



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

— Acts 14:21–22

This young man, who had brought both a desire to learn and modesty, withdrew from Christ, because it was hard to part with a darling vice. The same thing will happen to us, unless the sweetness of the grace of Christ render all the allurements of the flesh distasteful to us.

— John Calvin

Now, the key command there is: “Follow me.” You want to be perfect? There is one way for sinners to be perfect. Follow me. I think the picture in Jesus’s mind is that the ruler’s got his money in his hand. He got his money in his hand and he’s holding on extremely tight. But Jesus is supposed to be in this hand, as his supreme treasure. And Jesus says, “Okay, you want to be perfect? you got to follow me and in order to follow me, have me, you have to drop that money. And where it falls is on the poor. Just don’t let it fall on the ground. Divest onto the poor. Now your hand is free. Take me. The young man would not let go of his dollar.

— John Piper

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

Psalm 95:1, 3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

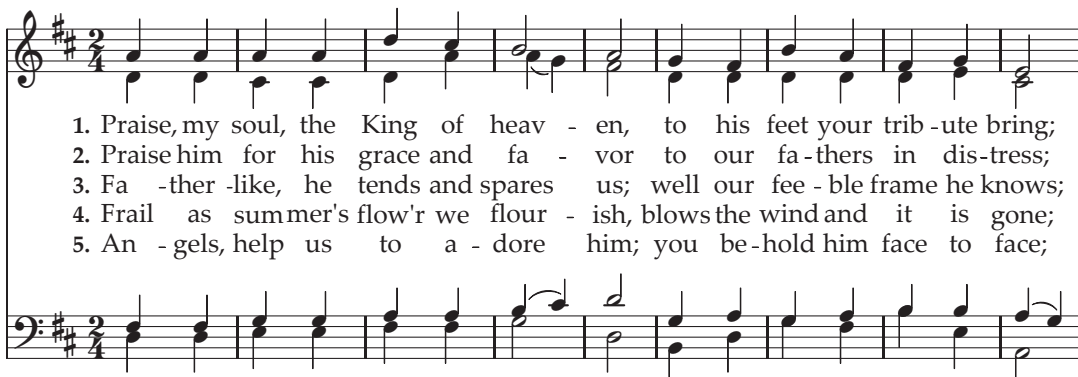


CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

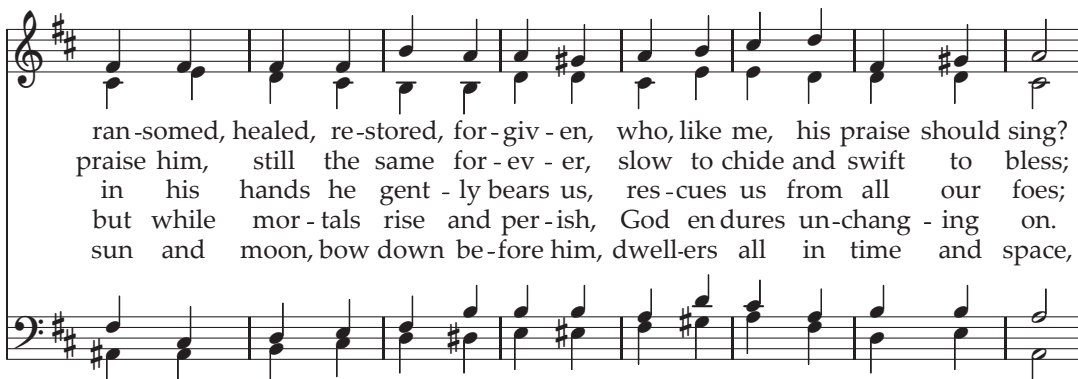


HYMN OF ADORATION

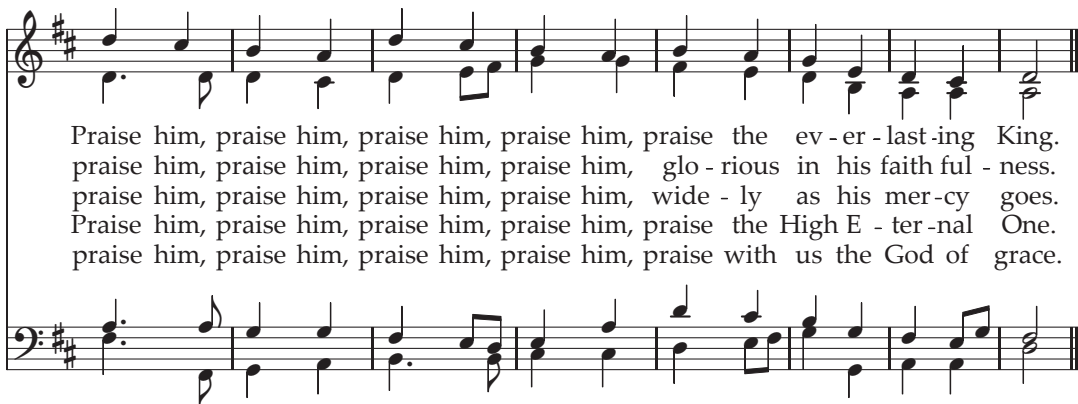
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God endures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 76
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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.*

READING FROM THE WRITINGS

Steve Coleridge

Psalm 51:1-6

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words

and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Merciful Lord, Your Word is good seed,
yet too often our hearts are hard, resisting Your truth.
We confess that at times we are shallow
— receiving with joy but falling away when trials come.
We admit how easily the worries of this world, the deceitfulness of riches,
and the desires for other things choke out Your Word in us.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Break up our stony ground, pull out the thorns,
and make us good soil by Your Spirit.
Plant Your Word deep within us,
that we may bear fruit for the glory of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Psalm 85:2

You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Question 95

