

October 5, 2025

Worship and 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 68:4-6

*Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!*

All: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

* Come Ye, Sinners

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed,
 2. Come ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness
 4. Come, ye wear - y, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 5. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me

sick and sore. Je - sus read - y, stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy. True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
 fond - ly dream; All the fit - ness He re - quires
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
 in His arms. In the arms of my dear Sa - vior,

full of pit - y, love and pow'r.
 ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 Is to feel your need of Him.
 you will nev - er come at all.
 O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

Words: Joseph Hart, 1759

Music: Sacred Harp (arr. Bruce Benedict, 2006)

* Prayer of Invocation

* **Scripture Reading** | 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 | Pew Bible p. 965

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Did Christ Over Sinners Weep



1. Did Christ ov - er sin - ners weep? And shall our cheeks be dry?
 2. He wept that we might weep, might weep o'er sin and shame.
 3. Then ten - der be our hearts our eyes in sor - row dim



Let floods of pen - i - ten - tial grief burst forth
 He wept to show his love for us and bid
 Til ev - 'ry tear from ev - 'ry eye be wiped



from ev - 'ry eye burst forth from ev - 'ry eye Be -
 us love the same, and bid us love the same.
 a - way by him be wiped a - way by him



hold the Son of God in tears the an - gels won - d'ring see Hast



thou no won - der, O my soul? He shed those tears for thee!

Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1818; alt. Henry Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: Blake Mundell, 2012

RENEWAL

Call to Confession | Psalm 32:5

*Leader: 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.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Lord Jesus,
we have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives.
Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations,
but we thank you that they will not stand against us,
for all have been laid on Christ.
Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins,
everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us,
everything that prevents us from taking delight in you,
in your powerful name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

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

*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.*

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. —
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —



His mer - cy is more. — Strong - er than dark - ness,



new eve - ry morn; our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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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 who call Lexington Presbyterian their “spiritual home” 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.

Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme ___ of my ___ song the
 2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could ___ not live ___ here;
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match ___ for my ___ heart which
 3 4. Great fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I ___ own and the

joy of my heart and the boast ___ of my tongue. Thy
 sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all

5 free grace a - lone ___ from the first ___ to the last ___ hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive ___ and
 solved by thy good - ness I fall ___ to the ground ___ and
 7 praise to the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine ___ seals

won my af - fec - tions and bound ___ my ___ soul ___ fast.
 he that first made ___ me still keeps ___ me ___ a - live.
 weep for the praise ___ of the mer - cy ___ I've ___ found.
 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness ___ mine.

Words: John Stocker 1776
 Music: Sandra McCracken 2001

* The Doxology

Musical score for 'The Doxology' in G major and common time. The score consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709
Music: Louis Bergeois, 1551

* Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* Scripture Reading | Isaiah 40:1-5 | Pew Bible p. 599

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD'S hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Sermon | The Good News of Comfort

Rev. Josh Johnson

* Dawning Light of Our Salvation

1. Long in dark - ness Is - rael wan - d' red; Long in mor - tal sha - dows, we
 2. He shall raise a migh - ty Sav - ior; born of Dav - id's lin - eage, He
 3. Je - sus, Lord, and migh - ty Sav - ior, Dav - id's Son and yet his King,

5
 Walked in bon - dage and self - pi - ty, Trod in paths of sin and grief.
 comes in cov - 'nant love to claim us from our sins to set us free.
 9
 Dawn - ing light of our sal - va - tion, of your sav - ing pow'r we sing!

13
 In the pro - phets' words He told us, Long the God of Is - rael spoke;
 Light to those who dwell in dark - ness Life to those from death who flee
 Stand, oh lame, and dance ye brok - en, know the Sav - ior's heal - ing grace;

18
 He a - lone in strength would save us From the hands of all our foes.
 Joy un - to the earth, and glad - ness, To your path - ways dawn - ing peace!
 Come, oh deaf and hear him sing - ing; turn, oh blind, be - hold his face!

22
 Ev - 'ry val - ley be ex - al - ted! Ev - 'ry moun - tain be made plain! —
 Crook - ed ways re - pent and strai - ght - ten; All cre - a - tion bend in praise! —

Words: Wendell Kimbrough, 2012
 Music: Bruce Benedict, 2012

* Sending

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

Ben Church will preach October 12th as a part of the Missions Focused weekend.

* Benediction | Romans 15:13

Leader: 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.

* Postlude

Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. Do you ever feel, or believe, that God forgets you? What circumstances bring those feelings to your heart?
2. How does God's comfort for sinners in Jesus help you when you think your life is too messy for Him?
3. What does our country/culture, and even we ourselves, consider to be "glorious" — important, deserving praise, commanding our veneration and worship — and how are you actively fighting against those values?
4. To whom in your life can you bring the comfort of God's nearness, and what might that look like?

Resources Used for Study in Isaiah:

1. *Isaiah*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Oswalt)
2. *Isaiah*, John Calvin Commentary
3. *Isaiah*, Preaching the Word (Ortlund)
4. *Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*
5. *Teaching Isaiah* (Jackman)

Serving This Morning:

Updates, Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Tyler Josephson

Reader: Courtneylove Gowans

Musicians: Esther Baarendse, Heather Coleridge, Katie Drayton, Jeff Francis, Tim McConnell, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler, Jason Waters

Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of August 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$20,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$13,633
Missions Disbursements	\$30,168

Stewardship

Through the end of August 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$191,044
Received FYTD	\$214,193
Expenditures FYTD	\$189,798

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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You're Invited
Installation Service
for Pastor Josh Johnson
October 26, 2025 | 4:00pm
reception following



Missions Focused Weekend
with the Church family
October 10-12



Friday
Family Dinner | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Tomlin Hall
Saturday
Men's Breakfast | 7:30 - 9:00 am | Tomlin Hall
Ladies' Lunch | 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Tomlin Hall
Sunday
Ben Church preaching | 10:00 worship
Registration required for all meals



Join us for a Churchwide
Reformation Celebration
Wednesday, October 29th | 5:30 - 7:30pm
Dinner and Activities for
children and adults
Wear your Medieval Costumes



We Need Candy
for our
Reformation
Celebration



Please bring to the
children's check-in desk
or Tomlin Lobby by October 22nd



midweek reset
wednesdays at 5:30pm
please register



Flu season is upon us. Flu vaccines provided by Kroger Pharmacy will be available Wednesday, Oct 8th from 5:00-7:30pm in the Welcome Center. Kroger will bill Medicare and most insurance.



Wednesday
Nights
6:15-7:30 pm



Midweek Reset Small Group
Wednesday | 6:30-7:30 pm
In the Parlor

1 Samuel

Join us as we walk through the book of 1 Samuel with Charles Brant. We begin with God's Word and close with prayer for each other. Come as you are | we'd be delighted to have you with us!

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