



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 11, 2026

That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means—the only complete realist.

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

I said above that the pattern of all the temptations of Satan is the same, namely, that he first puts faith to trial and draws away from the Word. Then follow the sins against the Second Table. From our own experience we perceive that this is his procedure.

— Martin Luther

In Saint Luke's Gospel we are told
How Peter in the days of old
Was sifted;
And now, though ages intervene,
Sin is the same, while time and scene
Are shifted.
Satan desires us, great and small,
As wheat, to sift us, and we all
Are tempted;
Not one, however rich or great,
Is by his station or estate
Exempted.

— Henry Wordsworth Longfellow

For God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 113:1—3

Leader: Praise the LORD!

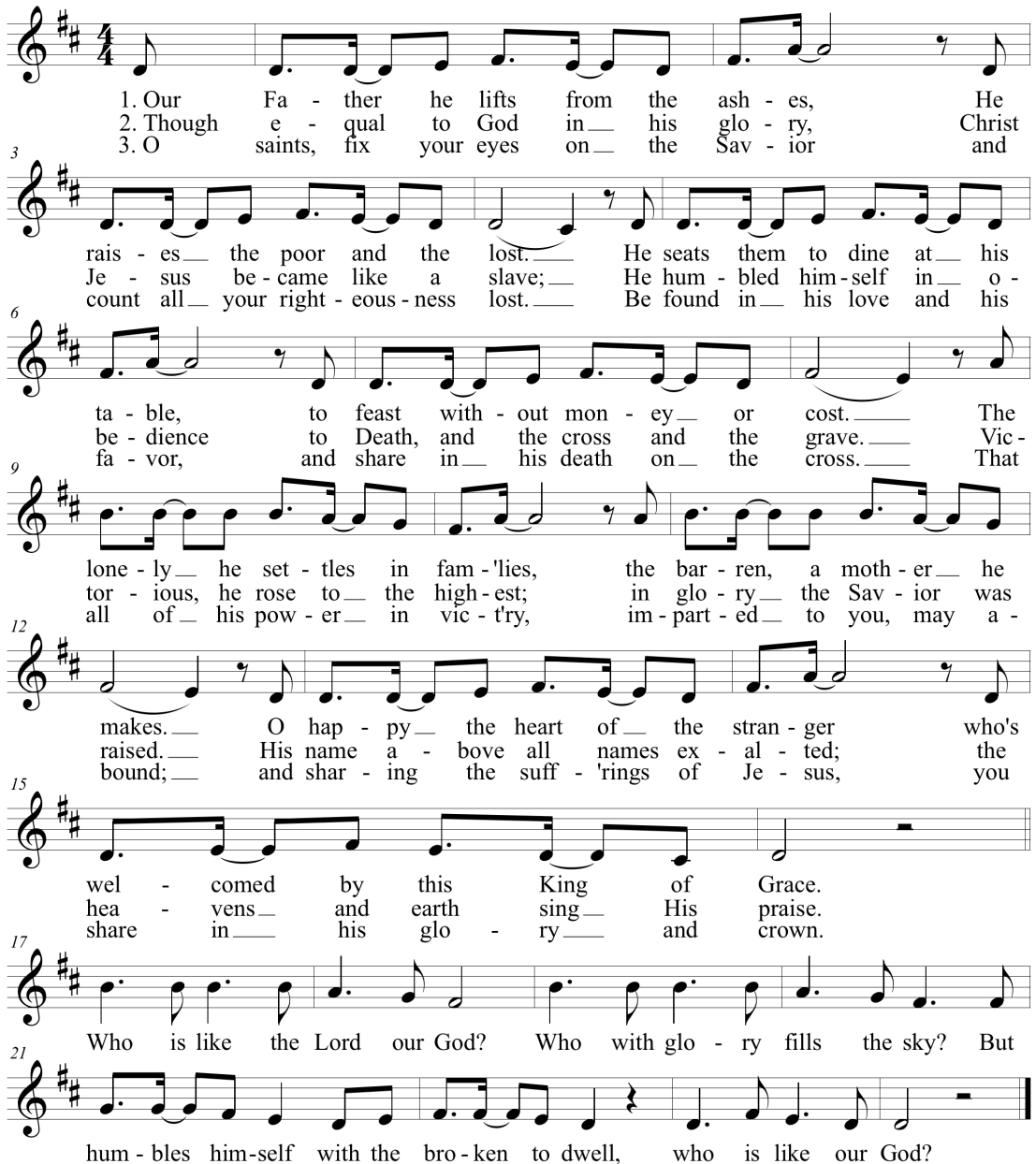
All: Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

*Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!*

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

WHO IS LIKE THE LORD, OUR GOD



1. Our Fa - ther he lifts from the ash - es, He
 2. Though e - qual to God in his glo - ry, Christ
 3. O saints, fix your eyes on the Sav - ior and

rais - es the poor and the lost. He seats them to dine at his
 Je - sus be - came like a slave; He hum - bled him - self in o -
 count all your right - eous - ness lost. Be found in his love and his

ta - ble, to feast with - out mon - ey or cost. The
 be - dience to Death, and the cross and the grave. Vic -
 fa - vor, and share in his death on the cross. That

lone - ly he set - tles in fam - 'lies, the bar - ren, a moth - er he
 tor - ious, he rose to the high - est; in glo - ry the Sav - ior was
 all of his pow - er in vic - t'ry, im - part - ed to you, may a -

makes. O hap - py the heart of the stran - ger who's
 raised. His name a - bove all names ex - al - ted; the
 bound; and shar - ing the suff - 'rings of Je - sus, you

wel - comed by this King of Grace.
 hea - vens and earth sing His praise.
 share in his glo - ry and crown.

Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But

hum - bles him - self with the bro - ken to dwell, who is like our God?

Words: from Psalm 113, Phil 2,3; Wendell Kimbrough, 2013
 Music: Bruce Benedict and Wendell Kimbrough, 2013
 from *Hallel Psalms - Cardiphonia Compilation*

PRAYER OF ADORATION | 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.

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 91 | Pew Bible p. 497

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

🎵 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD-TRINITY HYMNAL NO. 92



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us. The the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth. Let



still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him. kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Trinity Hymnal 92

TEXT: Based on Psalm 46; Martin Luther, 1529; Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

TUNE (EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7 6.6.6.6.7.): Martin Luther, 1529

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CALL TO CONFESSION | Hebrews 7:25

Leader: Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord,
Your Word is good seed,
Yet too often our hearts are hard, resisting Your truth.
We confess that at times we are shallow—
receiving with joy but falling away when trials come.
We admit how easily the worries of this world,
the deceitfulness of riches,
and the desires for other things choke out Your Word in us.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Break up our stony ground, pull out the thorns,
and make us good soil by Your Spirit.
Plant Your Word deep within us,
that we may bear fruit for the glory of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | Colossians 1:13—14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Westminster Confession of Faith, Q&A # 48

Leader: How did Christ humble himself in his life?

All: Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

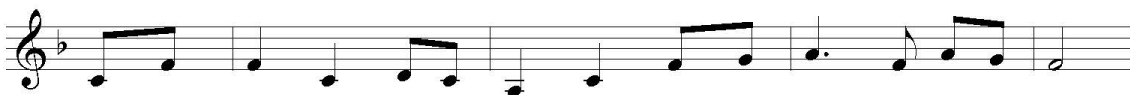
Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER



1. Christ, the true and bet-ter A - dam, Son of God and Son of man,
 2. Christ, the true and bet-ter Is - aac, hum - ble Son of sac - ri - fice,
 3. Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple home,
 4. Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid, low - ly shep - herd, might - y king.



who, when temp - ted in the gar - den, nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned.
 who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to of - fer up His life.
 stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great glo - ry to be known.
 He the cham - pion in the bat - tle; where, O death, is now thy sting?



He who makes the man - y right - eous brings us back to life a - gain.
 Laid with faith up - on the al - tar, fath - er's joy and on - ly son;
 With His arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the wa - ters part in two;
 In our place He bled and con - quered; crown Him Lord of maj - es - ty.



Dy - ing, He re - versed the curse; then ris - ing crushed the ser - pent's head. ^[tov. 2]
 there sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed, oh what full and bound - less love.
 see, the veil is torn for - ev - er, cleansed with blood we pass now through.
 His shall be the throne for - ev - er; we shall e'er His peo - ple be.



A - men, a - men, from be - gin - ing to end.



Christ the sto - ry, His the glo - ry; al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPEAK, O LORD



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of _ faith. faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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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.

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 4:1—15 | Pew Bible p. 859

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the LORD your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him

went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

*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 | JESUS OUR CONQUERING KING

REV. JOSH JOHNSON

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - dee - mer There is no
 2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture
 4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he has



more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness, and
 side, the Sav - ior he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly
 joi - cing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -
 par - don and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -
 new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus For my life is who - lly bound to his. Oh how
 fend me Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the
 fea - ted Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea Oh the
 Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 chains are re - leased I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

 **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.

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

QUESTIONS TO HELP THE GOOD NEWS SINK IN:

1. The "wilderness" is a scary place—it is the place, maybe emotional, spiritual, or even physical, where one feels alone, afraid, powerless, and weak. Share with one another the "wilderness places" in your own life and context.
2. Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. How does this truth help you see Jesus and his affection for you more clearly?
3. The Word of God, God's self-revelation of Himself and His plan of redemption in Christ Jesus, and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit are twin pillars that uphold us in times of sin and temptation. What are some practical ways you can grow in your trust and abiding in God's Word and the presence of His Spirit?

RESOURCES USED FOR STUDY IN LUKE:

Luke, Focus on the Bible Commentary, Dale Ralph Davis

Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Darrell L. Bock

Luke, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, David E. Garland

Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard B. Hays

Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, Formation, Scripture and Hermeneutics Series, eds. Bartholomew, Green, and Thiselton

A Theology of Luke-Acts, Darrell L. Bock

From Adam and Israel to the Church, Benjamin Gladd

Luke, New International Commentary on the New Testament, Joel B. Green

Luke, New International Greek Testament Commentary, I. Howard Marshall

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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.

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!

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Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

<https://lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LPCWomen>

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LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSIONS LUNCHEON

with Taylor & Katherine Dix
Sunday, Jan 18th | after worship



register
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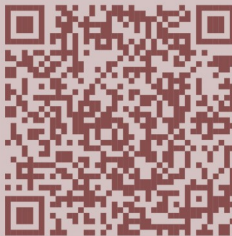
*Palmetto Presbytery
Women's Spring Gathering
Feb 7, 2026 | 8:30am - 1:00pm
St Andrews Presbyterian Church*



register here

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

Schedule your
donation here



PARENTING in the Digital Age

Friday, February 27th | 6:00 - 8:00pm



LEXINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Part 1 of a seminar series on
Following Jesus Together*

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



2026 Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair

Saturday March 7th

9:30am - 12:30pm

Lexington Leisure Center

Free screenings and activities.

Great way to reach out to others in the community and have fun.



Volunteers are needed for Sundays
Please consider how you can serve



Volunteer!

- Greeters
- Coffee Team Members
- Scripture Readers

Contact Natalia for more information
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Wednesday, Jan. 14th at 5:30pm

Cost is \$4/person with \$20 family max
Registration is not required
Pay at the door* or prepay below

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