

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026

True believers may have the assurance of their salvation in diverse ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it; by falling into some special sin, which wounds the conscience, and grieves the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation; by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance and suffering even such as fear Him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived, and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

- WCF 18.4.

"Surely, while we teach that faith ought to be certain and secure, we cannot imagine any certainty that is not tinged with doubt, or any assurance that is not assailed by some anxiety."

- John Calvin 1509-1564

"Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea."

- Samuel Rutherford, 1600-1661

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:16

Leader: *But may all who seek you
 rejoice and be glad in you;*

All: **may those who love your salvation
 say continually, “Great is the LORD!”**

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF ADORATION

Only A Holy God



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire?
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? ___ On - ly a Ho - ly God. *[to verse 2]*
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? ___
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? ___ } On - ly a Ho - ly God.
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? ___



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly, for -



ev - er a Ho - ly God; come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God. *[Repeat Chorus after verse 4]*

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 164
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READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Malachi 3:1-5 | Pew Bible p. 802

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hosea 6:1

*Leader: Come, let us return to the LORD;
 for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
 he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, Maker of all things,
 Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins.
 We have wandered from your ways like lost sheep.
 We have followed our own hearts.
 We have plugged our ears trying to avoid you.
 Please forgive our rebellion, our stubbornness, and all our excuses.
 Forgive us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 who loved us, pursued us, and died in our place.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 53:5

*Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

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 living 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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us



1.How deep the Fa-ther's love for us how vast be-yond all meas-ure that
(2.Be) - hold the man up - on the cross my sin up - on His shoul-ders. A -



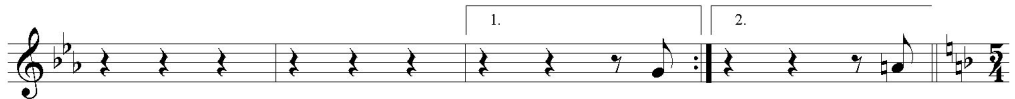
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a-mong the scof - fers. It



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished: His



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.



2.Be - 3.I



will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

See, What A Morning (Resurrection Hymn)

See, what a morning, glor'ously bright, With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded with graveclothes, tomb filled with light, As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan wrought in love, Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice;
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow, she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name, It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years speaking life, Stirring hope, bringing peace to us;
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days! Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
Honor and blessing, glory and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him: Death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall live with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

And we are raised with Him: Death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall live with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

He lives!

Jesus lives!

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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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 7:18-35 | Pew Bible pp. 863-864

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” ²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

³¹ To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

*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 | GO AND TELL WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD!

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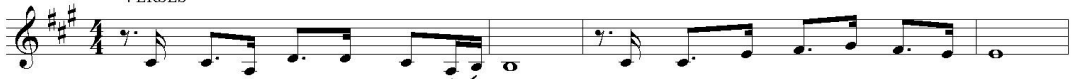
NOTES:



HYMN OF GRACE

The Lord Is My Salvation

VERSES



1. The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord, He flow'rs each prom - ise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of _ need, when I know loss, when I am weak.
 5. And when I reach the fi - nal day, He will not leave me in the grave.

Vs 5 - Use higher notes



And I am safe on this sol - id ground. The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Verse 2]
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Chorus]
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Verse 4]
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Chorus]
 But I will rise, He will call me home; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Chorus]

CHORUS



Who is like the _ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

Sing higher notes after vs 5



debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. [to Verse 3]
 [to Verse 5]
 [continue after v.5] Glo - ry

BRIDGE



be to God, the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God, the Son, _ glo - ry



be to God, the Spir - it; _ The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry tion, the



Lord is our sal - va - tion, the Lord is our sal - va - tion. _

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BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

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

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

RESOURCES USED FOR STUDY IN LUKE:

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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.



YOU'RE INVITED



**Sunday, March 29th
after lunch at LPC**

Our family event at Gibson Park is cancelled. We hope you'll stay after worship/lunch and enjoy a time of fun & fellowship as our children search for hidden eggs!

**Please donate
individually wrapped candy
and small toys by March 25th
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

Red Cross Blood Drive

April 29, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00pm

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +



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AED CLASS

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00am - 12:30pm

Tomlin Hall

Cost - \$25

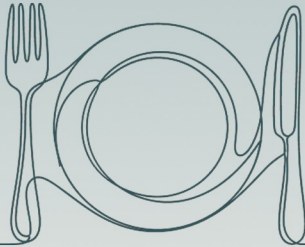
Max class size - 12

**American
Heart
Association**

Registrations
Coming
Soon

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 25th menu: Enchilada Casserole

*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 →



LPC is launching a task force to come up with a campus improvement plan. This plan will encompass a sanctuary upgrade as well as recommendations for other campus improvements. The output of this team will be used as input for launching a phased capital improvement drive. If you have interest in serving on this task force, please contact the church office.

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