

December 28, 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

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent,’ He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

— Martin Luther, First of the 95 Theses

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the coming-to-life of the new.

— Heidelberg Catechism (Q&A No. 88)

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

Updates | Following Christ Together

LITURGY OF THE WORD

* **Call to Worship** | Isaiah 40:28-31

*Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and to him who has no might he increases strength.
 Even youths shall faint and be weary,
 and young men shall fall exhausted;*

*All: but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.*

* Behold Our God



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands Bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One Who knows all things? Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!



Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King! Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

Music and words by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge © 2011

* Prayer of Adoration 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.

* The Solid Rock (My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less)



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In
 3. His oath, his cov - en - ant his blood, sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood. When
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh may I then in him be found. Dressed



dare not trust the sweet - est frame but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On
 ev - 'ry high and stor - my gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. On
 all a - round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On
 in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne. On



Christ the sol - id rock I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words: Edwards Mote, 1834
 Music: William Bradbury, 1863

Scripture Reading | Malachi 4 | Pew Bible pp. 802-803

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession | Joel 2:12-13

*Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.*

Corporate Confession | Dutch Reformed “Form for the Lord’s Supper” (1566/1611)

*All: And now let us acknowledge before God:
The wrath of God and eternal condemnation belong to all
who deceive themselves and do not truly repent.
So then, let us not deceive ourselves,
so that we may not be judged by the Lord;
We are truly sorry, O God, that we have provoked You by our sins.
We sincerely repent of them
and ask for Your grace to help us in our weakness.
Our sins are before us; we do not hide them from You.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father,
for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Forgive us all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
for we confess that we are unworthy of all Your mercies. Amen.*

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Micah 7:18-20

*Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.*

* **Affirmation of Our 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*

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* I Asked the Lord



1.I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and eve - ry grace, ___
 2.I hoped that in some fa - vored hour At once He'd an - swer my re - quest, ___
 3.Yea more with His own hand He seemed in - tent to ag - gra - vate my woe, ___
 4."These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy From self and pride to set thee free, ___



— Might more of His sal - va - tion know And seek more ear - nest - ly ___ His face ___
 — And by His love's con - strain - ing ___ pow'r Sub - due my ___ sins ___ and give ___ me rest. ___
 — Crossed all the fair de - signs I ___ schemed, Cast out my ___ feel - ings, laid ___ me low. ___
 9 — And break thy schemes of earth - ly ___ joy ___ That thou mayest seek ___ thy all ___ in me. ___



(1.)Twas He who taught me thus to pray And He I trust has ans - wered prayer, ___
 (2.)In - stead of this He made me feel The hid - den e - vils of my heart, ___
 (3.)Lord why is this, I tremb - ling cried, Wilt Thou pur - sue thy worm to death? ___



— But it has been in such a ___ way As al - most drove me to ___ des - pair.
 — And let the an - gry pow'rs of ___ Hell As - sault my ___ soul ___ in - eve - ry part.
 — "Tis in this way" the Lord re - plied, "I an - swer prayer for grace ___ and faith."

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)
 Music: Laura Taylor, 2004

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, — Pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, — Whence the heal - ing wa - ters flow;
 3. When I — tread the verge of Jor - dan, — Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

5
 — I am weak, but Thou art — might - y; — Hold me with Thy power - ful — hand.
 — Let the fire and cloud - y — pil - lar — Lead me all my — jour - ney — through.
 9 — Death of — death, and hell's de - struc - tion, — Land me safe on — Ca - naan's side. —

— Bread of heav - en, Feed me now and ev - er - more; —
 — Strong De - liver - er, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; —
 13 — Songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to Thee; —

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 — Songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to — Thee. —

Words: William Williams, 1745 (alt. Jeremy Casella, 2003)
 Music: Jeremy Casella, 2003

* 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 3:1-14 | Pew Bible p. 858

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has

food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

*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 | A Crying Voice, a Brood of Vipers, and the Way of Righteousness

Tyler Josephson

Prayer of Commitment

* Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken, All to leave and fol -
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me They have left my sa -
 3. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure, Come di - sas - ter, scorn
 4. Soul then know thy full sal - va - tion Rise o'er sin and fear



low Thee Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
 vior too Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
 and pain. In thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,
 and care Joy to find in ev - ery sta - tion,



Thou from hence my all shalt be Per - ish ev - ery fond
 Thou art not like them un - true Oh while thou dost smile
 With thy fa - vor loss is gain. I have called thee A -
 Some-thing still to do or bear Soon shall close thy earth -



am - bi - tion, All I've sought or hoped or known Yet how rich is my
 u - pon me, God of wis - dom, love and might Foes may hate and friends
 bba Fa - ther, I have stayed my heart on thee. Storms may howl and clouds
 ly mis - sion, Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days Hope shall change to glad



con - di - tion, God and heaven are still my own
 dis - own me, Show thy face and all is bright
 may ga - ther, All must work for good to me.
 fru - i - tion Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Words by Henry Lyte (1793-1847)
 Music: Mozart (alt. Bill Moore, 2001)

* **Benediction** | Isaiah 55:6-7

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

*Leader: “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

* **Postlude**

Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. Israel's exile was simply a paradigm for the true exile the entire world is in. Where do you feel that sense of exile in your own life or in our world today?
2. The arrival of Christ marks that exile is ending, but not necessarily over entirely. Where do we see this tension in our own lives?
3. False repentance is wanting escape from the consequences of sin without fleeing from sin itself. What are some subtle ways this shows up in a church culture, or in our own hearts?

Resources Used for Study in Luke:

1. Darrell L. Bock, Luke 1:1–9:50, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1994)
2. James R. Edwards, The Gospel according to Luke, ed. D. A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.; Nottingham, England: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Apollos, 2015)
3. J. C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on Luke, vol. 1 (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1879)

Serving This Morning:

Updates, Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Keith Boland

Reader: Sue Skelly

Musicians: Abigail Baarendse, Heather Coleridge, Theron Drayton, Jeff Francis, Barb Howell, Tim McConnell

Audio/visual and livestream: John Parler

Please Don't Forget to Pick up Your Poinsettias

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 November 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.
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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/>

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Relentless Pursuit

This spring, M & M Meditation and Memorization invites you to set aside distractions and awaken a deeper hunger for God's presence.

Using Scripture and themes from A. W. Tozer's *The Pursuit of God*, we'll meditate on verses to refocus our hearts and deepen our desire for Him. Come grow with us in wholehearted pursuit of God. Memorization is not required.

Tuesdays at 12-1:15 (feel free to bring your lunch), January 13th – March 24th, CE Room 204.

Contact Donna Johns at djohns9012@gmail.com for more information. New members join our group here



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

Office Closed January 1st

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 28, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00pm
Mobile Blood Bus
Ages 16 +

Schedule your donation here



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



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 (Final week to give)



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Mentor Moms
Winter/Spring 2026
Begins January 13th



register here



Volunteer Needed

We are in need of one nursery
caregiver for the Mentor Moms ministry.

Mentor Moms meets every Tuesday

9:15 - 11:45 am

between Jan 13 & Apr 28.

Even if you can't commit for
every Tuesday, please volunteer!

Text or call Sara Baarendse
at (803) 269-9240.

This is a paid position.



Un-Deck the Halls

Please plan to stay after
worship on January 4th
and help us Un-Deck the Halls

~Lunch will be provided~

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Jan. 4



Please prayerfully prepare
for our meeting with
Jesus at His table.

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