



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2026

He, the Life of all, our Lord and Savior, did not arrange the manner of his own death lest He should seem to be afraid of some other kind. No. He accepted and bore upon the cross a death inflicted by others, and those other His special enemies, a death which to them was supremely terrible and by no means to be faced; and He did this in order that, by destroying even this death, He might Himself be believed to be the Life, and the power of death be recognized as finally annulled.

A marvelous and mighty paradox has thus occurred, for the death which they thought to inflict on Him as dishonor and disgrace has become the glorious monument to death's defeat.

— Athanasius

The cross tests everything....Now it is not sufficient for anyone, and does him no good to recognize God in his glory and majesty, unless he recognizes him in the shame and humility of the cross.

— Martin Luther

So, how is Jesus the Good Shepherd? In love, this heaven-sent Shepherd sacrificed Himself so that lost, judgment-deserving sheep might be spared God's just wrath, be restored to His friendship and fellowship, and one day be found in His nearer presence.

— Ian Hamilton

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Hebrews 10

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from among the dead!

All: He is risen, indeed!

*Leader: Now we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
by the new and living way that he opened for us
through the curtain, that is, through his flesh.*

**All: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,
let us draw near!**

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF ADORATION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 thee we greet tri - umph - ant now; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 hail, the Re - sur - rec - tion, thou! Al - - le - lu - ia!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 277
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 TUNE (EASTER HYMN): *Lysa Davidica*, 1708; alt.
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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 JOY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri -
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub -

own: a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fied: no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
praise: his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 295
TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851
TUNE (DIADEMATA): George J. Elvey, 1868
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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 22-24 | Pew Bible p. 722

For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 53:6

*Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.
We have rebelled against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
Therefore, we lack integrity.
Now, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive our sins and grant us the gift of repentance.
By your grace, enable us to live godly, righteous,
and sober lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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

Heidelberg Catechism Q45

Q: What does the resurrection of Christ profit us?

**A: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,
that he might make us partakers of that righteousness
which he had purchased for us by his death;
secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life;
and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge
of our blessed resurrection.**



HYMN OF HOPE

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-long.
 Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com-mand?
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
 and we will feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah!



Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ, our hope in life and death. _____

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Take a moment to fill out and pass the Friendship Register located on your pew. Our goal in this register is to welcome visitors, shepherd the flock here at LPC, and to help us all connect more intentionally with the life of our church.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ Is Alive!

Alive!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!

He's alive!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave! Alleluia to the King!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave. Let your loud hosannas ring!

For Jesus, our Redeemer, has conquered sin and strife.

His death and resurrection shall grant eternal life!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave! Alleluia to the King!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave! Let your loud hosannas ring!

Behold, the tomb is empty.

Behold, the tomb is empty.

Behold, the tomb is empty. He's alive!

Jesus Christ is risen! He's alive!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave! Alleluia to the King!

Christ is alive; risen from the grave! Let your loud hosannas ring!

Lift your voice. Let loud hosannas ring!

Alive!

He is risen!

He is risen!

Alive!

Alive!

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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: *Christ is risen!*

All: **He is risen, indeed!**

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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 10:7-18 | Pew Bible p. 896

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

*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 SHEPHERD’S AUTHORITY TO DIE AND RISE AGAIN

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES:

HYMN OF HOPE

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

1. How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through
 2. For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis - ci - ples
 3. Where doubt and dark - ness once had been they saw Him and their
 4. Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and
 5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to

sa - cri - fice to con - quer eve - ry sting of death?
 lift their eyes. A - live He stands, - - - their friend and King?
 hearts be - lieved; but blest are those who have not seen,
 pow'r of grace, and pour - ing out their lives they gained
 pow'r - fully save; He frees our hearts to live His grace:

Sing, sing hal - le - lu - jah!
 Christ, Christ, He is ris - en!
 yet sing hal - le - lu - jah!
 life, life ev - er - last - ing!
 go, tell of His good - ness!

Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en, in - deed! O, sing hal - le - lu - jah!

Join the chor-us, sing with the re - deemed: "Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed!"

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

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 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

RESOURCES:

Lessons from the Upper Room, Sinclair Ferguson

The Message of John, Bruce Milne

The Gospel of John, Herman Ridderbos

John, NICNT, J. Ramsey Michaels

John, ZECNT, Edward W. Klink III

John, Pillar, D. A. Carson

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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

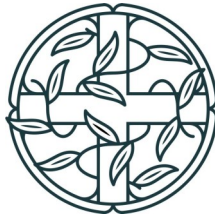
Grades 3-4 | room 209

Grade 5 | room 205

Youth

Middle School | room 212

High School | Youth Room



WELCOME TO LPC!

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!



Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

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

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

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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



*You are cordially invited to
LPC Women's Ministry Tea Party
April 18th / 12:00-2:00 pm*

Tomlin Hall

Please register by April 15th



We will celebrate the
Lord's Supper
Sunday, April 12th

Please prayerfully
prepare for our
meeting with Jesus
at His table.



Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +



CPR
AED CLASS

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00am - 12:30pm

Tomlin Hall

Cost - \$25

Max class size - 12

American
Heart
Association





Circle One in Love
Monday, April 13, 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 am
Devotional with Ruth Adam
Muffins and coffee will be served
All ladies are welcome!

Circle One is a group of ladies that meets monthly with a focus on fellowship, prayer, discipleship and service. Each meeting we are blessed with a devotional based on scripture from Ruth Adam. A luncheon is enjoyed after our meeting quarterly and we do various service projects throughout the year. For more information, contact Rachel Caldwell (tennisbum57@windstream.net)

2026 VBS at LPC



July 14th-17th

Volunteer Registration is opening soon!



There is no
Midweek Reset
April 8th

LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH LPC NIGHT

Tickets \$15.99*

Includes ticket, unlimited all-beef hotdogs, burgers
chicken sandwiches, chips, brownies, drinks

Fri, May 29th
7:05PM

Gates open
at 6:00PM



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