

November 16, 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.

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# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## Reflections for Worship

Luke's telling of this story is his narration of the climax and the beginning of the act of resolution of God's redemptive story. This telling of the story — with this practice of prayer underscored again and again — may serve to expand and sanctify our theological horizons.

— Craig Bartholomew & Robby Holt, *Prayer in/and the Drama of Redemption in Luke*

While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.

— Daniel 9:20-21

\* Congregation, please stand if able

## Prelude

**Updates** | Following Christ Together

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

\* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 63:1-4

*Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

*All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.*

*Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.*

*All: So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

# \* Come Ye, Sinners

1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,  
 2. Come ye nee - dy, come and wel - come;  
 3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,  
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,  
 5. Lo! The In - car - nate God, a - scend - ed;

3  
 weak and woun - ded, sick and sore.  
 God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy:  
 Bruised and of bro - ken ness by the fall.  
 nor fits mer - it fond - ly dream  
 pleads the mer - it of His blood.

5  
 Je - sus, re - lief - dy, and stands to save you,  
 True, be - tar - ry and true till you're pen - tance,  
 If you the fit - ness Him; He ven - ture be - tter,  
 All the on - ness Him; ven - ture re - quir - es  
 Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,

7  
 Full of pi - ty joined with power.  
 eve - ry grace - ty that brings you nigh.  
 you will ne - ver come at all.  
 is no feel - your need of Him.  
 Let no oth - er trust in - trude.

9  
 He is a - - - ble,  
 With - - - out the mon - - - ey,  
 Not right - - - eous,  
 This He but gives you,  
 None Je - - - sus,

11  
 He is a - - - ble;  
 with - - - out the mon - - - ey;  
 not this He but right - - - eous;  
 this none gives you,  
 none He but Je - - - sus

13  
 He is will - ing; Doubt no more.  
 Come to Je - sus and buy.  
 Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
 'Tis the Spir - it's ri - sing beam.  
 Can do help - less sin - ners good.

Words by Joseph Hart  
 Music by Matthew Smith  
 © 2000 detuned radio music (ASCAP)

# \* Prayer of Adoration

## \* Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise\_ my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;\_

2. He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,\_

3. Five bleed - ing wounds\_ he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry\_

5 4. My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;\_

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half\_ ap - pears\_

his all\_ re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead\_

9 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me\_

he owns me for\_ his child I can no long - er fear;\_

be - fore\_ the throne\_ my sure - ty stands, be - fore\_ the throne

his blood a - toned\_ for ev - 'ry race his blood a - toned

12 for - give\_ him, O\_ for - give\_ they cry for - give\_ him, O\_

with con - fi - dence\_ I now\_ draw nigh with con - fi - dence

\_ my sure - ty stands my name is writ - ten on\_ his hands\_

\_ for ev - ry race and sprin - kles now\_ the throne of grace.\_

17 \_ for - give\_ they cry nor let\_ that ran - somed sin - ner die!\_

\_ I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.\_

22 A - rise A - rise A - rise\_ A - rise\_ my soul a - rise\_ A - rise

A - rise A - rise\_ A - rise\_ my soul a - rise\_ shake off\_ your guilt -

26 - - y fears\_ and rise.\_

Words: Charles Wesley 1742  
 Music: Kevin Twit 1996

## Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 18:1-8, 13 | Pew Bible p. 161

“The Levitical priests, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the LORD’S food offerings as their inheritance. They shall have no inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as he promised them. And this shall be the priests’ due from the people, from those offering a sacrifice, whether an ox or a sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach. The firstfruits of your grain, of your wine and of your oil, and the first fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for all time.

“And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel, where he lives—and he may come when he desires—to the place that the LORD will choose, and ministers in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand to minister there before the LORD, then he may have equal portions to eat, besides what he receives from the sale of his patrimony.

You shall be blameless before the LORD your God...