Leader: Of what use is the moral law to all men?

All: *I believe the moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.*



HYMN OF MERCY

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love



1. Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love; too
 2. Cre - a - tion is brim - ming with thank - ful - ness, the
 3. What grace, that You en - tered our bro - ken - ness; You



vast and as - tound - ing to tell. For - ev - er ex - ist - ing in
 moun - tains, ex - ult - ant they stand; the sea - sons re - joice in Your
 came in the full - ness of time. How far we had fall - en from



worlds a - bove, now of - fered and giv - en to all.
 faith - ful - ness, all life is sus - tained by Your hand.
 right - eous - ness, but not from the mer - cies of Christ.

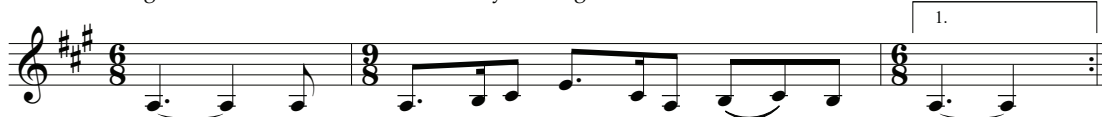


O foun - tain of beau - ty e - ter - nal; the Fa - ther, the Spi - rit, the
 You crown eve - ry mea - dow with col - or; You paint eve - ry shade in the
 Your cross is our door to re - demp - tion; Your death is our full - ness of

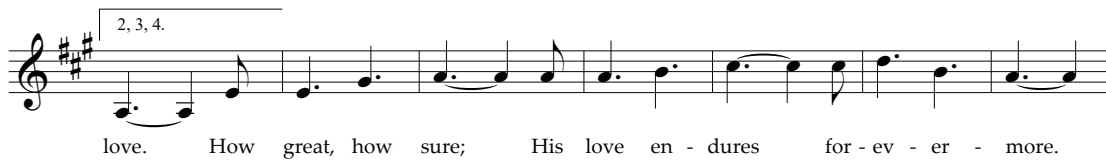
Tag: U - ni - ted in Your re - sur - rec - tion, You lift us to in - fi - nite



Son. Suf - fi - cient and end - less - ly gen - er -
 sky; each day the dawn wakes as an en - core
 life. That day, how for - give - ness flowed as a
 heights. Could an - y - thing sev - er or take us



ous:
 of
 flood:
 from mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love.



GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Come to Jesus



1. Are you wear - y, heav - y la - den? Come and lay your bur - dens down;
 2. Are you hope - less, are you guilt - y? Caught in shame for all your sin?
 3. Are you wast - ing in your sor - rows For this bro - ken world to heal?



Je - sus calls you, Je - sus draws you; rest in Him.
 He pur - sues you to for - give you; rest in Him.
 He is com - ing, soon re - turn - ing; rest in Him.



He is gen - tle, He is low - ly, He de - lights to bring us peace;
 He has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ure, Mer - cy flows in end - less streams;
 We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace re - vealed;



Ten - der Shep - herd, might - y Sa - viour: rest in Him.
 Come and fol - low. free - dom calls you: rest in Him.
 3a. From His kind - ness ev - 'ry prom - ise then ful - filled. *3rd verse, go to 3b before Chorus*
 3b. Trust in Je - sus, He will keep us to the end.

