



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 21, 2026

Of all the means by which Jesus could have chosen to be remembered, he chose to be remembered by a meal. What he considered memorable and characteristic of his ministry was his table-fellowship. The meal, one of humankind's most basic and common practices, was transformed by Jesus into an occasion of divine encounter. It was in the sharing of food and drink that he invited his companions to share in the grace of God. The quintessence of Jesus' redemptive mission was revealed in his eating with sinners, repentant and unrepentant alike.

— CT McMahan

It's always easier for the man of God to try and pretend like it is not there, because he gets less criticism. But that's not the kind thing, that's not the loving thing to do for those who are deluded by [soul-killing] error. And the Lord Jesus Christ loved the Pharisees and scribes enough to tell it like it was, to show them their own hearts and to call them to repentance.

— Ligon Duncan

It can seem an almost comical error, these students of Scripture deducing the exact opposite of Scripture's intention. But do we do any better when we set our hope in our own orthodoxy, our own piety, our own knowledge of Scripture? Hypocrites we remain—like them—unless the Scriptures lead us to place all our hope on Jesus, the one to whom they bear witness.

— Michael Reeves

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!



Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



HYMN OF ADORATION

Holy, Holy, Holy



1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
 2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
 3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of
 4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! All thy works shall



morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher-u - bim and ser-a-phem
 sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on-ly thou art ho - ly;
 praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



Mer-ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!
 fall-ing down be - fore thee, who wert, and art, and ev - er-more shalt be.
 there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 Mer-ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!

"Holy, Holy, Holy!", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 100
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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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 24:17-22 | Pew Bible pg. 376

Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸ And they abandoned the house of the Lord, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. ¹⁹ Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the Lord. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has forsaken you.’” ²¹ But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the Lord. ²² Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May the Lord see and avenge!”

²³ At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. ²⁴ Though the army of the Syrians had come with few men, the Lord delivered into their hand a very great army, because Judah had forsaken the Lord, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

²⁵ When they had departed from him, leaving him severely wounded, his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son[c] of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*



HYMN OF GRACE

Jesus, I Come

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row, and night, Je - sus, I come;
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come;
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come;
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come;

7
 Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

13
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my - self to dwell in Thy
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ru - in un -

20
 health, out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my sin and
 balm, out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm, out of dis - tress in - to
 love, out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for - ev - er on
 told, in - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy glo - rious

27
 in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Micah 6:8

Leader: He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: *Lord Jesus, Your kingdom is holy, just, and full of mercy;
but too often we resist Your reign and fail to do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
We cling to our own desires, neglect Your will,
and fail to love Your people as You command.
Forgive us, we pray.
By Your Spirit, renew our hearts so that we may delight in Your rule,
seek Your glory above our own,
and live faithfully for Your kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



RESPONSE OF REPENTANCE

Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has a key signature change from one flat to no flats after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy'. The second line continues the melody with lyrics: 'on ____ us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,'. The third line concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us.' and features a key signature change back to one flat and a time signature change to 2/4 for the final two measures.

Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy

on ____ us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

"Lord, Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)" (chorus only), *The Sing! Hymnal* No. 113
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WORDS OF COMFORT

1 John 1:9

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth.

