





# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 19, 2026

But it does cost something to be a real Christian, according to the standard of the Bible. There are enemies to be overcome, battles to be fought, sacrifices to be made, an Egypt to be forsaken, a wilderness to be passed through, a cross to be carried, a race to be run. Conversion is not putting a man in an armchair and taking him easily to heaven. It is the beginning of a mighty conflict, in which it costs much to win the victory. Hence arises the unspeakable importance of "counting the cost."

— J.C. Ryle

Most of what you do as a community of hospitality will go unnoticed and unrecognized. At base, hospitality is about providing a space for God's Spirit to move. Setting a table, cooking a meal, washing the dishes is the ministry of facilitation: providing a context in which people feel loved and welcome and where God's Spirit can be at work in their lives. Hospitality is a very ordinary business, but in its ordinariness is its real worth.

— Simon Carey Holt

Sabbath is a school for our desires.

— Walter Brueggemann

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD



## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Steve Baarendse*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

All: *And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

Leader: He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,

All: *"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



## RESPONSE OF ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,

now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 53 (v.1 only)  
TEXT: Based on Psalm 103; Joachim Neander, 1680; Tr. by  
Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990  
TUNE (LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.): *Stralsund Gesangbuch*,  
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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.*



## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 36:5-9

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: *Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.*

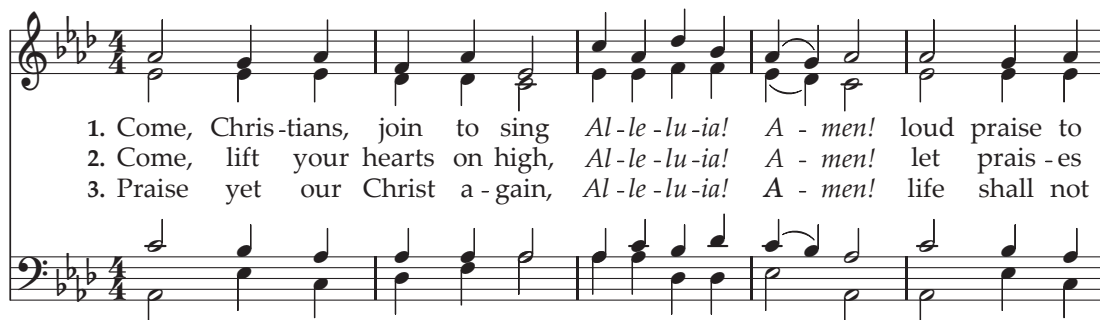
Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: *They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.*

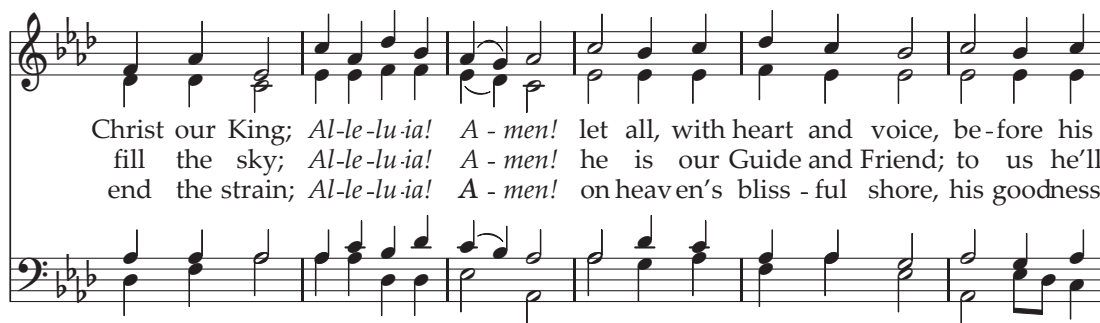


## HYMN OF ADORATION

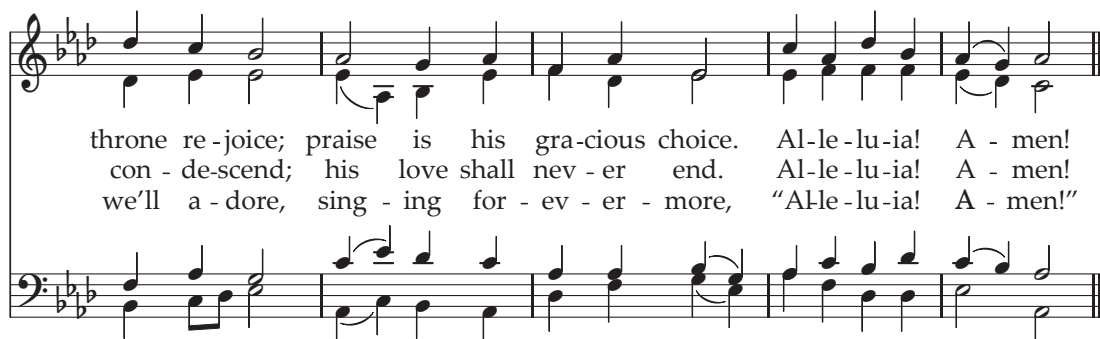
Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! loud praise to  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! let prais-es  
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! life shall not



Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his  
fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll  
end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! on heaven's bliss-ful shore, his goodness



throne re-joice; praise is his gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!  
con-de-scent; his love shall nev-er end. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!  
we'll a-dore, sing-ing for-ev-er-more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 302

TEXT: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

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## READING FROM THE PROPHETS

*Courtneylove Gowans*

2 Samuel 9:1-8, 11b, 13

And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.

