



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Unlike the respectable rich man in Luke 18 whose possessions prevent him following Jesus, Zacchaeus expresses his repentance by declaring that he'll give away half his wealth and repay fourfold whomever he's cheated. The grace of God embodied in the meal with Jesus liberates Zacchaeus from his enslaving greed. That's the pattern Luke invites us to follow.

— Tim Chester

The unflagging lunacy of God. The unending seaminess of human beings. The meeting between them that is always a matter of life or death and usually both. The story of Zacchaeus is the gospel in sycamore. It is the best and oldest joke in the world.

— Frederick Buechner

Do you get the point? The reward is utterly disproportionate to the business and to the stewardship of the amount of money that was given to each of the servants. The whole point is the disproportionate generosity of God.

— Ligon Duncan

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

Keith Boland

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



HYMN OF ADORATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
TEXT: St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.; St. 6, John Rippon, 1787
TUNE (CORONATION): Oliver Holden, 1793
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RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

All: *And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

Leader: He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

All: *It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*



PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Sue Skelly

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:6–7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Gracious and Almighty Lord,
You call us to rejoice and be glad,
for You have done the work
of bringing us safely home to Your feast.
Yet we confess that our hearts are often
distracted, divided, and unfaithful.
O Lamb of God, You are our Shepherd
who leads us to the springs of living water.
But we confess that we have sought refreshment
in broken cisterns that cannot satisfy.
We have been slow to follow Your leading,
resistant to Your refining, and careless in our devotion.
Forgive us, Lord.
Prepare our hearts to be Your faithful Bride —
eager, watchful, and adorned for Your glory.
Turn our eyes to the beauty of the Lamb Who was slain
and Who now reigns forever.
We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Jeremiah 31:34

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into Hell;
The third day, he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*the universal church that trusts in Christ alone



HYMN OF MERCY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;
streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan-der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;
praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-changing love.
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

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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.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Oh the Deep, Deep Love

1. Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less,
 2. Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to
 3. Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur - pass - ing all the

free; Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver
 shore; How He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He
 rest; It's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of ev - 'ry

me; Un - der - neath me, all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your
 bore; How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His —
 test; Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior, pre - cious

love; Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a -
 own; How for them He's in - ter - ced - ing, plead - ing now be - fore the
 friend; You will bring us home to glo - ry, where Your love will nev - er

bove.
 throne.
 end.

Oh the deep, deep love; all I

need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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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



READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 19:1-27 | Pew Bible pg. 878

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

¹¹ As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ ¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ ¹⁹ And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ ²⁰ Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ ²² He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ ²⁵ And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ ²⁶ ‘I tell you that to everyone who

has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.”

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 MEAL IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We come to Your table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King,
to gather up the crumbs under Your table,
yet You are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, in this breaking of bread,
a rich participation in Your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of Your grace,
that by Your Spirit, we may commune with You and You with us.
Amen.



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.*

INVITATION AND FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF THE KING



COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

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

us and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who
 you eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal the death that
 you drink and re - mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may
 spond and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the

come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we

share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will

sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ 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 August 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$200,580
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Received FYTD	\$214,804
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Expenditures FYTD	\$198,138
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FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of August 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$21,666
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Faith Promise Giving:	\$13,751
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Missions Disbursements	\$30,880
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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

Age 2 | room 104

Age 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

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word
Pork loin, roasted potatoes, green beans, sautéed apples

Inquirer's Class

Sundays,
September 20th, 27th
& October 4th
8:45 - 9:30 am

Learn more about
LPC's mission and
how you can be part
of our community!



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



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



Missions Preview
with the Powlisons
Sunday, September 20th
Lunch after Worship





RIDGE HAVEN

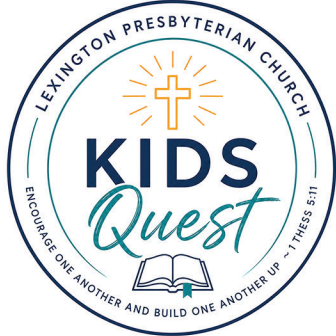
Winter Retreats



 **HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT:**
JANUARY 15 - 18, 2027
  **MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT:**
FEBRUARY 12 - 15, 2027

Sibling discounts will be automatically applied.

 **PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30**
FULL PAYMENT IS DUE BY JANUARY 8.



LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KIDS
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ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP ~ 1 THESS 5:11

Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Register here:

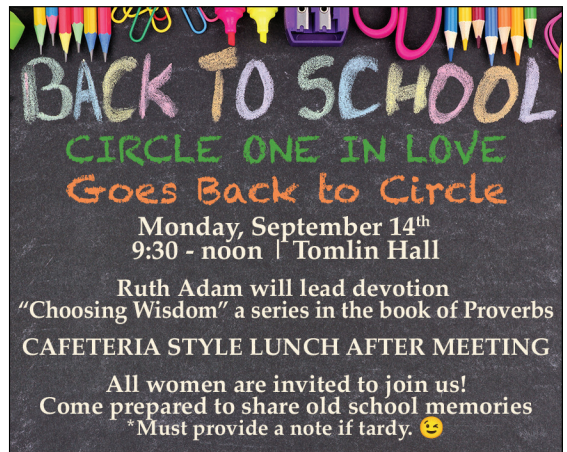



Care Ministry Fall Schedule

Flu Shots..... October 7th | 5:00 - 7:00pm
Welcome Center

Blood Drive..... October 14th | 1:00 - 6:00pm
Welcome Center

CPR Class..... October 17th | 9:00am - noon
\$25 / person | Tomlin Hall



BACK TO SCHOOL

CIRCLE ONE IN LOVE

Goes Back to Circle

Monday, September 14th
9:30 - noon | Tomlin Hall

Ruth Adam will lead devotion
"Choosing Wisdom" a series in the book of Proverbs

CAFETERIA STYLE LUNCH AFTER MEETING

All women are invited to join us!
Come prepared to share old school memories
*Must provide a note if tardy. 😊

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