CHORUS



How sure his com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is his



love; So come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

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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 18:15-30 | Pew Bible pg. 877

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." ²⁸ And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." ²⁹ And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

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 SURPRISING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING THE KINGDOM

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left
 3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me; 'twill but drive
 4. Go, then, earth - ly fame and treas - ure; come, dis - as -
 5. Soul, then know thy full sal - va - tion, rise o'er sin
 6. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith,

and fol - low thee; des - ti - tute, de - spised,
 my Sav - ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks
 me to thy breast. Life with tri - als hard
 ter, scorn, and pain; in thy ser - vice, pain
 and fear and care; joy to find in ev -
 and winged by prayer. Heav'n's e - ter - nal days

for - sak - en, thou from hence my all shalt be.
 de - ceive me; thou art not, like them, un - true.
 may press me; heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
 'is pleas - ure; with thy fa - vor, loss is gain.
 'ry sta - tion, some - thing still to do or bear.
 be - fore thee; God's own hand shall guide thee there.

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped
 Oh, while thou dost smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love,
 Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while thy love is left
 I have called thee Ab - ba, Fath - er; I have stayed my heart
 Think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee; think what Father's smiles
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion, soon shall pass thy pil -

or known, yet how rich is my con - di - tion:
 and might, foes may hate and friends dis - own me:
 to me; oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
 on thee; storms may howl and clouds may gath - er;
 are thine; think that Je - sus died thee—
 grim days; hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,

God and heav'n are still my own.
 show thy face and all is bright.
 were that joy un - mixed thee.
 all must work for good to me.
 child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine?
 faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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
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Received FYTD	\$121,791
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Expenditures FYTD	\$94,339
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FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of July 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$10,834
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Faith Promise Giving:	\$ 5,013
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Missions Disbursements	\$15,959
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LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.

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SUNDAYS @ LPC

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, 30s to 40s | room 204

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

Christ in Culture, 50s and above | Tomlin Hall

Servants of the King, 60s and above | Parlor

Ladies Class, all ages | 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

WEDNESDAYS @ LPC

We are excited for our Wednesday evening activities to resume in two weeks on **September 9th**! Our hope is that Wednesdays will be like a “family gathering” where we share a feast at the table, enjoy cross-generational fellowship, and grow in practical theology — living faithfully for King Jesus in all spheres of life.

Midweek Reset Schedule

Dinner	5:15 PM	<i>If you will be arriving after 6 PM, please text Amy Brady at 864.941.6548 so we can have a “to-go plate” ready for you!</i>
Nursery available	6:00–7:15 PM	
Adult Studies	6:15–7:15 PM	
Kids Quest	6:15–7:15 PM	<i>Children may be checked in starting at 6:00 pm to begin Kids Quest activities!</i>
Youth	6:15–7:30 PM	
Fellowship	7:15 PM	<i>We desire to have intentional fellowship—to know and be known—across generations. After the studies finish, many folks will go outside to the playground area to enjoy time together, so linger with us as we grow in community!</i>

Adult Studies

All Adults — Being (Truly) Human in God’s Kingdom | Tomlin Hall

Does my life matter? Many Christians spend much of their lives in and around “the church” and can even provide a basic answer to the question, “What is the church?” But many of us struggle to answer the question “how do we be the church?” in any meaningful way that includes the normal rhythms of our lives. This Wednesday night study and discussion will help us see that our lives as humans matter deeply to God and that He has called us, as humans united to Christ Jesus, to His mission of renewal, restoration, and salvation as His partners in the world.

Women’s Bible Study — What’s SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus’s Genealogy Room 204



Wednesdays at LPC

Starting September 9th

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word

We will celebrate the
Lord's Supper
Sunday, September 13th

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



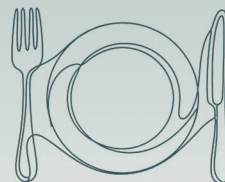
As Iron Sharpens Iron so One Person Sharpens Another
Men's Breakfast
for Building Each Other Up
Saturday, September 19th | 7:30-8:30 am
Tomlin Hall



Please register



Fifth Sunday
Feast & Fellowship
TODAY
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!



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:



LOST & FOUND

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

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