

January 4, 2026

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

Hail to another year,
The year that now begins!
All hail to Him who led us here,
Through dangers and through sins.

Hail to another year!
Though yet unknown, untrod,
Whate'er may come, we need not fear,
If friends, through Christ, with God.

Hail to another year,
A year of peace and love!
Oh, may it prove a foretaste here,
of endless years above!

— Henry Francis Lyte

Jesus's baptism is an act of humility. He consents to be counted as if he were a sinner, along with everyone else. This act foreshadows the time on the cross when he will die for the sins of the people of Israel and indeed for the sins of all those who are his.... This act of exchange, in which Jesus takes our sin and gives to us his righteousness, is depicted symbolically beforehand when he is baptized by John.

— Vern Poythress

* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

Updates | Following Christ Together

LITURGY OF THE WORD

* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 2:7-8, 11-12

*Leader: I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

*All: Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name-Trinity Hymnal No. 296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)



1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 3. Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, ye ran-somed of the fall,
 5. Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,
 6. O that with yon - der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 we'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

Trinity Hymnal No. 296

TEXT: St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.; St. 6, John Rippon, 1787

TUNE (CORONATION): Oliver Holden, 1793

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* Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Pew Bible pp. 575-578

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of
him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

6 *All:* Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession | Psalm 65:2-3

*Leader: O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.*

Corporate Confession

All: Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, Amen.

Silent Confession

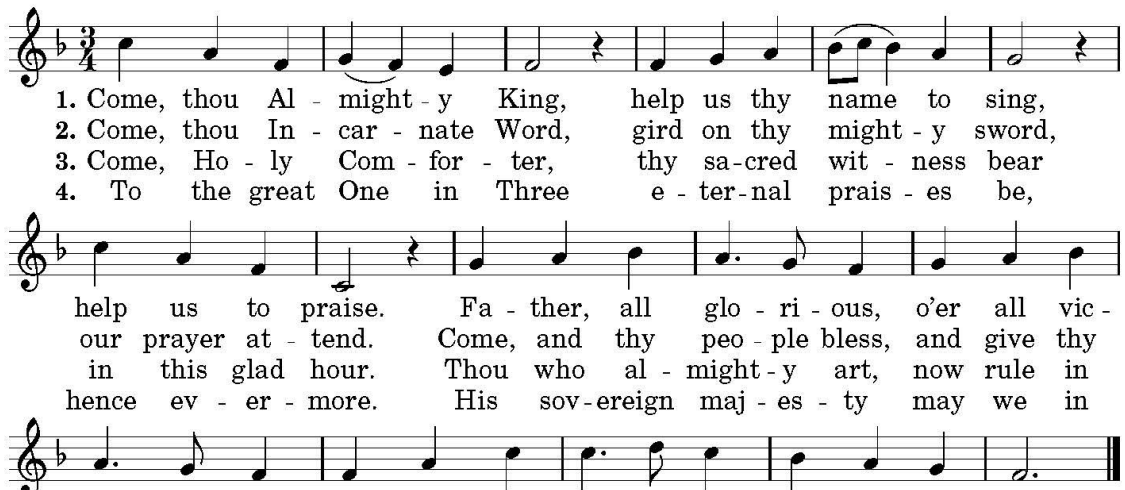
Words of Comfort | Psalm 65:4

*Leader: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!*

* Passing of the Peace

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.*

* Come Thou, Almighty King



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign ov - er us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Trinity Hymnal 101
TEXT: Anon., ca. 1757
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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.

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, gi - ving life to all that God has



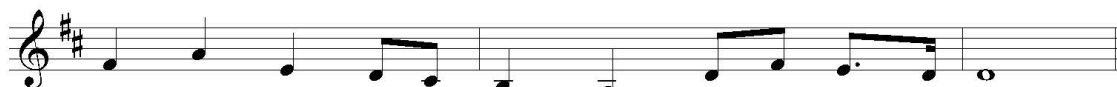
soul. Bring the pre - sence of the Ri - sen Lord to re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - ery sin in each
made, show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause Your



new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come a - live in me;
thought and deed and at - ti - tude; Kind - ness to the great - est and the least;
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pass - ion for Your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

