

October 19, 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

Reflections for Worship

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day,
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lambs' innocent call,
And he hears the ewes' tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace,
For they know when their shepherd is nigh.

- William Blake, The Shepherd (1789)

A believer longs after God, to come into his presence, to feel his love, to feel near to him in secret, to feel in the crowd that he is nearer than all the creatures. Ah! dear brethren, have you ever tasted this blessedness? There is greater rest and solace to be found in the presence of God for one hour than in an eternity of the presence of man.

- Robert Murray M'Cheyne, SERMON XIV

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

PRAISE

Updates | Following Christ Together

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 100:1-5

*Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!*

*All: Know that the LORD, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*All: For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.*

* Steadfast

1. I will build my house whe-ther storm or drought, on the rock that does not
 2. By the word you spoke all the star - ry host are called out by name each
 3. I will not trust in the strength of kings, on Your prom - ise I will

4
 move. I will set my hope in your love, O Lord and your faith - ful - ness will
 night. In your watch - ful care, I will rest se - cure as you lead us with your
 stand. I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice, Hal - le - lu - jah to the

8
 prove: You are *stead - fast,*
 light. I will raise my voice, Hal - le - lu - jah to the
 Lamb!

13
 In the mo - ment of emp - ti - ness all was ful-filled, In the ho - ur of dark - ness Your

17
 light was re-vealed, In the pre - sence of death Your life was af-firmed, In the

20
 ab - sence of ho - li - ness You are still God.

Words and music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg, 2016 (with adaptations from Henri Nouwen)

* Prayer of Invocation

* **Scripture Reading** | 1 Peter 1:13-25 | Pew Bible p. 1,014

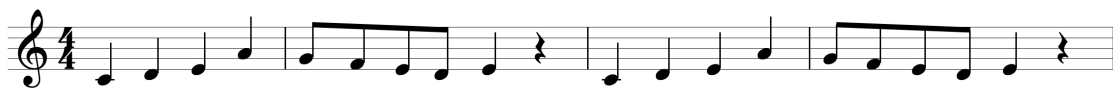
Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

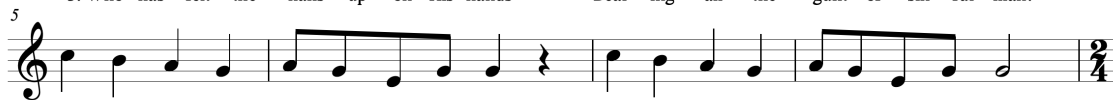
“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Behold Our God



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands Bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
 Who can teach the One Who knows all things? Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
 God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!



Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King! Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

Music and words by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
 Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge © 2011

RENEWAL

Call to Confession | 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: O Gracious Father,
We confess that our hearts have often been far from You,
and we have strayed from Your Word.
In our sinful nature, we have given in to sin and temptation,
and we have delighted in what displeases You.
Forgive our sinful thoughts, our harsh words, and our prideful deeds.
Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation
and renew a right spirit within us,
That we may faithfully live a life worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus,
In whose name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

*** Words of Comfort | Jeremiah 33:8**

Leader: I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

5
 When the tempt - er would pre - vail He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 9 Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

13
 I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His pro - mi - ses shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

18
 For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

22
 For my Sav - ior loves me so He will hold me fast.

Lyrics: Ada Habershon, 1861

Music & add'l lyrics: Matt Merker, 2013

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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.

Choir Anthem | Offertory

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come to him with burnt offerings?
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
But to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God.

Text: Micah 6:6-8

Music: John Ness Beck (1987)

* Gloria Patri-Trinity Hymnal No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: 2nd cent.; tr.

TUNE (GLORIA PATRI GREEATOREX): Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

* Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* **Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 40:6-11 | Pew Bible pp. 599-600

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

Sermon | The Good News of God's Presence

Rev. Josh Johnson

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!

Confessing Our Faith | Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose
again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; *
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*the universal church that trusts in Christ alone

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution

Eating and Drinking at the Table of the LORD

* Behold the Lamb

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us
 2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

4
 and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
 eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
 drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
 and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7
 give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -

11
 drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
 drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
 drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
 claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

15
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Words and music: Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, 2006

* 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

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. Describe a time when something, or someone, has ultimately let you down and failed you. How did that affect your heart and soul?
2. We can often get too focused on the blessings of God instead of on God himself — how does Isaiah 40:9 help correct our hearts?
3. Isaiah shows the "two arms" of God — one of might and one of tenderness — how does this help you understand God's love toward you?
4. Because Isa 40:9 is a call for ALL of us to go up and proclaim the good news, how can we become more joyful and effective communicators of the simple truth, "Behold your God!" to our families, our friends, and our colleagues in our daily lives?

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: Tyler Josephson

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: John Thompson

Reader: Tonya Fink

Musicians: Vicki Bowles, Theron Drayton, Jeff Francis, Josiah Rogers, and Brian Skelly

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler, Vitaliy Petrenko

Communion Preparation Team: Evan, Ludmila, and Evan Williams

Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of September 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$30,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$18,704
Missions Disbursements	\$45,192
Outreach Committee Disbursements	\$12,902

Stewardship

Through the end of September 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$286,566
Received FYTD	\$293,098
Expenditures FYTD	\$269,859

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Moody family in memory of Rhonda Moody, loving wife, mother and grandmother.

NOTES:

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



Pick up shoe boxes
in the Welcome Center



Good News!



Great Joy!



Drop off filled boxes
by November 16th



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Join us for a Churchwide
Reformation Celebration

Wednesday, October 29th

- o 5:30-6:15 - FREE dinner
- o 6:15-6:45 - Reformation Drama
- o 6:45-8:00 - Activities for everyone
- o Children will stay with their families the entire time
- o Wear your Medieval Costume or come as you are!



We Need Candy
for our
Reformation
Celebration



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



LPC Women's Ministry



Bow-Making Workshop

Sat, November 15th | 10:00 am – noon

Learn how to make traditional and contemporary bows. Come for a time of fellowship and creativity as we make beautiful bows together.



Get more details and RSVP by Nov 1st here!



midweek reset
wednesdays at 5:30pm
please register



Wednesday Nights
6:15-7:30 pm

Why do I need Church Center?

1. Access our directory of members
2. Connect with classes and small groups
3. Get reminders for upcoming activities
4. Check in before you arrive
5. Register for LPC events*



*Registration ensures that cooks and teachers are prepared (and excited!) for your arrival.

Promotions Request Form



Scan here to request to have an event promoted through our various channels.

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