



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 12, 2026

God does not want to be a King of dead things. He wants to have a living kingdom, a kingdom of living men, and He Himself is a living God.

— Martin Luther

The Kingdom of God is the redemptive reign of God dynamically active to establish his rule among men, and that this Kingdom, which will appear as an apocalyptic act at the end of the age, has already come into human history in the person and mission of Jesus to overcome evil, to deliver men from its power, and to bring them into the blessings of God's reign.

— George Ladd

The message of the kingdom is counterintuitive and surprising, going against the grain of worldly wisdom, because unlike any other kingdom this world has ever seen, Christ's kingdom is built on grace and advances with compassion. In this kingdom, the throne is a cross, and the king reigns with self-giving love.

— 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

Revelation 19:1, 5

Leader: After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,”

And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: 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,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The lyrics are: 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.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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.; Altr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774; Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 19909, mod.
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PRAYER OF ADORATION & 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

Psalm 84:1-4; 10-12

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

All: *My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.*

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

All: *Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! Selah
For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

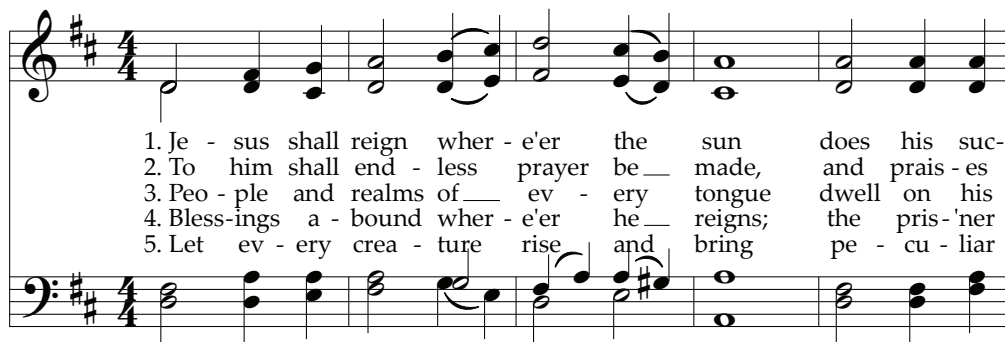
Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

All: *O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

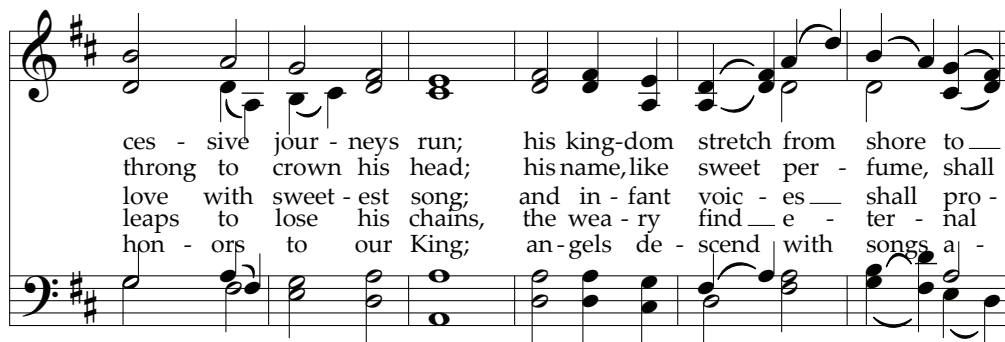


HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -



shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

"Jesus Shall Reign", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 441
 Based on Psalm 72
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SCRIPTURE READING

Dave Gowans

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Leader: Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-2

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty and Gracious God, You are the true King over heaven and earth, and Your kingdom's reign is sweet and sure; yet in our sinfulness and rebellion we oftentimes fall in captivity to sin, preferring the bitterness and shaky foundations of our own kingdoms. Forgive us, we pray, in Your mercy, according to the finished work of Christ Jesus, and lead us lovingly by Your Spirit through the narrow door, that we may enter into the joy of Your kingdom both now and forevermore.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Psalm 146:5, 7

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 102

Leader: What do we pray for in the second petition?

All: *In the second petition, which is, "Thy kingdom come," we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.*

HYMN OF FAITH

By Faith



1. By faith we see the hand of God; In the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth, with the
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go; in the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, In the
power of His pro - mise in their hearts of a
longed for Mess - i - ah would ap - pear with the
power of the Spi - rit to the lost; To de -
power of the gos - pel shall pre - vail; for we

lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness;
Ho - ly Ci - ty built by God's own hand: death
power to break the chains of sin and death
li - ver cap - tives and to preach good news,
know in Christ all things are poss - i - ble

who walk by faith and not by sight. (to v.2)
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. (to Chorus)
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. (to v.4)
in ev - ery cor - ner of the earth. (to Chorus)
for all who call up - on His name. (to Chorus)

Chorus

We will stand as child-ren of the pro-mise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward.