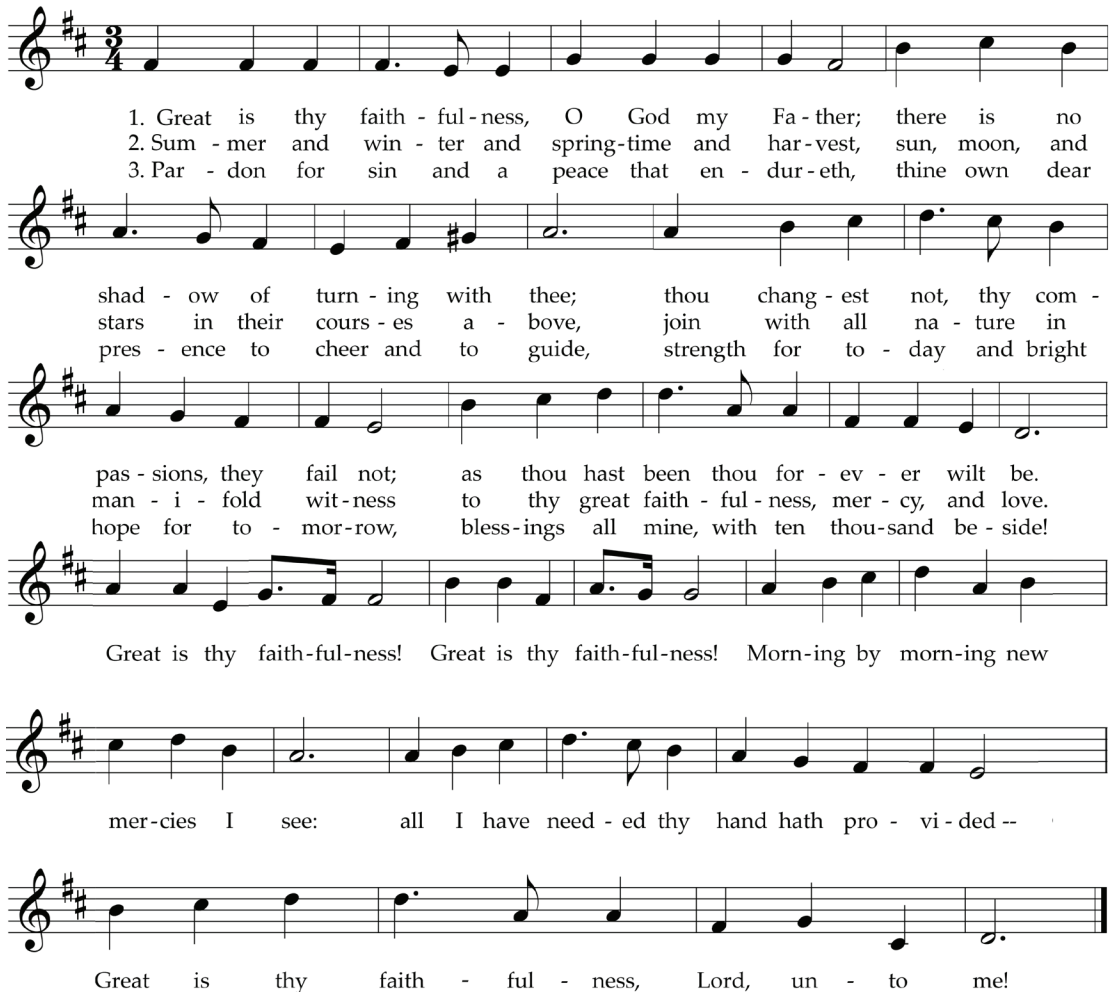
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into Hell;
The third day, he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God 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

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new

mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vi-ded --

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

"Great is Thy Faithfulness," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 32
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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.

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 11:37-12:3 | Pew Bible pg. 870

While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

⁴² “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe the mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

⁴⁵ One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” ⁴⁶ And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

⁴⁷ Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed.

⁴⁸ So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’

⁵⁰ so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. ⁵² Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

⁵³ As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, ⁵⁴ lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

¹ In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ³ Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

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 | HEARTS LIKE UNMARKED GRAVES

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the
 2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a
 4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, thy

theme of my song, the _____
 could not live here: _____
 match for my heart, which _____
 good - ness I own and the

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied Son; all

free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and
 praise to the Spi - rit Whose whis - per di - vine seals

won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
 he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.

"Thy Mercy, My God"
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 Music by Sandra McCracken
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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.

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 May 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$1,050,742
Received FYTD	\$1,188,528
Expenditures FYTD	\$949,524

FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of May 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$110,000
Faith Promise Giving:	\$73,726
Missions Disbursements	\$169,148

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

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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 adult Sunday School classes are gathering together in the Sanctuary for "Let us Worship God" a 5-week series on Worship and the Church

We will have no Sunday School on July 5

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 & Preschool for ages 5 & 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

Grade 5 | room 205

Youth

Middle School and High School | room 212

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

As Iron Sharpens Iron so One Person Sharpens Another

Men's Breakfast

for Building Each Other Up

Saturday, June 27th | 7:30-8:30 am | Tomlin Hall

- Please join us for breakfast and fellowship
- We will hand out the next 13-week devotional that starts July 1st
- Join us as we seek opportunities to strengthen and build each other up in the Lord.



Please register





LEXINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 24, 2026
right after worship service

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

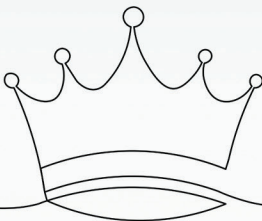
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1. Access our directory of members
2. Connect with classes and small groups
3. Get reminders for upcoming activities
4. Check in before you arrive
5. Register for LPC events*

*Registration ensures that
cooks and teachers are prepared
(and excited!) for your arrival.



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