

November 23, 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

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

— Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.2

... the virgin birth is a sign of God's judgment on human nature. The race needs a redeemer, but cannot itself produce one: not by its own decision or desire, not by the processes of education and civilization, not as a precipitate of its own evolution. The redeemer must come from outside.

— Donald Macleod, *The Person of Christ*

Now it was not the body merely, but the whole man, compacted of soul and body, that was lost: indeed, if we are to speak more exactly, the soul was lost sooner than the body ... He therefore who came for this cause, that He might seek and save that which was lost (that which the shepherd in the parable calls the sheep), both finds that which is lost, and carries home on his shoulders the whole sheep, not its skin only, that he may make the man of God complete, united to the deity in body and soul.

— Gregory of Nyssa, *Against Eunomius*, II. 13

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

Updates | Following Christ Together

Missions Moment | Rev. Andrew Whitaker, RUF Campus Minister at
Indiana University

LITURGY OF THE WORD

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 92:1-4

*Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

*All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*

*Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*

*All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

* Come, People of the Risen King

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
 2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
 3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the
 4
 praise. Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Mor - ning Star of
 night. Come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
 8
 faith. Come, those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His
 grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to
 12
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
 grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them
 16
 Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of
 call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in
 20
 in. Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one
 peace.
 22
 all!"
 24
 voice, O Church of Christ, re - joice!

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2008

* Prayer of Adoration

* Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor



1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;
 2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on.
 3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, thru the floods of un - be - lief.
 4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death.



when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,



In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
 (5.) Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.



I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
 We will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.

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Scripture Reading | Daniel 7:9-14 | Pew Bible pp. 744-745

“As I looked,
 thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
 and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

“I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
You are merciful and kind,
But we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we ought,
nor loving our neighbors as ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed
and also in what we have failed to do.
We deserve your condemnation.
Father, forgive us.
Help us to love you and our neighbor as Jesus does,
and to live for your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

* **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

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

* Joyful, Joyful

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the gloom of doubt a-way;
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ, our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Lift Up Your Hearts 581

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.

Music (HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D): Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt., P.D.

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.

Anthem of Gratitude | Choir Anthem

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done,
in whom our song rejoices!
Who gave this church its birth
and blessed it through the years
with countless gifts of love
and grace for ev'ry tear.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour;
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, thank you God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, thank you God.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise. We give praise!

For the church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
off'ring up on ev'ry shore

Her pure sacrifice of love:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, thank You God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, thank You God.

Alleluia, alleluia. We thank You God.
Thank You God.

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* 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.

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

Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* Scripture Reading | Luke 1:26-45 | Pew Bible pp. 855-856

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb

leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

*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 | Jumping for Joy in the Kingdom with No End

Rev. Josh Johnson

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.

* O Love That Will not Let Me Go

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My heart re - stores its
 can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
 dare not ask to fly from thee; - I lay in dust life's

li - fe I owe, That in thine o - cean
 bor - rowed ray, That in thy sun - shine's
 through the rain, And feel the prom - ise there
 glo - ry dead, - And from the ground there

depths its flow May ri - cher, full - er be.
 blaze its day May brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 is not vain, That morn shall tear - less be.
 bless - oms red Life that shall end - less be.

Words: George Matheson, 1882
 Music: Christopher Miner, 1997

* Benediction | 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

* Postlude

Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. The church father, Gregory of Nazianzus said, "That which he has not assumed, he has not healed," in reference to Jesus' incarnation. How does Jesus' humanity help you understand your salvation even more deeply?
2. Because all humanity fell in Adam into sin and misery, our redeemer must come from the outside. Only God can keep His covenant, and so He did! How does Jesus' identity as the divine son of God encourage your faith as you are sanctified day by day?
3. Psalm 16 tells us that in the presence of God there is fullness of joy. Describe how being in God's presence—in prayer, in community, in worship—led your joy to be renewed and refilled in hard or difficult seasons.

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: Andrea Fuller

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Owen McCullough

Reader: Tommy Parnell

Musicians: Heather Coleridge, Theron Drayton, Jeff Francis, Barb Howell, Josiah Rogers and Brian Skelly

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler, Jeff Becker

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 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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THE SONGS OF ADVENT

<p>Mary's Song</p>  <p>Humility & Promise</p>	<p>God's Song</p>  <p>Covenant & Kingship Christmas Eve 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Zechariah's Song</p>  <p>Mercy & Light</p>
<p>Angels' Song</p>  <p>Peace & Glory</p>		<p>Simeon's Song</p>  <p>Poverty & Redemption</p>

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 TODAY

Christmas Poinsettias




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



Help us Deck the Halls TODAY
after worship service
Lunch will be provided

Children's Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 7th
3:00 - 5:00pm
age 5 - 5th grade
Come and enjoy a Christmas Movie, Games, Cookies, Hot Cocoa and other surprises! Bring a friend
*Parents are NOT required to stay



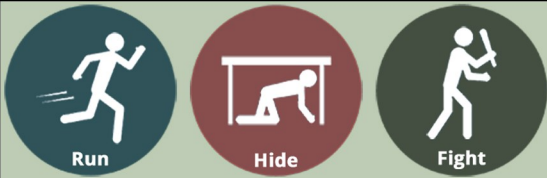
Register by Dec 3rd




Christmas Eve Nativity Play
December 24, 2025 | 4:00 pm

5K - 5th grade Practices are December 3, 10, & 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Scan for more information and to register your child!





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.

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

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

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



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

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