



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 1, 2026

One prays most properly when one takes one's place in the unfolding drama of redemption, and one prays most sensibly when one perceives how the new stage of God's drama renders God most fully....Jesus stands at the center of Scripture and is the climax of God's self-revelation.

— Craig Bartholomew and Robby Holt

However, when we take account of the particular context, Jesus' commands are still daunting. One might imagine a disciple hearing [Luke 6] verses 27-30 and perhaps asking, "Do you mean to say we are to let folks who hate you and us to walk all over us?" And in [Luke 6] verses 32-34 Jesus essentially says, I am not calling you to a conventional ethic but to an *exceptional* ethic.

— Dale Ralph Davis

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

— 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 🌐 CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 84:1-4

*Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!*

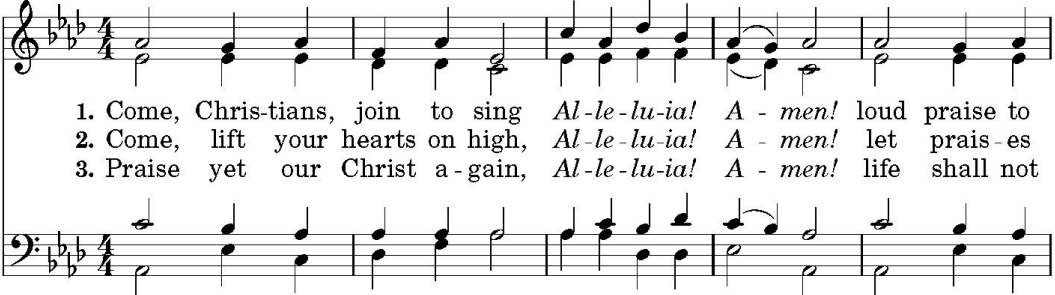
**All: My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

*Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.*

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

🌐 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

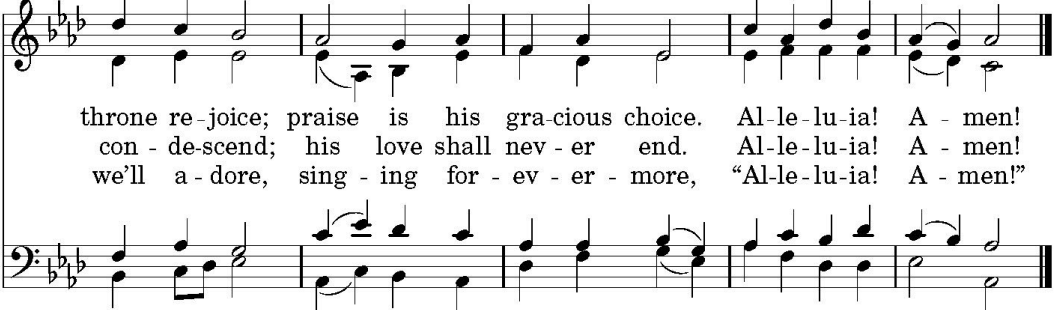
🌐 COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING—Trinity Hymnal No. 302



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! loud praise to  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! let prais-es  
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain, *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! life shall not



Christ our King; *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his  
fill the sky; *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll  
end the strain; *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men! on heaven's bliss-ful shore, his goodness



throne re-joyce; praise is his gra-cious choice. *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men!  
con - de-scend; his love shall nev-er end. *Al-le-lu-ia!* A - men!  
we'll a-dore, sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

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🌐 PRAYER OF ADORATION

## READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 | Pew Bible p. 172

“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION | Psalm 79:9

*Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!*

## CORPORATE CONFESSION

**All:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature,  
quick to do evil and slow to do good.  
All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.  
You alone know how often we have sinned—  
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your  
love.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us; turn us to yourself.  
Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins.  
Since you set us free from the dominion of sin,  
move us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
according to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit.

## PERSONAL CONFESSION

*Leader: Lord, hear us now as we confess our personal sins.*

## WORDS OF COMFORT | Romans 4:7-8

*Leader: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*



# GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### WONDROUS LOVE, O MY SOUL

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this.  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,  
for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great "I Am";  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing!  
Sing, I will sing!  
I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, sing on.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be;

and through eternity,  
I'll sing on!

I'll sing on!

I'll sing on!

