



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2026

If I have made gold my trust
or called fine gold my confidence,
if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant
or because my hand had found much,
if I have looked at the sun when it shone,
or the moon moving in splendor,
and my heart has been secretly enticed,
and my mouth has kissed my hand,
this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges,
for I would have been false to God above.

— Job 31:24–28

Wealth generates respect, deserved or otherwise. We exalt those who seem to embody the gods we worship ourselves....But because most of us in the general population, Christian or not, are in one way or another participants in the worship of Mammon, the system goes on perpetuating the corruption, injustice, and suffering that false gods trail in their wake.

— Christopher Wright

If you love anything more than God, even if you believe in God, if there's anything in your life that's more important to you than God, then it is a master in your life...it will continually say, "serve me or die."

— Tim Keller

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

Psalm 147:1

Leader: Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

 **CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

All Creatures of our God and King

5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in
hum-ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the
Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,
O — praise him, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '5.' indicating the fifth verse. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many whole and half notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

"All Creatures of Our God and King", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 115 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)
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TUNE (LASST UNS ERFREUEN): *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623
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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 119:9-16

Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

All: *With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!*

Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

All: *Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!*

Leader: With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.

All: *In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.*

Leader: I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

All: *I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.*



HYMN OF ADORATION

The King in All His Beauty

1. Oh, lift your eyes to heav - en, see the
 2. Now see the King who wears a crown, one
 3. Now see the Sav - ior lift - ed up, the

2
 Ho - ly One — e - ter - nal. Be -
 made of shame and splin - ters. The
 Lamb who reigns in splen - dor. The

3
 hold the Lord of Maj - es - ty, ex - alt - ed in his tem - ple. As
 Sac - ri - fice for ru - ined man, the Sub - sti - tute for sin - ners. As
 hope of ev - 'ry tribe and tongue, his king - dom is for - ev - er. Bring

5
 sym - pho - nies of an - gels' praise now
 earth is stained with roy - al blood, and
 praise and hon - or to his courts, bring

6
 strain to sound his glo - ry, come wor - ship, fall be - fore his grace, the
 quakes with love and fu - ry, he breathes his last and bows his head, the
 wis - dom, pow - er, bless - ing. For end - less a - ges we'll a - dore the

8
 King in all his beau - ty. How wor - thy, how wor - thy, how
 King in all his beau - ty.
 King in all his beau - ty.

12
 wor - thy, the King in all — his beau - ty.

"The King in All His Beauty"
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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Lara Lomas

1 John 2:12-17

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 51:9-10

Leader: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

CORPORATE 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.



WORDS OF COMFORT

Ezekiel 36:26

Leader: And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart
of flesh.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Proverbs 30:8-9

All: *Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
lest I be full and deny you
and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.*

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.



HYMN OF MERCY

Be Thou My Vision



1. Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 4. Rich - es I ___ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of ___ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought, ___ by day or by night, ___
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son; ___
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart, ___
 Heart of ___ my ___ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, ___



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O ___ Rul - er of all.

"Be Thou My Vision," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 642 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)
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 TUNE: Traditional Irish Melody
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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

1.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, great-est
 2.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, strong De-
 3.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, gra-cious

3
 trea-sure of my long-ing soul, my God, like You there is no
 fend-er of my wea-ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de-
 Sav-ior of my ru-ined life; my guilt and cross laid on Your

6
 oth-er; true de-light is found in You a-lone. Your
 ceiv-er, and my shield a-gainst his hate-ful darts. My
 shoul-ders; in my place You suf-fered, bled, and died. You

9
 grace, a well too deep to fath-om; Your love ex-ceeds the heav-ens'
 song when en-e-mies sur-round me, my hope when tides of sor-row
 rose! The grave and death are con-quer-ed! You broke my bonds of sin and

12
 reach; Your truth, a fount of per-fect wis-dom, my high-est
 rise, my joy when tri-als are a-bound-ing, Your faith-ful
 shame! O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, may all my

15
 good, and my un-end-ing need.
 ness, my ref-uge in the night.
 days bring glo-ry to Your name.

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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 16:1-31 | Pew Bible pg. 875

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶ “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

¹⁸ “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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 GOD WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

All I Have Is Christ

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 2. But as I ran my hell - bound race, in - dif - f'rent to the
 3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might

4
 way; the sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
 cost, You looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the
 see the strength to fol - low Your com-mands could nev - er come from

8
 grave. I had no hope that You would own a reb - el
 cross. And I be - held God's love dis - played: You suf - fered
 me. O Fa - ther, use my ran - somed life in an - y

11
 to Your will, and if You had not loved me first, I would re -
 in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me; now all I
 way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be: "My on - ly

15
 1. fuse You still. 2. 3. grace. Hal - le -
 know is is You!"
 boast is

20
 lu - jah, all I have is Christ! Hal - le -

24
 lu - jah, Je - sus is my life!

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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:

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Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Darrell L. Bock

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Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard B. Hays

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A Theology of Luke-Acts, Darrell L. Bock

From Adam and Israel to the Church, Benjamin Gladd

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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

Safety Training for Nursery and Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, August 16th

~or~

Sunday, August 23rd

After worship - 45 minutes | Parlor



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



LPC Women's Ministry

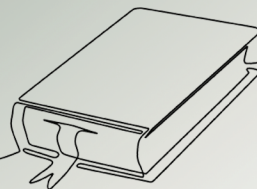
LPC Growth Group Leadership Refresher

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!



We will celebrate the
Lord's Supper
Sunday, August 9th

Please prayerfully
prepare for our
meeting with Jesus
at His table.



Sunday School Schedule for August 9th

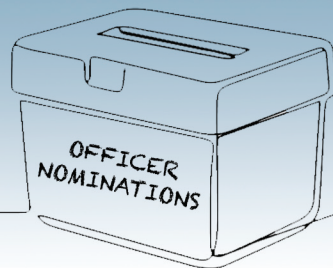
Children
Promotion Sunday

Youth & Adults
*Meet in the Sanctuary to hear about the
Fall Sunday School Vision*



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WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 9TH
NOMINATION CARDS CAN BE FOUND AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY



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