | Tomlin Hall

Pizza and drinks

will be provided for all!

Please register here



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