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## 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.

## PASSING 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. It precedes our coming to the Lord's Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 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.

## CORPORATE PRAYER

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS | Luke 6:12—36 | Pew Bible p. 862

<sup>12</sup>In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

<sup>17</sup>And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless

those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

*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 BLESSED LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP**

**REV. JOSH JOHNSON**

NOTES:

# 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 AND FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF THE KING

# 🎵 THERE IS ONE GOSPEL



1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2. There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.  
 3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks.  
 4. And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a - lone.



It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.  
 For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.  
 For death could not keep my Sav - iour down, He lives and I am free.  
 We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my  
 No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the  
 Now on my Sav - iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His  
 And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, He is my light.  
 weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life.  
 hope is mine. For He has pro - mised I too, will rise.  
 res - cued me. Praise to the Sav - iour, the King of life.



I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
 I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
 I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
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 **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.*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.  
DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR!**

## **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

## **QUESTIONS TO HELP THE GOSPEL SINK IN:**

*Please utilize the quotes from the Reflections for Worship (p. 3) as a spring board for further discussion.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of January 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$668,654
Received FYTD	\$721,911
Expenditures FYTD	\$589,453

## FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

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

Through the end of January 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$70,000
Carryover for Outreach Committee	\$20,500
Faith Promise Giving:	\$57,648
Missions Disbursements	\$106,619

\* 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.

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# SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sunday School 8:45 - 9:30 am**

**Gathered Worship 10 am**

Nursery provided for age 2  
Children's Church provided for ages 3 and 4

## **Adult Sunday School Communities**

**Foundations** | room 204, *20s to 40s*  
**Christ in the Home** | room 201, *40s to 60s*  
**Christ in Culture** | Tomlin Hall, *50s to 70s*  
**Christ in the Word** | Parlor, *60s and above*  
**Ladies Class** | room 202, *50s and above*

## **Children**

**Nursery, age 1 and under** | room 105  
**Ages 2-3** | room 106  
**Ages 4-5** | room 103  
**Grades 1-2** | room 206  
**Grades 3-4** | room 209  
**Grade 5** | room 205

## **Youth**

**Middle School** | room 212  
**High School** | Youth Room

# 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](https://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>

## Youth Ministry Newsletter Subscription

Please, scan this QR Code with your phone camera.



# Inquirer's Class

March 15th, 21st, 29th

Learn more about LPC's mission and how you can be part of our community!

During Sunday School  
Class, from 8:45 am till  
9:30 am, room 213



Register now!

# Holy Week

*Palm Sunday*

March 29<sup>th</sup> | Sunday School 8:45 am | Worship 10:00 am

*Maundy Thursday*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

*Good Friday*

April 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Icehouse Amphitheater

*Easter Sunday*

April 5<sup>th</sup> | Worship 10:00 am

# YOU'RE INVITED



**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30-11:00 am**  
**at Gibson Pond Park**  
**Main Shelter**

- Easter Presentation
- Egg Hunts
- Snacks and Fellowship

**Come and celebrate**  
**what Jesus has done for us**



**Register Children Here**

**Please donate**  
**individually wrapped candy**  
**and small toys**  
**to fill eggs for the egg hunt!**  
**Bins at Tomlin Lobby & Children's Desk**

# 2026 Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Lexington Leisure Center

## Opportunities to Serve

- Register now to volunteer for setup or at the event
- Bring Clothing Donations to children's desk



Scan to register to volunteer



## Sponsoring Churches

- Lake Murray Baptist
- Lexington Presbyterian
- Mt Olive CME
- New Bethel AME
- Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist
- St Paul Missionary Baptist
- Watershed Fellowship

Free event for everyone!

Make plans to come to the fair and invite a friend. Share on your social media or pick up postcards from the welcome desk.



Scan for more information



Cost is \$4/person with \$16 family max  
Registration is not required  
Pay at the door\* or prepay below

March 4<sup>th</sup> menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, green beans, rolls, banana pudding

\*debit/credit cards accepted



LPC Women's Ministry

All Women are invited to  
**Circle One in Love** goes Irish

March 9<sup>th</sup> | 9:30am - noon

Ruth Adam will lead a devotional on  
"The Golden Chain"

Prayer time

Irish Trivia contest

Irish Potato Luncheon will follow



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