



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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All God's promises depend upon Christ alone. This is a notable assertion and one of the main articles of our faith. It depends in turn upon another principle—that it is only in Christ that God the Father is graciously inclined towards us. His promises are the testimonies of His fatherly goodwill towards us. Thus it follows that they are fulfilled only in Christ...

— John Calvin

The persistent widow is a picture of importunate prayer. Prayer is not intended to overcome God's reluctance, but to lay hold of God's willingness.

— E. M. Bounds

It is only when you reach the very bottom, when everything falls apart, when all your schemes and resources are broken and exhausted, that you are finally open to learning how to completely depend on God. As is often said, you never realize that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

— Timothy Keller

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

Owen McCullough

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



HYMN OF ADORATION

All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the



sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 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!

"All Creatures of Our God and King", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 115 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)
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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

Proverbs 3:5-8

Leader: Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

All: *In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

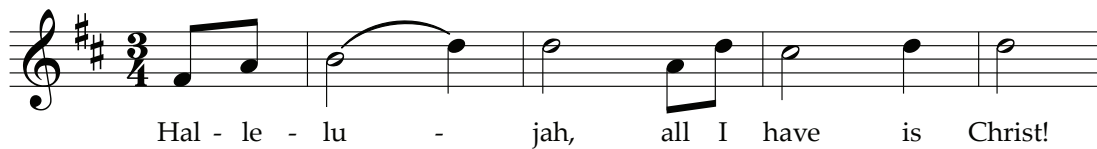
Leader: Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

All: *It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.*



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

All I Have Is Christ



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READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Laura Self

Isaiah 1:12-17

“When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?

Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—

I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;

I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

learn to do good;

seek justice,

correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless,

plead the widow’s cause.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world,
yet we confess we often hide Your light.
You have spoken truth,
but we have been slow to listen and quick to forget.
You call us to shine,
but we prefer comfort to courage, secrecy to witness.
Forgive our dull hearts and deaf ears.
Expose what is hidden in us by Your mercy,
and fill us again with Your light and Your truth
that we may hear Your Word, obey Your voice,
and reflect Your glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

Jeremiah 33:8

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Question 120

Leader: Why did Christ command us to call God “our Father”?

All: *To awaken in us
at the very beginning of our prayer
what should be basic to our prayer—
a childlike reverence and trust
that through Christ, God has become our Father,
and that just as our parents do not refuse us
the things of this life,
even less will God our Father refuse to give us
what we ask in faith.*

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His pro - mi - ses shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;
 2. Oh, how great thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
 4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me as I work and wait for thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
 Oh, how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness lav - ished all on me!
 and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
 rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
 Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
 Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole.
 know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.
 keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

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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 18:1-14 | Pew Bible pg. 877

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 | A THEOLOGY OF DEPENDENCE

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Soul Will Wait



1. When the en - e - my sur - rounds and my heart grows faint with -
 2. You're my strong - hold and my shield, in the midst of ev - 'ry
 3. This is love I can't ex - plain, this is mer - cy un - re -



in, when the dark - ness o - ver - whelms and my fears are
 threat; though the wick - ed nev - er yield, they will van - ish
 served, through your sac - ri - fice so great I have peace that's



press - ing in, I will trust in you, O Lord. In the
 like a breath. Yes, I know the out - come's sure, Sa - tan's
 un - de - served. For the bat - tle has been won, and I



si - lence I will wait, I will stand up - on your word.
 e - vil plans will fail, in your pow - er I'm se - cure.
 fear no shame or loss, now the sting of death is gone.

"My Soul Will Wait"

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You're my sol - id rock and my sal - va - tion, my stead - fast hope that
You're my com - fort when I feel for - sa - ken, my re - fuge and my



won't be shak - en; my soul will wait, my soul will wait for you. *(1st time to st. 2)*
sure sal - va - tion; my soul will wait, my soul will wait for you.



Pour - ing out our hearts be - fore you, we will trust in you.



Per - fect Sav - ior, strong de - fen - der, we will trust in you.



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

STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of July 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$100,290
Received FYTD	\$121,791
Expenditures FYTD	\$94,339

FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of July 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$10,834
Faith Promise Giving:	\$ 5,013
Missions Disbursements	\$15,959

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

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SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Young Pros, 20s to young 30s | room 213

Foundations, 20s to 40s | room 204

Christ in the Home, 40s to 60s | room 201

Christ in Culture, 50s to 70s | Tomlin Hall

Servants of the King, 60s and above | Parlor

Ladies Class, 50s and above | room 202

Children

Nursery, age 1 and under | room 105

Ages 2 | room 104

Ages 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

TODAY!

After worship - 45 minutes | Parlor

If you didn't attend on the 16th, you need to attend this one.



GriefShare®

Need Help Dealing with Grief?

Runs through 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.

Questions? Email Anita Boland at aboland@lexpreschurch.com

Scan to register:



Women's Ministry

Nominations are being accepted for the following officers:

- *President Elect*
- *Secretary*
- *Congregational Care Chair*
- *Decorating Chair*
- *Circle 1 Chair*
- *Circle 4 Chair*

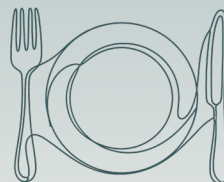
Position descriptions can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please speak to your nominee to get their approval before nominating them.

Email nominee's first and last name and position to lpwomen@lexpreschurch.com.

Deadline is TODAY



Fifth Sunday Feast & Fellowship August 30th Lunch after worship Tomlin Hall



We're so excited for another Feast and Fellowship together! Please bring a main dish + a salad or dessert, enough for your family plus extra!

You may drop off food in the kitchen
(located in Tomlin Hall)

and we will have folks ready to assist you.



Children's Ministry Pizza & Planning

You're invited to learn more about our fall discipleship opportunities for children including CE classes, Kids Quest, CAMP, and more!

Wednesday, September 2nd | 6:00-7:30 PM | Tomlin Hall
Pizza and drinks will be provided for all!



Please register here



Start date is September 9th
Registration is now open!



Wednesdays at LPC

Starting September 9th

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word

LOST & FOUND

Please check our lost and found
table in Tomlin Lobby for
found items that may
belong to you!

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