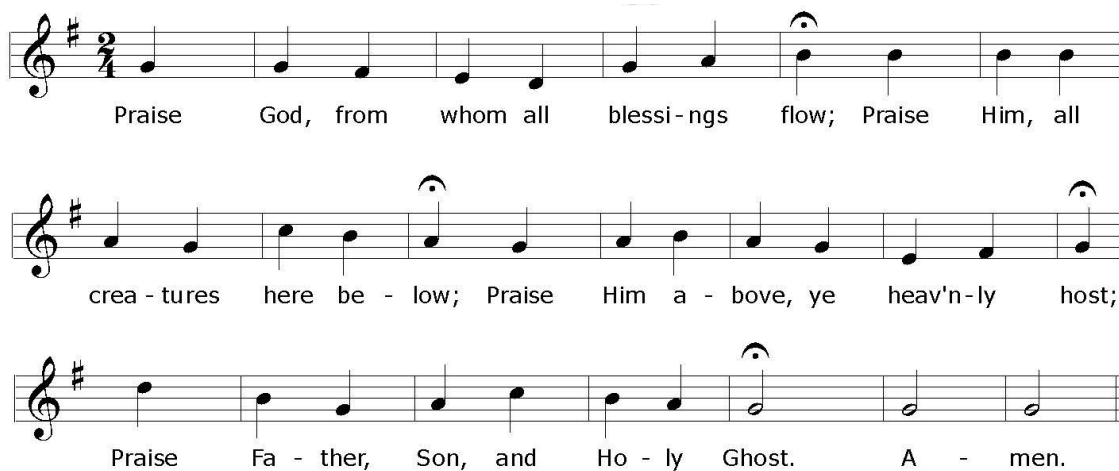


pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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* Offertory Prayer

* Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Trinity Hymnal 731

Words by Thomas Ken, 1709

TUNE (OLD HUNDREDETH) Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

* Scripture Reading | Luke 3:15-38 | Pew Bible p. 859

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, ²⁵ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, ²⁷ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, ²⁹ the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the

son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰ the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, ³¹ the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, ³³ the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ³⁴ the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵ the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, ³⁶ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸ the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

*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 Beloved Son's Family Tree

Rev. Josh Johnson

Prayer of Commitment

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Humble Access

All: We come to Your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King,
to gather up the crumbs under Your Table,
yet You are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, in this breaking of bread,
a rich participation in Your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of Your grace,
that by Your Spirit, we may commune with You and You with us.
Amen.

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

* By Faith

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the
 5. By faith this moun - tain - shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

who walk by faith and not by sight. We will
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. We will
 and rise tri - um - phantly from the grave. earth. We will
 in ev - ry cor - ner of the earth. name.
 for all who call up - on His name.

stand as chil - dren of the promise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the
 race is fin - ished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Words and music: Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, 2009

*** Benediction** | 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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

Leader: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

*** Postlude**

Questions to help the good news sink in:

1. How does Jesus' identification with His people help you when you feel lost, guilty, or ashamed?
2. Describe how the genealogy in Luke helps you understand your own place in God's story.
3. Share how knowing you have a faithful and true representative who has perfectly obeyed on your behalf frees you from yourself and helps you delight in obeying the Lord.

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: Tyler Josephson

Reader: Will Miller

Musicians: Abigail and Esther Baarendse, Vicki Bowles, Ruth Ellen Lorick, Tim McConnell, and Josiah Rogers

Audio/visual and livestream: Don Parker, Jason Waters

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 2025, 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

NOTES:

LPC Ruling Elders

Steve Baarendse
Chad Barrett
Arlan Brady
Keith Boland
Owen McCullough
Scott McGuire
John Parler
Tommy Parnell
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Tim McConnell
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Yuriy Petrenko
Joel Rimer
Jason Waters
Chuck Williams

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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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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



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

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 28, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00pm

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +

Schedule your donation here



 American Red Cross

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.



Medical and Fire Safety Training

WHO: Elders, Deacons, CE teachers,
Nursery workers and Greeters
WHEN: Jan. 25th | 2:00 - 3:00 pm
WHERE: Tomlin Hall
WHAT: Dress comfortably | RSVP by Jan. 22nd



Mentor Moms

Winter/Spring 2026

Begins January 13th



register here



Un-Deck the Halls

Please plan to stay after
worship TODAY!
and help us Un-Deck the Halls

~Lunch will be provided~



**midweek reset
resumes jan 14th
wednesdays at 5:30pm**

Promotions Request Form



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