



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 5, 2026

It is a very blessed thing to be on the watch for Christ. ... You can be poor without murmuring; you can be rich without worldliness; you can be sick without sorrowing; you can be healthy without presumption. If you are always waiting for Christ's Coming, untold blessings are wrapped up in that glorious hope.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

LOrd, I confesse my sinne is great;
Great is my sinne. Oh! gently treat
With thy quick flow'r, thy momentarie bloom;
Whose life still pressing
Is one undressing,
A steadie aiming at a tombe.

But thou wilt sinne and grief destroy;
That so the broken bones may joy,
And tune together in a well-set song,
Full of his praises,
Who dead men raises.
Fractures well cur'd make us more strong.

- George Herbert, Repentance

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

Tyler Josephson - Youth Ministry Director

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

4. To the great One in Three e-ter-nal prais-es be, hence ev-er-more.

The first system of musical notation is for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

His sovereign maj-es-ty may we in glo-ry see, and to e-ter-ni-ty love and a-dore.

The second system of musical notation continues the hymn. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody continues in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

"Come, Thou Almighty King," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 101 (v.4 only)
TEXT: Anon., ca. 1757
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PRAYER OF ADORATION



RESPONSIVE READING

Titus 3:1-8

Leader: Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

All: to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Leader: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

All: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

Leader: he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

All: whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Leader: so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

All: The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

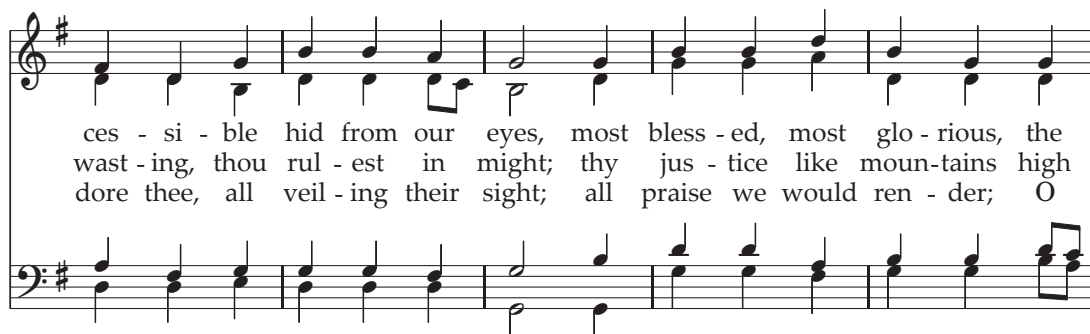


HYMN OF ADORATION

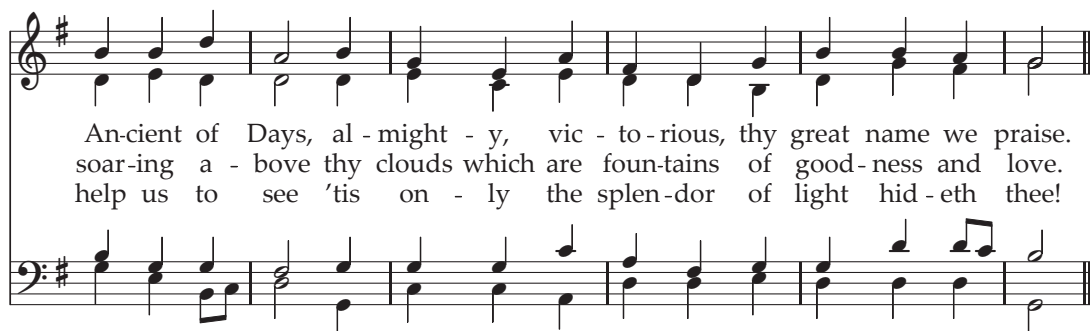
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O



An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 38
 TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
 TUNE (JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.): Traditional Welsh hymn melody
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SCRIPTURE READING

Carrie Chapman

Malachi 3:2-5, 4:1-3 | Pew Bible pg. 802

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 78:32, 34

Leader: In spite of all this, they still sinned;
despite his wonders, they did not believe.

When he killed them, they sought him;
they repented and sought God earnestly.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Almighty God, Maker of all things, have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins.
We have wandered from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed our own hearts.
We have plugged our ears trying to avoid You.
Please forgive our rebellion, our stubbornness,
and all our excuses.
Forgive us in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
who loved us, pursued us, and died in our place. Amen.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Psalm 78:38

Leader: Yet he, being compassionate,
atoned for their iniquity
and did not destroy them;
he restrained his anger often
and did not stir up all his wrath.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Of Christ the Mediator (WCF 8.1)

*All: It pleased God, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,
his only-begotten Son,
to be the Mediator between God and man,
the Prophet, Priest, and King;
the Head and Saviour of his Church,
the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world;
unto whom he did, from all eternity,
give a people to be his seed,
and to be by him in time redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.*

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

There Is One Gospel



1. There is one Gos - pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2. There is one Gos - pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
 3. There is one Gos - pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks.
 4. And in this Gos - pel, the church is one; we do not walk a - lone.



It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
 For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 For death could not keep my Sav - ior down, He lives and I am free.
 We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace: my high - est joy and my
 No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the
 Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
 And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, He is my light.
 weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life.
 hope is mine. For He has pro - mised I, too, will rise.
 res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - ior, the King of life.



I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
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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. It precedes our coming to the Lord’s Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 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 12:35 - 13:5 | Pew Bible pg. 871

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?” ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

⁴⁹ “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against

two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

⁵⁷ “And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.”

¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

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 | READY WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE KING

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.*

INVITATION AND FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF THE KING



HYMN OF RESPONSE

Behold The Lamb (Communion Hymn)

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us.
 2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for-
 eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
 drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
 and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -

drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the

bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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 10:00 am

Nursery provided for age 2 and under
Children's Church provided for ages 3 and 4

Adult Sunday School Communities

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!"

Children 5k through Youth will meet with everyone in Tomlin Hall.

*Nursery & Preschool for ages 4 & 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

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 14th-17th

Please pray for all of our VBS
volunteers as we prepare and
for the children who will come
to hear the truth of the gospel!



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



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LEXINGTON
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 24, 2026
right after worship service

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

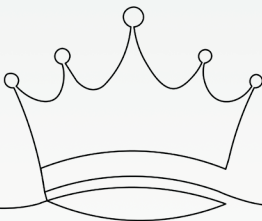
July Sunday School Plans

One-Room Schoolhouse.

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!"

Children 5k through Youth will meet with everyone in Tomlin Hall.

*Nursery & Preschool for ages 4 & under will be available



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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