

November 2, 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.

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

Complete our Connect Card at [lexpreschurch.com/connect](http://lexpreschurch.com/connect) to join us on mission!

General inquiries: [hello@lexpreschurch.com](mailto:hello@lexpreschurch.com)

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## Reflections for Worship

To be sure, food keeps us alive, but that is only its smallest and most temporary work. Its eternal purpose is to furnish our sensibilities against the day when we shall sit down at the heavenly banquet and see how gracious the Lord is. Nourishment is necessary only for a while; what we shall need forever is taste.

Eat well then. Between our love and His Priesthood, He makes all things new. Our Last Home will be home indeed.

— Robert Farrar Capon, *The Supper of the Lamb: A Culinary Reflection*

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

— John Donne, *Death, Be Not Proud*

\* Congregation, please stand if able

## Prelude

**Updates** | Following Christ Together

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

\* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 36:7-9

*Leader:       How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
                  The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

*All:            They feast on the abundance of your house,  
                  and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
                  in your light do we see light.*

## \* Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)



1. Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sorr - ow  
 2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear - it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see - Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened



down; By the bro - ken law con vic - ted, Through the cross, be - hold the  
 sweet Christ will give you strength to bear - it, While His grace shall guide your  
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust - Him, And in Him a - lone re -  
 eyes, Like full springs in, de - serts drea - ry, Is the rest the cross supp -



crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus, Look to  
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Safe to  
 joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments, His comm -  
 lies; All who taste it, All who taste it, All who



Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone. \_\_\_\_\_  
 glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Take His  
 and - ments Then be - come their ha - ppy choice. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Bless - ed  
 taste it Shall to rest imm - or - tal rise. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit)  
 Music: Kevin Twit  
 ©2013 Kevin Twit Music (ASCAP)

## \* Prayer of Adoration

# \* We Labor Unto Glory

1. My God, my God, where e'er I go glo - ry.  
 2. The sun it shines and then goes down glo - ry.  
 3. My heart, my hands, they're king - dom bound glo - ry. Where

Where I reap and where I sow glo - ry.  
 Rain, it pours and beats the ground glo - ry.  
 thorns no lon - ger curse the ground glo - ry.

When my hand it grips the thorn glo - ry.  
 Dust, it blows and ends my days glo - ry.  
 Trim the wick and light the flame glo - ry. My

In the still and in the storm glo - ry. glo - ry.  
 Hearts they burn be - neath Your gaze glo - ry. glo - ry.  
 work, it will not be in vain glo - ry. glo - ry.

Oh, we la - bor un - to glo - ry When hea - ven and earth are one,

Oh, we la - bor un - to glo - ry Un - til God's king - dom comes.

Words and Music: Craig Harris and Isaac Wardell, 2017

## Scripture Reading | I Corinthians 15:50-58 | Pew Bible p. 962

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## Call to Confession | Psalm 38:17-18

*Leader: For I am ready to fall,  
and my pain is ever before me.  
I confess my iniquity;  
I am sorry for my sin.*

## Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**\* Words of Comfort** | Revelation 7:16-17

*Leader:        They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
                      the sun shall not strike them,  
                      nor any scorching heat.  
                      For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
                      and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
                      and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

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

*All:             And also with you.*

# \* What Wondrous Love is This

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

5  
 soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
 sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing, sing.  
 on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

9  
 What won - drous love is this, That caused the Lord of  
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

13  
 bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 Am," While mill - ions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

17  
 soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
 sing, While mill - ions join the theme, I will sing  
 on. And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on,

Words & Music American Folk Hymn

## 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.

## Giving of Firstfruits

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

## **Choir Anthem** | By the Gentle Waters

By the gentle waters, You will safely lead me,  
In green pastures feed me, knowing what is best.  
Though I often stray, wander far away,  
I can hear You say, "Come to me and rest."

Though the path be rough and rugged,  
Though the trail be dark and steep,  
Still the gentle Shepherd watches o'er His sheep.

There's no need to fear when the Shepherd's near.  
When Your voice I hear, I find comfort sure.  
Free from all alarm, sheltered from all harm,  
Safely in Your arms, I can rest secure.

With the flock abiding,  
All my needs supplying,  
Comforting and guiding, leading all the way.

