

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

— Psalm 78:1–3

When Jesus came preaching the kingdom of God, He came preaching God's right to rule over the minds and hearts of all people. But that is precisely what the people involved did not want.

— James Montgomery Boice

No one is made blind against their will. Mark that. This indifference to God is what they want. There's nobody kicking and screaming, moving into blindness, saying, "Oh, I want to see!" There are no innocent people under the judgment of God's blinding. None. Nobody is made blind to God who loves to see God. This blindness and dullness are judgments for sin; they are the handing over into blindness to be blind.

— John Piper

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

Leader *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All **Know that the Lord, he is God!**
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All **For the Lord is good;**
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



HYMN OF ADORATION

O Worship the King

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

"O Worship the King", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 2
 TEXT: Based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833; Mod.
 TUNE (LYONS): Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815
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READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 6:8-13

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."⁹ And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed."

¹¹ Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"
And he said:

"Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,
¹² and the Lord removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³ And though a tenth remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

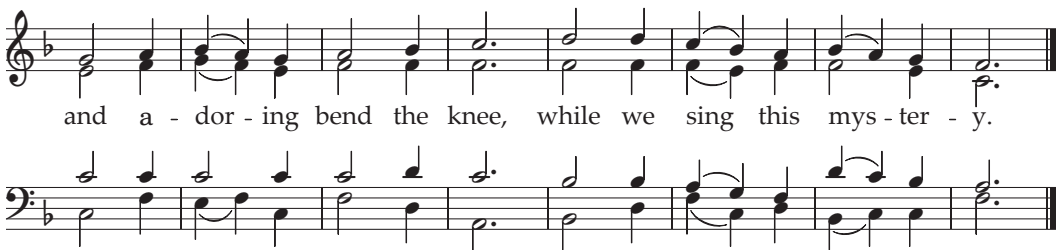
Holy God, We Praise Your Name



4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 103, Verse 4

TEXT: Based on *Te Deum*, ca. 4th cent.; Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774; Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 1990/9, mod.

TUNE (GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH): *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774

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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

The Wondrous Cross

When I survey, the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

I stand amazed at what I see.
For on that cross He died for me.
O loving grace fall fresh on me,
cleanse ev'ry sin and set me free.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things, that charm me most—
I sacrifice them to His blood, His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, love so divine
Demands my soul,
Demands my soul,
Demands my soul,
my life, my all!
My all!

"The Wondrous Cross"

TEXT: Isaac Watts; Lee Poquette

TUNE: Appalachian Folk Melody; Arranged by Lee Poquette

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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 OF 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



HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Will Wait for You



1. Out of the depths I cry to You. In dark - est plac - es I will call.
 2. Were You to count my sin - ful ways, how could I come be - fore Your throne?
 3. So put Your hope in God a - lone. Take cour - age in His pow'r to save.
 4. Now He has come to make a way, and God Him - self has paid the price,



In - cline Your ear to me a - new, and hear my cry for mer - cy Lord. *[to verse 2]*
 Yet full for - give - ness meets my gaze. I stand re - deemed by grace a - lone. *[to Chorus]*
 Com - plete - ly and for - ev - er won, by Christ e - merg - ing from the grave. *[to verse 4]*
 that all who trust in Him to - day find heal - ing in His sac - ri - fice. *[to Final Chorus]*

Chorus



I will wait for You, I will wait for You. On Your word I will re - ly.



I will wait for You, sure - ly wait for You till my soul is sat - is - fied. *[to verse 3]*

Final Chorus



I will wait for You, I will wait for You through the storm and through the night.
 I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
 I will wait for You, I will wait for You. On Your word I will re - ly.



I will wait for You, sure - ly wait for You for Your love is my de - light.
 I will wait for You, sure - ly wait for You for Your love is my de - light.
 I will wait for You, sure - ly wait for You till my soul is sat - is - fied.



READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 8:1–21

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable,⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,¹⁰ he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

¹⁶ "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.¹⁸ Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” ²¹ But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

*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 | TAKE CARE HOW YOU HEAR

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 6:3-5

Leader: And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**Holy God, You are high and lifted up,
and the whole earth is full of Your glory.
We confess we are people of unclean lips and unclean hearts.
We have chased our own glory and ignored Your voice.
Touch us with the cleansing fire of Your grace through Jesus Christ,
that our guilt may be taken away and our sin atoned for.
Take away our guilt, forgive our sin,
and make us ready to say, “Here am I, send me.”
Through Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 6:6-7

Leader: Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

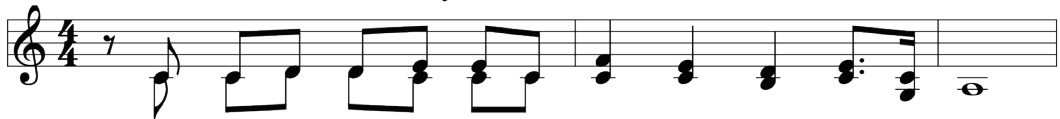
Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

INVITATION AND FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF THE KING



COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us—
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you—
3. The blood that cleans - es eve - ry stain of sin, shed for you—
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ



find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life,
paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,
to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life,
as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing,



and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King,
bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King,
bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King,
feast of heaven a - round the ta - ble of the King,



BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Through the end of February 2026:

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

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

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

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

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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:

lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry
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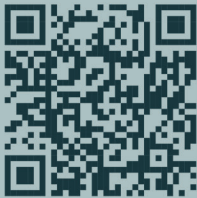
Medical and Fire Safety Training

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

WHEN: April 19th | 2:00pm

WHERE: Tomlin Hall

WHAT: Dress comfortably | RSVP by April 16th



LEXINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SAFETY TEAM

*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



2026 VBS at LPC



July 14th-17th
Volunteer Registration
opens April 14th

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)



Wednesdays at LPC

Come and enjoy fellowship around the table and the Word

April 15th menu: Meatball Subs

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



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.

Why do I need the Church Center App?



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