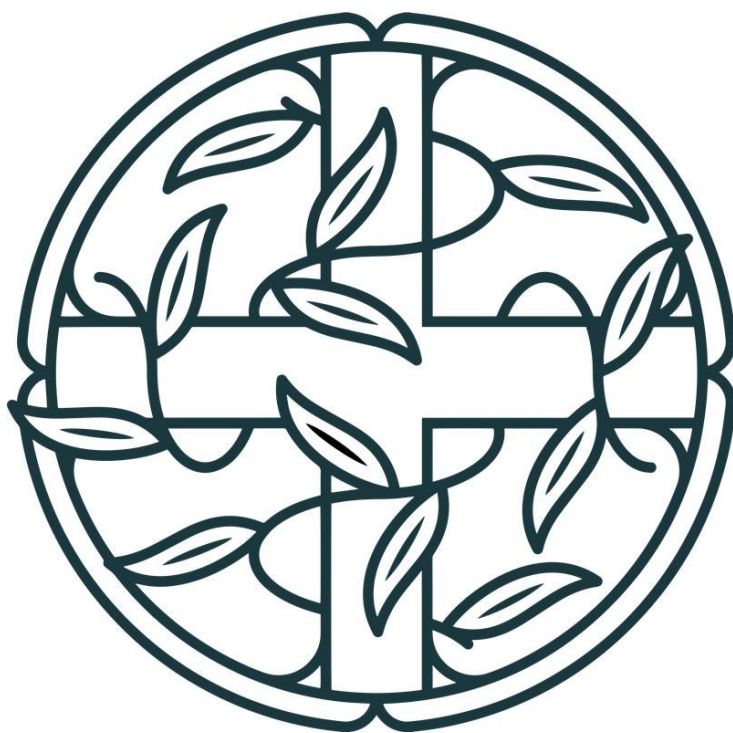




THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 28, 2026

We ought to contemplate providence not as curious and fickle persons are wont to do but as a ground of confidence and excitement to prayer. When he informs us that the hairs of our head are all numbered it is not to encourage trivial speculations but to instruct us to depend on the fatherly care of God which is exercised over these frail bodies.

— John Calvin

The almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

— Heidelberg Catechism 27

If we're honest with ourselves, the internal, silent prayer of our fallen hearts is "my kingdom come." We want people to follow our agenda. We want the world to praise the glory of our names. "Your kingdom come" is a dangerous prayer because we're stepping off the throne of our own lives and submitting to God's agenda of bringing restoration and renewal in creation. To pray "your kingdom come" is to ask God's gracious reign to invade the sin-corrupted spaces of our lives and our world.

— Jeremy Treat

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

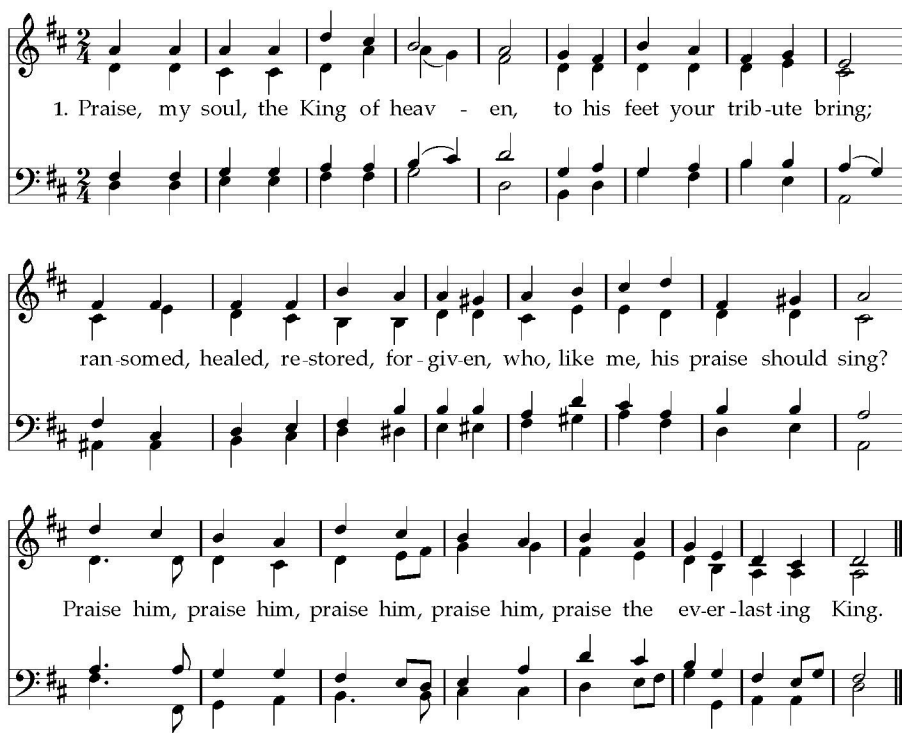
CALL TO WORSHIP

John Thompson — Ruling Elder

Psalm 150:6

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

RESPONSE OF ADORATION



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib-ute bring;

ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev-er-last-ing King.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," Trinity Hymnal No. 76
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 Congregation, please stand if able



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.*



RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

All: *My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

All: *Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Leader: The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

All: *The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

All: *The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

HYMN OF ADORATION

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gracious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may
songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly won - der at
serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be
ev - ery gift you send, at bles - sings with - out
filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our
num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to
lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your word, we
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
make a joy-ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

"O God beyond All Praising," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 660
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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

MaryJo Zuebert

1 Peter 1:3—12 | Pew Bible p. 1,014

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 86:1

Leader: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
You are merciful and kind,
but we have gone our own way,
not loving You as we ought,
nor loving our neighbors as ourselves.
We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
We deserve Your condemnation.
Father, forgive us.
Help us to love You and our neighbor,
and to live for Your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 41:17

Leader: When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

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 MERCY

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)



1. Are you wear - y, heav - y la - den? Come and lay your bur - dens down;
2. Are you hope - less, are you guilt - y? Caught in shame for all your sin?
3. Are you wait - ing in your sor - rows for this bro - ken world to heal?



Je - sus calls you, Je - sus draws you; rest in Him.
He pur - sues you to for - give you; rest in Him.
He is com - ing, soon re - turn - ing; rest in Him.



He is gen - tle, He is low - ly, He de - lights to bring us peace;
He has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ure, mer - cy flows in end - less streams;
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace re - vealed;



ten - der Shep - herd, might - y Sa - vior: rest in Him.
come and fol - low, free - dom calls you: rest in Him.
3a. From His kind - ness ev - 'ry prom - ise then ful - filled; *3rd verse: add line 3b before going to chorus*
3b. Trust in Je - sus, He will keep us to the end.

CHORUS



How sure his com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is his



love; so come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens, life's con - fus - ions, fears, and

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peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry come to Christ and find re -
soul. From the wa - ters of his mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's

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lease. Come a - way from noise and cla - mor, life's de - mands, and fren - zied
whole. At the ta - ble of his pres - ence, all his saints are rich - ly
reign. Bring your thirsts for he will quench them, he a - lone will sa - tis -

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pace; come to join the peo - ple ga - thered here to seek and find God's face.
fed. With the oil of his a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
fy. All our longings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

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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!

Leader: 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

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.



READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 12:4—34 | Pew Bible p. 871

“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

⁸ “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your

life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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 | SEEK HIS KINGDOM

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES:



HYMN OF RESPONSE

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 Thessalonians 2:16—17

Leader: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

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 April 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$956,053
Received FYTD	\$1,085,613
Expenditures FYTD	\$868,607

FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

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

Through the end of April 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$100,000
Faith Promise Giving:	\$70,811
Missions Disbursements	\$154,960

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SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Schedule, 2026

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

June: All adults Sunday School classes are gathering together in the Sanctuary for “Let Us Worship God: a 5-week series on Worship and the Church.”

July: Starting July 12 we will have a 4-week “One Room School House” Sunday School time in Tomlin Hall. This will be for all ages, where we will enjoy an interactive study on the theme “We Need a True King!”

Nursery and preschool for ages 5 and under will be available.

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

Youth

Middle School and High School | room 212



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>

Youth Ministry Newsletter Subscription

Please scan this QR code with your phone camera.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14th - 17th

8:45am - NOON
Rising 1st - 6th grade



Register NOW!




The Unfinished Calling

GOD'S MISSION ENTRUSTED TO
MATURING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

By Joe Novenson
A Women's Book Study
Fridays, July 24 - October 16, 2026 at 9:30 am
163 Power Point Circle
(Georgia Mason's home)

Scan for more details, to register and reserve a book




LPC Women's Ministry

VBS Volunteer Training

Thursday, July 2nd at 9:30 am or 6:00 pm
or
Thursday, July 9th at 9:30 am or 6:00 pm
Choose the date and time that is best for you
Room 201



EMERALD Crossing



LEXINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 24, 2026
right after worship service

To receive the 2026-2027 LPC budget, and
to approve the amended Bylaws of LPC

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of nursery caregivers
for the Mentor Moms ministry.

Mentor Moms meets every Tuesday
9:15 - 11:45 am

between August 18th and December 1st.

Even if you can't commit for
every Tuesday, please volunteer!

Text or call Sara Baarendse
at (803) 269-9240.

This is a paid position.



July Sunday School Plans

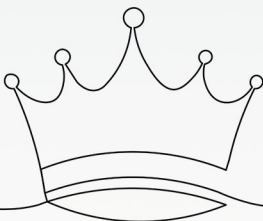
We will have no Sunday School on July 5

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We will celebrate the Lord's Supper Sunday, July 5th



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

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