Jesus, loving Shepherd, You'll forsake me never.  
In Your flock forever, I am not alone.  
Though the darkness hide me, You are close beside me.  
Gentle Shepherd, guide me 'til I'm safely home.

Words & Music by Cindy Berry (1999)  
inspired by Psalm 23

## **Offertory Prayer**

# \* Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
5  
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a measure number '5' above the treble clef staff.

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

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Corporate Prayer

\* **Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 25:1-9 | Pew Bible p. 586

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the foreigners' palace is a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;  
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

<sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;  
as heat by the shade of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

## **Sermon | The Good News That Satisfies Our Longing Hearts**

**Rev. Josh Johnson**

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper** | Luke 22:14-23;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## Prayer of Humble Access

All: We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,  
Not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.  
We are not worthy, O Great King,  
to gather up the crumbs under your Table,  
yet you are the King of mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, in this breaking of bread,  
a rich participation in your body,  
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,  
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you and you with us.  
Amen.

## Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

*Leader: This we pray in the name of the One Who taught us to pray, saying:*

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

## Invitation to the Table of the King

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!

## Feasting at the Table of the King

# \* We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. we will sing with our



4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther



7 We will feast and weep no more.

- 1. We will not be
- 2. In the dark of
- 3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
 bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith - ful one and\_ from the



15 sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
 mor - ning, O how long? O God of Ja - cob be\_ my strength.  
 gar - den to the grave Bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

Words and music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore, 2015

**\* Benediction |** Romans 15:13

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

*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. We heard how God is a stronghold for those in distress, and this truth leads even "ruthless nations" to fear him. Describe a time when the Lord was a stronghold for you, and then discuss how you can make that a part of your own testimony.
2. Death is a robust biblical word with several meanings, but for the believer in Christ, physical death becomes part of our sanctification. How does this reality help you understand God's economy of grace (his way of dealing with His people)?
3. How can you (and your family) create more margin in your day/week to extend hospitality and to enjoy hospitality with your friends, neighbors, and the "other"?
4. While you wait for the Lord's return in glory, how can you "be glad and rejoice in his salvation" even more?

## 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: Terry Rogers

Musicians: Esther Baarendse, Theron and Katie Drayton, Jeff Francis, Barb Howell, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: Jim McFarland, Jason Waters

Communion Preparation Team: Gus and Holly Roberson

## 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

**There will be a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary on November 16th at 8:45 am. First on the agenda is to vote for Elders and Deacons. After this, all women will meet in Tomlin Hall to vote on Women's Ministry Officer Nominees and men will stay in the Sanctuary. All Communing Members are invited to vote. Find testimonies of all nominees at the back of the Sanctuary and the Welcome Desk.**

## 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.

Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

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

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

Youth Ministry Newsletter Subscription

Please, scan this QR Code with your phone camera.



# Christmas *Poinsettias*

During Advent poinsettias decorate the sanctuary. You're invited to purchase one or more in honor or memory of a loved one. \$14 each. Deadline is November 23rd



Purchase here or use the form on the welcome desk



## Pick up shoe boxes in the Welcome Center



Good News!



Great Joy!



## Drop off filled boxes by November 16<sup>th</sup>



LEXINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Help us Deck the Halls  
Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
after worship service  
Lunch will be provided



LPC Women's Ministry



## Bow-Making Workshop

Sat, November 15<sup>th</sup> | 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 1<sup>st</sup> here!



## ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING

*Learn how to survive a shooting event*

**December 14th | 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Tomlin Hall**

The LPC Safety Team is encouraging all adults (especially Elders, Deacons, Greeters, CE Teachers and Nursery Workers) to attend active shooter training.

Childcare will be provided for 1 month – 5th grade.



- Please register by Nov 30
- We need a count for materials as well as childcare workers.



**midweek reset**  
**wednesdays at 5:30pm**  
**please register\***



**Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our Reformation Celebration especially our wonderful cooks, cake bakers, game leaders, and drama team.**

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

## 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.

246 Barr Road | Lexington, SC 29072  
[www.lexpreschurch.com](http://www.lexpreschurch.com)  
[hello@lexpreschurch.com](mailto:hello@lexpreschurch.com)  
 803.359.9501