So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 7:24

Leader: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

## 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,  
Amen.*

## PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



## WORDS OF COMFORT

Romans 7:25a, 8:1

Leader: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 124

Leader: What is the third petition?

*All: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. That is: Grant that we and all men may deny our own will, and without any murmuring obey Thy will, for it alone is good. Grant also that everyone may carry out the duties of his office and calling as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.*



# HYMN OF MERCY

## My Worth is Not in What I Own



1.My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and  
(3.As) sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau-ty hur-ry



bone, but in the cost-ly wounds of love at the cross. 2.My  
by, but life e-ter-nal calls to us at the cross. 4.I



worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or  
will not boast in wealth or might, or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing



shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
light, but I will boast in know-ing Christ at the cross.

### CHORUS



I re-joyce in my Re-deem-er; great-est treas-ure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sat-is-fied in Him a-lone. 3.As



5.Two won-ders here that I con-fess: my worth and my un-wor-thi-



ness. My val-ue fixed, my ran-som paid at the cross. [After Verse 5 Repeat Chorus]

# GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## Come All Ye Pining

1. Lord we a - dore Thy bound - less grace;  
2. O won - drous gifts of love di - vine,  
3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive

3  
The heights and depths un - known, of par-don, life, and joy,  
dear Source of ev - 'ry good; Je - sus, in Thee what glo -  
a free, a full sup - ply; He has un - meas - ured bliss

6  
and peace, in Thy be - lov - ed Son. Come, all ye pin -  
- ries shine! How rich Thy flow - ing blood!  
to give, and joys that nev - er die.

9  
- ing, hun - gry poor, the Sav-ior's boun - ty taste; be-hold a ne -

13  
ver - fail - ing store for ev-'ry will - ing guest.

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## 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.



## 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



## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 14:1-35 | Pew Bible pg. 873

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup> But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup> And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup> But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’

<sup>19</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them.

Please have me excused.’<sup>20</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’<sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’<sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’<sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’<sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?<sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.<sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?<sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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 | THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*Rev. Josh Johnson*

## **NOTES**



## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.  
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-long.  
 Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.  
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er-last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com-mand?  
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-royed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
 and we will feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah!



Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ, our hope in life and death.

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## **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader:    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

## STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of June 2026:

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| Budget FYTD | \$1,146,264 |
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| Received FYTD | \$1,266,002 |
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| Expenditures FYTD | \$1,059,549 |
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## FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of June 2026:

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| General Fund transfer to missions | \$120,000 |
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| Faith Promise Giving: | \$ 83,478 |
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| Missions Disbursements | \$185,686 |
|------------------------|-----------|

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

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Joel Rimer  
Jason Waters  
Chuck Williams

## **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

As we move into a season of nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon, consider this four-step process:

1. Read Acts 6:1–7, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-2:10, and 1 Peter 5:1–11 and consider the character of these leaders and the needs of the church, both physical and spiritual.
2. Consider men in our community who are already living, serving, and leading in such way.
3. Pray for the Lord to make His calling sure in the lives of the men He has provided for these offices.
4. Ask the men you considered if they would be willing to be nominated, and then nominate them!

May the Lord provide abundantly more than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, for His glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever!

# **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



## Need Help Dealing with Grief?

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> | 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:



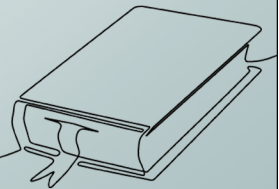
## LPC Growth Group Leadership Refresher

Current and potential group leaders are invited to join us for training on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am | CE Room 213

(small groups, women's groups, men's groups)



Please register here!



## *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



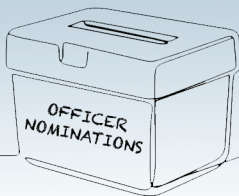
LPC Women's Ministry

Emerald Crossing  
was shining with the  
glory of our Lord in  
the eyes of 110  
children who attended  
this week's VBS.

Thanks to our  
85+ volunteers who  
faithfully showed up  
before and during  
to share the love  
of Christ!



OFFICER NOMINATIONS  
WILL BE RECIEVED  
BEGINNING  
SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>



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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

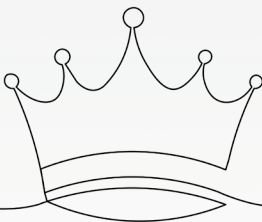
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## Reminder:

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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