Till the race is fin-ished and the work is done; We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of Your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field,
The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea.
But what is man,
Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! (Alleluia!)

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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: 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 of 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.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-35

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." ¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

¹⁸ He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

²⁰ And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

SERMON | WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE?

Pastor Josh Johnson

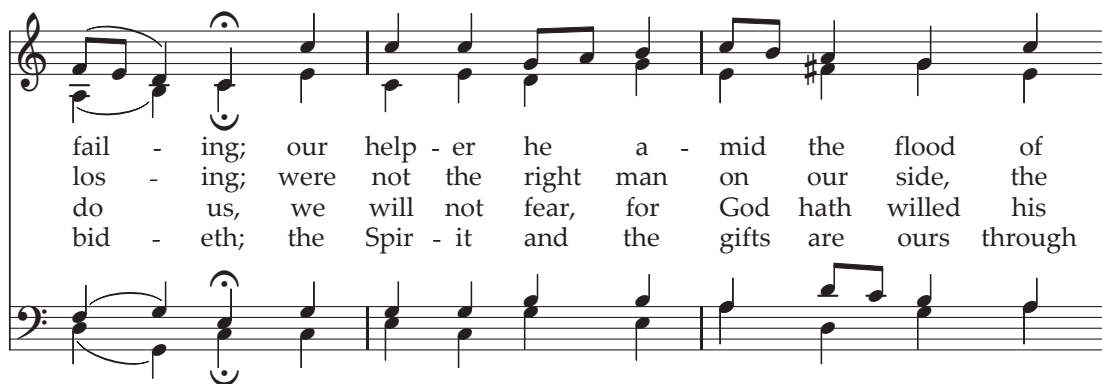
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HYMN OF RESPONSE

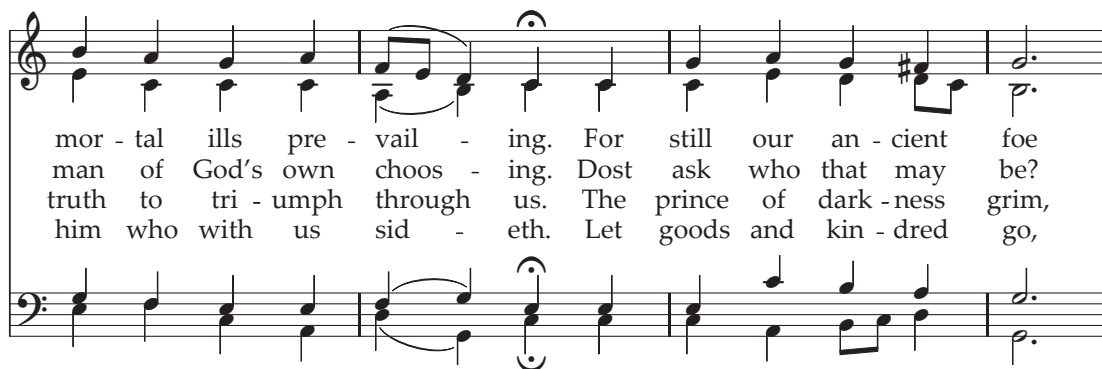
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

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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

One-Room School House.

All generations are invited to join together for a time of intergenerational fellowship and learning from God's Word during the Sunday School hour July 12 - August 2.

We will be studying the theme "We Need a True King!"

Nursery and 3K-5K classes will be offered.

Or, parents can take their children to the combined class in Tomlin.

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

GriefShare®

Need Help Dealing with Grief?

August 16th - Nov. 8th | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The grief journey after the death of a loved one can be difficult and lonely. LPC through Congregational Care will be offering a Grief Share program to provide Christ centered grief support.

Scan to register:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 14th-17th

Decorating for VBS
Sunday July 12th | 1:30 - 6:30 PM
Come when you can
Leave when you must
If we don't finish
Monday, July 13th | 9:00 - 5:00 PM
(call first!)



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

2026 VBS at LPC July 14th-17th

Please sign up to
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Snacks for
Volunteers



Snacks for
Children

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LEXINGTON
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 26, 2026
right after worship service

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

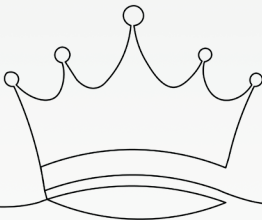
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Reminder:

Church documents and
officer meeting minutes can be
found on the church website
under the Members menu.

Contact the church office or a
staff member for the password.

There you can find the 26-27 Budget
and the Bylaws to review before the
Congregational Meeting

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