

November 9, 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

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

— C.S. Lewis

The idea is not simply that we have been forgiven, and therefore we ought to forgive, but that God Himself, in Christ has forgiven us, and therefore our debt is incalculable. No matter how much wretched evil has been done against us, it is little compared with the offense that we have thrown in the face of God. Yet God in Christ has forgiven us. If we know anything of the release of this forgiveness, if we have glimpsed anything of the magnitude of the debt we owe to God, our forgiveness of others will not seem to be such a large leap.

— D.A. Carson

May a merciful God preserve me from a Christian Church in which everyone is a saint! I want to be and remain in the church and little flock of the fainthearted, the feeble and the ailing, who feel and recognize the wretchedness of their sins, who sigh and cry to God incessantly for comfort and help, who believe in the forgiveness of sins.

— Martin Luther

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

Updates | Following Christ Together

LITURGY OF THE WORD

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods!

All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords!

All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

* Holy, Holy, Holy-Trinity Hymnal No. 100

1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord — God Al-might-y! Ear-ly in the
 2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! All the saints a-dore thee, cast-ing down their
 3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of
 6 4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord — God Al-might-y! All thy works shall
 morn-ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!
 gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea; cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim
 sin-ful man thy glo-ry may not see, on-ly thou art ho-ly;
 11 praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!

Mer-ci-ful and might-y! God in three per-sons bless-ed Trin-i-ty!
 fall-ing down be-fore thee who wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be.
 there is none be-side thee per-fect in pow'r, in love, and pur-i-ty.
 Mer-ci-ful and might-y! God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-t-ty!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

* Prayer of Adoration

* How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 5 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

7 great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Words and Music: Stuart Townend 1995

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Pew Bible p. 966

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession | Jeremiah 14:20

*Leader: We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
and the iniquity of our fathers,
for we have sinned against you.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father,
We praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy, you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

*** Words of Comfort | Isaiah 1:18**

*Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
 though your sins are like scarlet,
 they shall be as white as snow;
 though they are red like crimson,
 they shall become like wool.*

*** Affirmation of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith, Q. 33**

Leader: What is justification?

*All: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins,
 and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of
 Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* Not What My Hands Have Done



1. Not what my hands have done, Can save my guilt - y soul
2. Thy work a - lone O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin
3. Thy grace a - lone O God, To me can pardon speak
4. I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love di - vine



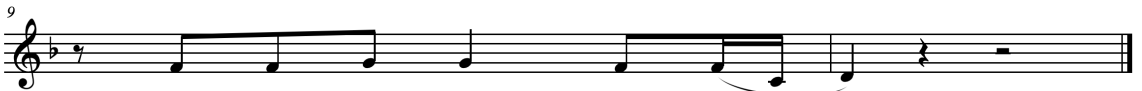
Not what my toil - ing flesh has borne, Can make my spir - it whole
 Thy blood a - lone O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in
 Thy power a - lone O Son of God, Can this sore bond - age break
 And with un - falt - 'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine



Not what I feel or do, Can give me peace with God
 Thy love to me O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
 No o - ther work save Thine, No o - ther blood will do
 His cross di - spels each doubt, I bur - y in His tomb



Not all my prayers and sighs and tears,
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest,
 No strength save that which is di - vine,
 My un - be - lief, and all my fear,



Can bear my aw - - - ful load
 And set my spir - - - it free!
 Can bear me safe - - - ly thru
 Each linger - ing shade of gloom.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by Kevin Twit
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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.

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.
- Text2Give: text any dollar amount to 84321.

Choir Anthem | Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid, I have called you by name.

Refrain:

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
When you pass through the floods,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be consumed.
You are mine. You are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting.
My love for you shall have no end.

Refrain

Text: based on Isaiah 43:1-4

Music: Craig Courtney (1992)

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 is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a basso continuo line in the bass clef. The second system, starting at measure 5, also has a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* **Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 43:14-25 | Pew Bible p. 604

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
“For your sake I send to Babylon
and bring them all down as fugitives,
even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.

¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.”

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ “Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself

that they might declare my praise.

²² “Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

²³ You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings,
or honored me with your sacrifices.

I have not burdened you with offerings,
or wearied you with frankincense.

²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.

But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

²⁵ “I, I am he
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

*Leader: All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.*

*All: The grass withers, the flower fades
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Sermon | The Good News of Forgiveness

Rev. Josh Johnson

Closing Prayer 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.

* It Is Well with My Soul-Trinity Hymnal No. 691



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,



when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my
my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN



It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Trinity Hymnal No. 691

TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

TUNE (VILLE DU HAVRE): Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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*** 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. The wilderness is a great picture to help us understand our life as the church in the world today — a dangerous place, filled with temptation and trial, yet also the place where God makes a way and carves out rivers of water for his thirsty people. Share a moment, or a season, in your life where you felt you were in the wilderness, and God provided for you in powerful ways.
2. What are the Christian practices or habits that you have on your "holiness checklist" that make you believe you are either on good terms with God or outside of his favor? How does that perception wreck your understanding of grace?
3. Sometimes we can begin to believe the lie that God owes us for our good and sacrificial life. How can this false belief steal our joy in the Lord and make us self-conceited rather than selfless?

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: Anita Boland

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Steve Baarendse

Reader: Sue Skelly

Musicians: Teresa Bost, Barb Howell, Don Parker, Josiah Rogers, Ben Spurgeon, and David Stephenson

Audio/visual and livestream: Todd Shafer, Joel Rimer

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

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>

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 at the back of the sanctuary



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!

Pick up shoe boxes in the Welcome Center



Good News!



Great Joy!

Drop off filled boxes by November 16th

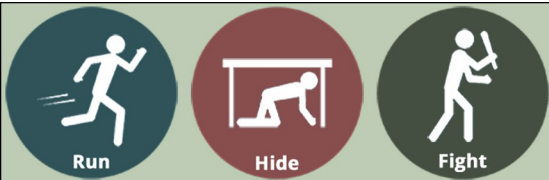


Help us Deck the Halls
Sunday, November 23rd
after worship service
Lunch will be provided

Photographer Needed

LPC is looking for a volunteer to take photographs at church events.

Please contact Susan Jackson if you would like more information
sjackson@lexpreschurch.com



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.

New conceal carry policy will be communicated. 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
november 19th is last for the season



LEXINGTON
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 16th | 8:45 am | Sanctuary

Voting on Elders and Deacons

Mission Lexington



Rice, Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables,
Canned Chicken Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce (no glass)

Find baskets to donate food items in
Tomlin Lobby and Children's Lobby



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Promotions Request Form



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