

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 19, 2026

In identifying himself as Israel's Lord, Jesus possesses sovereign authority to silence the onslaught of "demonic forces," symbolized by the chaotic waters of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus, as Israel's God incarnate, symbolically judges evil.

— G.K. Beale & Ben Gladd

Jesus exercises his authority over all the brokenness in the world as a result of sin: he heals leprosy, restoring a man to a clean slate, heals a servant at a distance, casts out demons and unclean spirits, calms the sea, forgives sins, raises the dead and heals long-term suffering, and gives sight to the blind and speech to the mute. Hereby Jesus is condemning the work of darkness. Reversing its judgments, he annuls its power and repeals its verdicts. Jesus is saving by rendering judgment on the effects of the curse.

— James M. Hamilton Jr.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

— Charles Wesley

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1a, 5

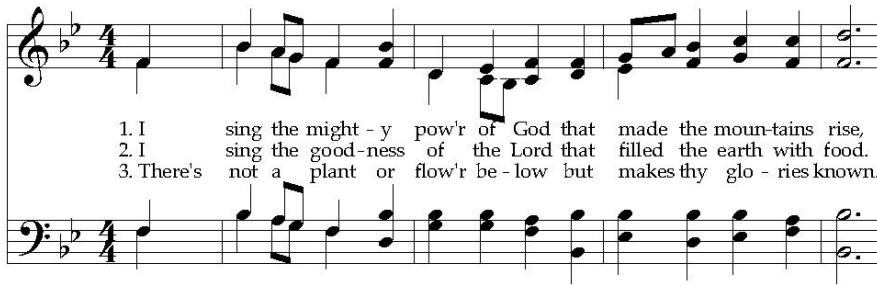
Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**All: Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

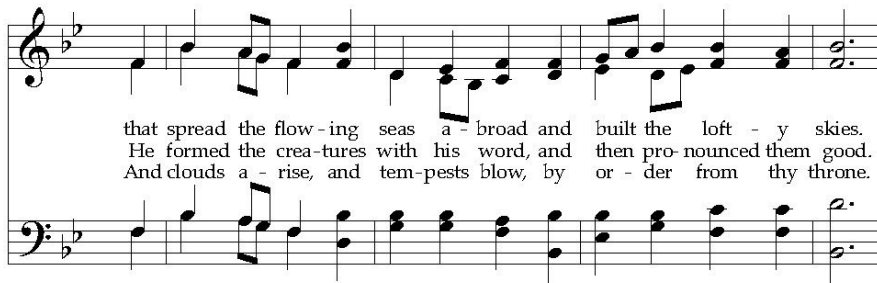
 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF PRAISE

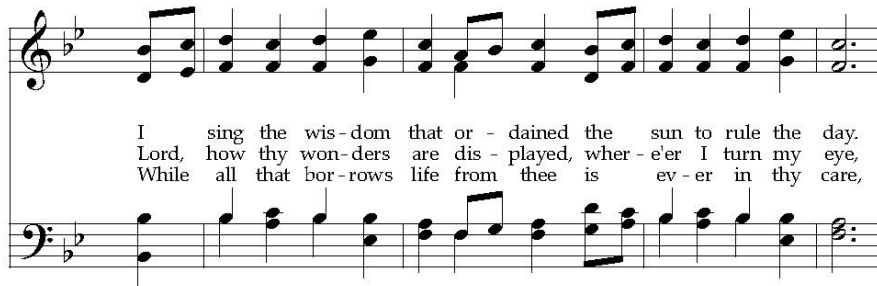
I Sing the Mighty Power of God




1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

TUNE (ELLACOMBE); *Vollständige-Sammlung der gewöhnlichen Melodien, 1827*; harm. *Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863*

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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 ADORATION

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on his hands, bear - ing all the

ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice;
an - y of his words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave;

all cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice! Be - hold our
Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

God, seat - ed on his throne: come, let us a - dore him! Be - hold our

King! No - thing can com - pare; come, let us a - dore him!

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READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 107:23-32 | Pew Bible p. 507

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:12

*Leader: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man,
and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned*

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 8:1

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 26

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.



HYMN OF HOPE

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor



1.Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;
 2.Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on.
 3.Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, thru the floods of un - be - lief.
 4.Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death.



when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,



In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
 (5.) Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.



I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
 We will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.

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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

Psalm of Repentance

We come before You, God of love,
and through Your eyes, we see ourselves.
In penitence we own our blame.
We stagger 'neath the weight of shame.
Have mercy on us, God of love.

We bow before You, God of truth.
Too often, we have fallen short.
Deliver us from all the wrong
that robs us of our joyful song.
Have mercy on us, God of truth.

In Your mercy, cleanse our hearts,
purify our inward parts.
Restore the joy that we received
that moment when we first believed in You.
O Lord, our lives renew!

We stand before You, God of grace.
A-fresh, we sing our song of praise, song of praise.
We pledge to serve You in this hour,
invigorated by Your pow'r.
Have mercy. Have mercy.
Have mercy on us, God of grace. Amen.

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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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 8:22-39 | Pew Bible pp. 865-866

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out,²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger.²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.²⁵ He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.”²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him.³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the

city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

*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 THE KING OVER EVERY SPHERE

Rev. Josh Johnson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

All for Jesus!

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - sored pow'rs:
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

"All for Jesus!", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 565

TEXT: Mary D. James, 1871

TUNE (WYCLIFF): John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

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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 March 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$860,448
Received FYTD	\$936,191
Expenditures FYTD	\$777,674

FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

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

Through the end of March 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$90,000
Faith Promise Giving:	\$68,333
Missions Disbursements	\$134,570

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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

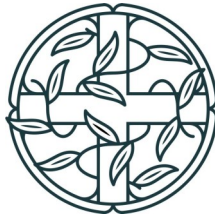
Grades 3-4 | room 209

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/>

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Youth Ministry Newsletter Subscription

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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



*Tickets available for \$8.50 without food.

CPR / AED Class

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00am - 12:30pm

Tomlin Hall

Cost - \$25

Max class size - 12

American
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Association



2026 VBS at LPC



July 14th-17th
Volunteer Registration
open now



Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +



American
Red Cross



Youth Ministry Kayak Day

Wednesday, June 17th | 4:00 - 7:00 pm

All Youth and Parents

\$25/person | Please register here



LPC Youth Ministry

**Canoeing
For Kids**



Wednesdays at LPC

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word

April 22nd menu: Hamburgers

Cost is \$4 per person or \$16 per family



Fifth Sunday Feast & Fellowship May 31, 2026 Lunch after worship Tomlin Hall



We're so excited for another
Feast and Fellowship together!
You may drop off food in the kitchen
(located in Tomlin Hall),
and we will have folks ready to assist you.
Please bring a main dish + a salad or dessert,
enough for your family plus extra!

Why to I need the Church Center App?



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