



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 26, 2026

Wondering where I might begin
Hear a voice upon the wind
She's singing faint but singing true
Son, there ain't nothing you can do
But listen close and follow me
I'll take you where you're meant to be
Just don't lose faith

So I put my hand upon the plow
Wipe the sweat up from my brow
Plant the good seed along the way
As I look forward to the day
When at last I see
My Father run to me
Singing oh, my child

Come on home, home to me
And I will hold you in my arms
And joyful be
There will always, always be
A place for you at my table
Return to me
My child

— Josh Garrels, *At the Table*

The point of the parable is that forgiveness always involves a price—someone has to pay. There was no way for the younger brother to return to the family unless the older brother bore the cost himself. Our true elder brother paid our debt, on the cross, in our place.

— Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God*

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

Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
 that her warfare is ended,
 that her iniquity is pardoned,
 that she has received from the LORD's hand
 double for all her sins.



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.



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

Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

All: *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

All: *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

All: *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*



HYMN OF ADORATION

Only a Holy God



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav-en? _____
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais-es? _____
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire? _____
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing? _____



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
 What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem-bles? _____ On-ly a Ho - ly God, *[to verse 2]*
 What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? _____
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat-ed? _____ } On-ly a Ho - ly God.
 Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? _____



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly, for -



ev - er a Ho - ly God; come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Cindy Thompson

Hebrews 12:1-11

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:12

Leader: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.
We have rebelled against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
therefore we lack integrity.
Now, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive our sins and grant us the gift of repentance.
By your grace, train us to live godly, righteous,
and sober lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Romans 6:10-11

Leader: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 19 and 20

Leader: What is the misery of that estate where into man fell?

All: *All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.*

Leader: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

All: *God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.*



HYMN OF MERCY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure, that
(2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished.

1. 2.
2. Be 3. I

will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Come, Let Us Return to the Lord

1. All we have like sheep gone a - stray.
 2. All who feel the sting of your sin,
 3. See, no con - dem - na - tion re - mains
 4. God, we need Your mer - ci - ful hand.

Each of us has turned our own way. But
 come and lift your eyes once a - gain. How
 Heal the soul that rests in His grace; what
 for us from our pride; heal our land. As

God laid all our wrongs, our sins up - on the sin - less
 great a price was paid, to save the souls of us who
 prom-ised joy a - waits all those who hum - bly call His
 we turn from our ways, oh, turn our hearts to You in

One, His on - ly Son. Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.
 stray, yet still we stray.
 name, the name that saves.
 praise, in end - less praise.

Come, now all His mer - cies re - mem - ber. How wide His love that

waits to wel - come us. Oh, come, let us re - turn to the Lord.

"Come, Let Us Return to the Lord"

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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



READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 15:1-32 | Pew Bible pg. 874

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired

servants.'”²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.’²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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 | ABUNDANT JOY WHEN THE LOST ARE FOUND

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note B-flat, followed by a dotted quarter note E-flat, an eighth note D-flat, a quarter note C, a quarter note B-flat, a quarter note A, a quarter note G, and a half note F. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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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:

Budget FYTD	\$1,146,264
Received FYTD	\$1,266,002
Expenditures FYTD	\$1,059,549

FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of June 2026:

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

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

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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 ways.
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 serve, 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

LPC Men's Fellowship Fish Fry

Thursday, July 30th | 6:00 - 9:00 pm
(dinner will begin at 7:00)
Bobby Wingard's Home
1467 North Lake Drive, Lexington



Food and Drinks provided
Bring your sons and friends
and a fishing pole if you like.

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:



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

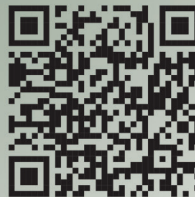


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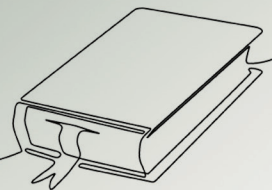
LPC Growth Group Leadership Refresher

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

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



Please register here!



Fall Kickoff

Fun for all ages!

Sunday, August 9th
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Games, Giant Water Slide, Dinner and more!



LEXINGTON
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY
right after worship service

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

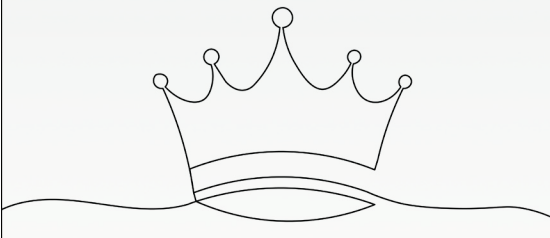
July Sunday School Plans

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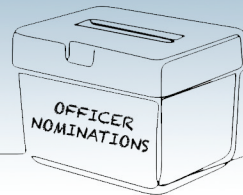
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