

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 15, 2026

Yet in the limbo between living and dying, as the night clocks tick remorselessly on, and the black sky implacably shows not one single streak or scratch of gray, I hear those words: "I am the resurrection, and the life," and feel myself to be carried along on a great tide of joy and peace.

— Malcolm Muggeridge

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD;
we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

— Isaiah 25:8-9

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:22-23

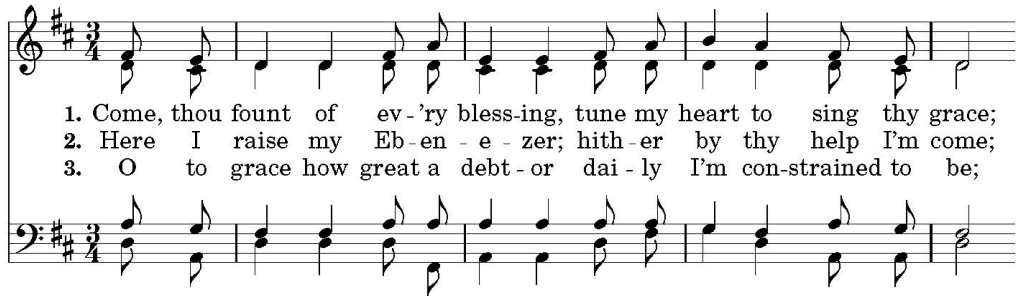
*Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:*

**All: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF ADORATION

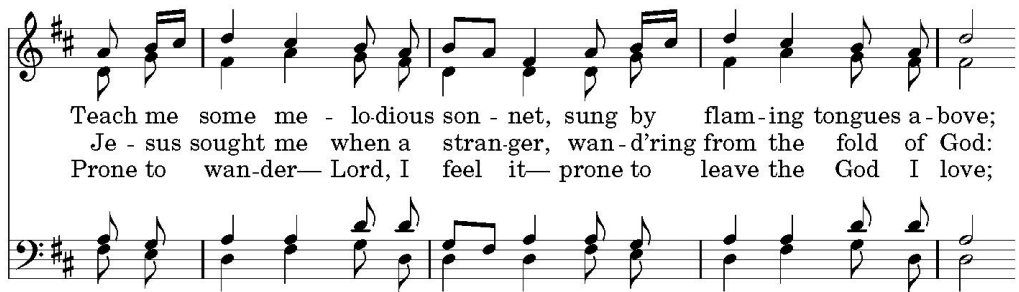
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



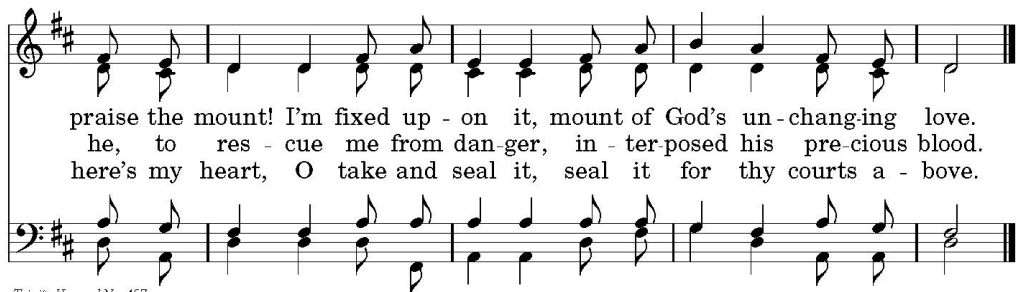
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

1 Kings 17:17-24 | Pew Bible p. 299

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Micah 6:8, Job 13:23

*Leader: He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

*How many are my iniquities and my sins?
Make me know my transgression and my sin.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**All: Lord Jesus, Your kingdom is holy, just, and full of mercy;
but too often we resist Your reign and fail to do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
We cling to our own desires, neglect Your will,
and fail to love Your people as You command.
Forgive us, we pray.
By Your Spirit, renew our hearts so that we may delight in Your rule,
seek Your glory above our own,
and live faithfully for Your kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

1 John 1:9

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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


HYMN OF ASSURANCE

My Worth Is Not in What I Own


VERSES



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and
(3.As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry



bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. 2. My
by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. 4. I




worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or
will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing




shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.

CHORUS




I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well - spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. 3. As



2.
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un - wor - thi -



ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross. *[After Verse 5 Repeat Chorus]*

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHORAL ANTHEM

Fear Not, for I Am with You

Fear not, I am with you. You need never be afraid.
Fear not, I will help you, for I am your God!
I will strengthen you, give my help to you.
I will hold you in my hand. Yes, I'll hold you in my hand!

Fear not, I am with you. You need never be afraid.
Fear not, I will help you, for I am your God!
I will strengthen you, give my help to you.
I will hold you in my hand. Yes, I'll hold you in my hand.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.
They that wait shall run and not grow weary;
they shall walk and not be faint!

Fear not, I am with you. You need never be afraid.
Fear not, I will help you, for I am your God!
I will strengthen you, give my help to you.
I will hold you in my hand. Yes, I'll hold you in my hand!

Fear not, I am with you. You need never be afraid.
Fear not, I will help you, for I am your God!
I will strengthen you, give my help to you.
I will comfort you, ever be with you.
I will walk with you, even carry you.
I will hold you in my hand.
I will hold you in my hand!

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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. 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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

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 power that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 7:1-17 | Pew Bible p. 863

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ⁶ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

*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 | FAITH AND FEAR WHEN THE KING DRAWS NEAR

REV. JOSH JOHNSON

NOTES:

HYMN OF SENDING

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev-ery-thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau-ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,
by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

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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.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of February 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$764,176
Received FYTD	\$821,211
Expenditures FYTD	\$698,609

FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

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

Through the end of February 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$80,000
Faith Promise Giving:	\$63,021
Missions Disbursements	\$120,086

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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

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

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

Sunday, March 15th, 22nd & 29th
8:45 - 9:30 am | room 213

*Lunch after worship
on March 29th*



Register now!



YOU'RE INVITED



**Saturday, March 28th
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**

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29th | Sunday School 8:45 am | Worship 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

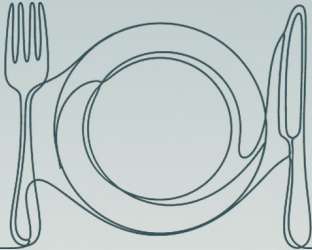
April 3rd | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Icehouse Amphitheater

Easter Sunday

April 5th | Worship 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday Feast & Fellowship March 29th

Join us after worship
for lunch in Tomlin Hall



(bring a main dish + salad or dessert,
enough for your family plus extra)



Cost is \$4/person with \$16 family max
Pay at the door* or prepay below

March 18th menu: Teriyaki Chicken

*debit/credit cards accepted



Medical and Fire Safety Training

WHO: Elders, Deacons, SS teachers, Nursery
workers and Greeters

WHEN: April 19th | 2:00pm

WHERE: Tomlin Hall

WHAT: Dress comfortably | RSVP by April 16th



As Iron Sharpens Iron so One Person Sharpens Another Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 28th | 7:30-8:30 am | Tomlin Hall

Join us as we seek opportunities
to grow in grace and encourage
each other in the same manner
Please register →



SUMMER
YOUTH
PROGRAMS

BASEBALL
FLAG FOOTBALL
CHEER

Registration closes 4/12



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