



THE SONGS OF ADVENT

Angels' Song



Peace & Glory

December 14, 2025

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 | Hope in Christ at Christmas

1. In the night the bells are ringing and the angles sing.
Telling of a new beginning and a newborn King.
To a world grown tired and weary, God sends his only Son.
Stop where you! Come and worship! Jesus Christ is born!

Chorus

Choirs of angels sing His name proclaiming, "He has come!"
In their song a proclamation, "Hope in Christ is born!"
Choirs of angles lift your voices. Listen to them sing.
Welcome all! Come and worship! The King of Kings!

2. In His Spirit we come together covered by His love
A peace beyond all understanding, promised from above.
His commandments we will follow. We're children of His love.
Hear His voice, "Love one another." Jesus Christ is born!

Chorus

3. Go out into all the nations tell them, "He has come!"
The Father sent for our salvation, Christ His perfect Son.
Bring your gifts and songs of praise before the heavenly throne.
Bow your head in adoration. Jesus Christ is born.
Peace on earth. Love one another. Jesus Christ is born.

- Words & Music by Don Parker, 2004

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

Updates | Following Christ Together

Second Sunday in Advent: the Joy Candle | Luke 2:10

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 7:17

Leader: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,

All: and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

* Angels from the Realm of Glory—Trinity Hymnal No. 218

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Trinity Hymnal 218

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

TUNE (REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.): Henry Smart, 1867

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Prayer of Adoration

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to stand and
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my own. Once
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown. We



won - der at such mer - cy that calls me as I am. For
strange - ers chas - ing self - ish dreams; Now, one through grace a - lone. How
fol - low in His foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How



hands that should dis - card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be -
could I now dis - ho - nor the ones that You have loved? Be -
great the joy be - fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be -



neath the cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

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Scripture Reading | Micah 5:1-5a | Pew Bible pp. 778-779

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;

siege is laid against us;

with a rod they strike the judge of Israel

on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,

who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to be ruler in Israel,

whose coming forth is from of old,

from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return

to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

All My Heart This Night Rejoices | Choir Anthem

All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear,
Far and near,
Sweetest angel voices:
'Christ is born!' their choirs are singing,
Till the air
Ev'rywhere
Now with joy is ringing.
Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet,
Doth entreat,
'Flee from woe and danger!
Brethren, come! from all doth grieve you,
You are freed;
All you need
I will surely give you.'
Come, then, let us hasten yonder!
Here let all,
Great and small,
Kneel in awe and wonder!
Love him who with love is yearning!
Hail the star
That from far
Bright with hope is burning!
Thee, dear Lord, with heed I'll cherish,
Live to thee,
And with thee,
Dying, shall not perish;
But shall dwell with thee forever,
Far on high,
In the joy
That can alter never.

Words by Paul Gerhardt (1607-76),
tr. Catherin Winkworth
Music by Johann Georg Ebeling (1637-76)

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Text: Thomas Ken, 1674

Tune (OLD HUNDREDTH); Louise Bourgeois, 1551

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* Offertory Prayer

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* Scripture Reading | Luke 2:1-20 | Pew Bible p. 857

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these

things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*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 | Peace and Glory: Angels' Song

Rev. Josh Johnson

Prayer of Commitment

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper

Call to Confession | Romans 3:23

Leader: ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Corporate Confession

All: Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world,
yet we confess we often hide Your Light.
You have spoken truth,
but we have been slow to listen and quick to forget.
You call us to shine, but we prefer comfort to courage,
secrecy to witness.
Forgive our dull hearts and deaf ears.
Expose what is hidden in us by Your mercy,
and fill us again with Your Light
and Your truth that we may hear Your Word,
obey Your voice, and reflect Your glory.
In Your name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

* Affirmation of Faith | Apostle's Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 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

* Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—Trinity Hymnal No. 203

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

* **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**

Newly Elected Women's Ministry Leaders:

Kelly Lewis—President

Katie Drayton—President-Elect

Sue Skelly—Congregational Care Chair

Sharon Rogers—Special Events Chair

Elsa Gantt—Hospitality Chair

Christy Spurgeon—Bible Study/Discipleship Chair

Cindy Thompson—Encouragement Chair

Rachel Caldwell—Circle One Leader (permanent position)

Flo Wright—Circle Four Leader (permanent position)

Women's Ministry Leaders Rolling Off:

Melody Shafer—President

Genie Graham—Hospitality Chair

Natalia Petrenko—Special Events Chair

Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. Jesus is Lord — this was and remains the battle cry for Christians around the world. It references Jesus' rule and authority, and yet, though we agree that Jesus is the real, true king over heaven and earth, we can agree that there are places and situations where that Lordship is not seen in its fullness. What area of life or culture (can be your own life personally or something in the broader world) do you long to see brought under the Lordship of Christ in more fullness?
2. Jesus is the Christ — pointing to his status as the deliverer and Spirit-filled leader of His people. This title also references his ability (and desire) to bring outsiders in — into his family and His gracious kingdom. Remembering that we were once outsiders ourselves, who in your life/community do you long to see come in? And who or what group do you struggle to want to become "part of us"?
3. Jesus is Savior — he saves His people from their sins and all his and our enemies. His glory — His marvelous and gracious presence — brings true peace to us. Peace with God, and peace with one another. Peace is not the absence of chaos, but the presence of God's love and grace in chaos. How, and into what areas, has God brought your life peace?

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: Tyler Josephson

Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Steve Baarendse

Reader: Courtneylove Gowans

Musicians: Esther Baarendse, Butch Bost, Heather Coleridge, Barb Howell, Don Parker, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler, Jeff Becker

Advent Candle family: Patrick, Dara, Leah and Micah Ward

Invitations for Christmas Eve worship are available for pickup at the back of the Sanctuary or on the Welcome Desk.

Faith Promise Giving:

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

Through the end of November 2025:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$50,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$39,907
Missions Disbursements	\$78,256

* In November, the missions team also disbursed \$44,500 from last year's ending balance to our World and Local missionaries who told us of their current needs.

Stewardship

Through the end of October 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$477,610
Received FYTD	\$513,695
Expenditures FYTD	\$424,529

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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Christmas Eve Service

4:00 pm

God's Song



Covenant & Kingship

3:00 pm - come and enjoy
coffee and hot cocoa

THE SONGS OF ADVENT



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!



END OF YEAR GIVING

- Place in the offering plate by Dec. 28th
- Bring to the office by 4:00 pm Dec. 31st
- Give online by Dec. 31st
- Mail to the church office with postmark no later than Dec. 31st



Holiday Schedule

One service at 10:00 am | No CE classes
December 28th and January 4th

Office Closed
December 24th, 25th and January 1st

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
Deadline to donate at LPC is Dec. 28th



Scan to Support

Mentor Moms

Winter/Spring 2026

Begins January 13th



register here



SOAR SPRING SOCCER

FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 28

Why SOAR?

- Family friendly
- Choose your practice night
- Weekly Saturday morning game
- Character Development
- Focus on community involvement

Who Can Join?

- Youth ages 3 to 18
- Early Bird Discount:
 - Opens 11/28/25
 - Register by 1/12/26 for \$10 off



Register here



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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