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

All:           Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
                  We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature,  
                  quick to do evil and slow to do good.  
                  All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.  
                  You alone know how often we have sinned—  
                  in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,  
                  in forgetting your love.  
                  O Lord, have mercy upon us;  
                  turn us to yourself.  
                  Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins.  
                  Since you set us free from the dominion of sin,  
                  move us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
                  according to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## Silent Confession

**\* Words of Comfort | Romans 5:17**

*Leader: For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

**\* Affirmation of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith, Q. 25**

*Leader: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?*

*All: Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

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

*All: And also with you.*

\* What a Friend We Have in Jesus-Trinity Hymnal No. 629

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv-i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends despise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

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

# How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - li - ver's ear!
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and calms the troubl - ed breast.
3. Dear name the Rock on which I build My Shield and Hi - ding Place,
4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Brot - her, Friend, My Pro - phet, Priest, and King,



It soothes his sor - row, heals his wounds and drives a - way his fear.  
'Tis man - na to the hun - gry soul and to the wear - y rest.  
My nev - er fail - ing Trea - sury filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
My Lord, my life, my way, My end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

Words: John Newton  
Music: Alexander Reinagle, arr. Bill Moore

## \* There Is a Redeemer



There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; \_\_\_\_\_ Pre - cious Lamb of



6 God Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One. Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for



11 giv - ing us Your Son, \_\_\_\_\_ and leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright, 1982

## Offertory Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Corporate Prayer

### \* Scripture Reading | Luke 1:1-25 | Pew Bible p. 855

<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

<sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

<sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."



## Prayer Of Commitment 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.

## \* 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  
 15 die, my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my  
 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

## \* Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26

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

*Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;  
 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

## \* Postlude

## Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. The Word of God stands at the center of His plan and purpose, and its accuracy (Inerrancy), trustworthiness (Infallibility), and narrative scope (inspiration by the Holy Spirit) are pillars of our understanding of God's Word. How has God used His Word to accomplish His purposes in your life (salvation—justification, adoption, sanctification)?
2. God anchors His people to himself in the tumult of time and space through worship. How has worship, both corporate and personal, anchored you to God and His promises, and how has your absence in worship unmoored you from those promises?
3. Our God hears EVERYTHING, especially the prayers of His saints. Share some times when God answered your prayers—both positively, as in He provided what you were requesting, and negatively, as in He said no or not yet?

## Resources Used for Study in Luke:

1. Luke, Focus on the Bible Commentary, Dale Ralph Davis
2. Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Darrell L. Bock
3. Luke, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, David E. Garland
4. Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard B. Hays
5. Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, Formation, Scripture and Hermeneutics Series, eds. Bartholomew, Green, and Thiselton
6. A Theology of Luke-Acts, Darrell L. Bock

## **Serving This Morning:**

Updates, Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Keith Boland

Reader: Vicki Accordini

Musicians: Butch and Teresa Bost, Vicki Bowles, Jeff Francis, Tim McConnell, and Brian Skelly

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler, Myles Coleridge

## Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of October 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$40,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$22,831
Missions Disbursements	\$61,424
Outreach Committee Disbursements	\$12,902

## Stewardship

Through the end of October 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$382,088
Received FYTD	\$390,600
Expenditures FYTD	\$348,990

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](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.



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

**Christmas**  
*Poinsettias*



Purchase  
 here or  
 use the form  
 at the back  
 of the sanctuary

**Pick up shoe boxes  
 in the Welcome Center**

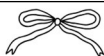


Good News!



Great Joy!

**Drop off filled boxes  
 by TODAY!**



**LPC YOUTH  
 CHRISTMAS  
 PARTY**

Join us for an evening  
 of dinner, games, and  
 surprises!

**TOMLIN HALL  
 DEC. 14, 2025  
 6 TO 8 PM**



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

**LPC Youth**

*Christmas Caroling*



**Wednesday, December 3  
 Meet at the church at 5:45**

Christmas sweaters, reindeer antlers,  
 Santa hats, blinking necklaces, and all  
 festive gear! We'll enjoy refreshments in  
 the high school youth room when we  
 return.

**Drivers Needed!**

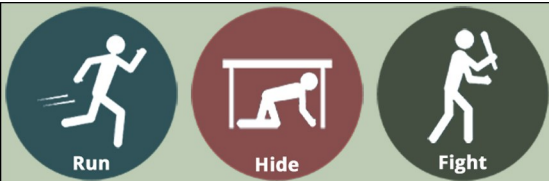
If you are available to be a driver (car singing  
 optional) please let Andrea know at  
 youth@lexpreschurch.com or 803-237-8877.



**Photographers Needed**

LPC is looking for  
 volunteers to take  
 photographs at church events.

Please contact Susan Jackson  
 if you would like more information  
[sjackson@lexpreschurch.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> is last for the season**

## 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



Scan to Support



Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Prayer time during CE  
Covered-Dish Lunch after 10:00 am Service

## Promotions Request Form



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

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