



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

— 7th century Latin hymn, Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God—
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever!

— Martin Luther

Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone to accept, His lordship.

— Elisabeth Elliot

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 33:4, 6, 8-9

- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

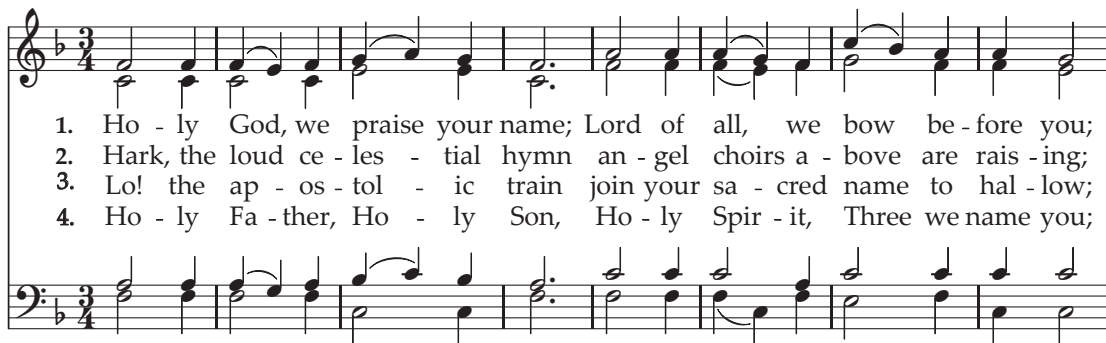


CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



HYMN OF ADORATION

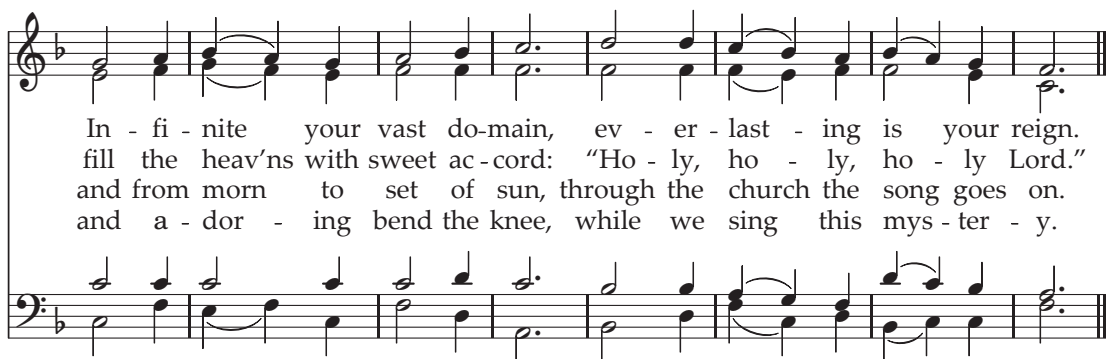
Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
 2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
 and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 103

TEXT: Based on *Te Deum*, ca. 4th cent.; Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774; Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 19909, mod. TUNE (GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH); *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774

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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

Vicki Green

Psalm 118:1, 19-24, 28-29 | Pew Bible pg. 511

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*All: Lord God,
we have sinned against You;
we have done evil in Your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to Your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of Your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 40:2

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 1, Section 5

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

All: *I believe we may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to a high and reverent esteem of the holy Scripture and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet, notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.*



HYMN OF MERCY

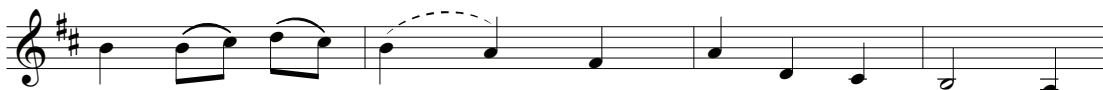
Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. 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.

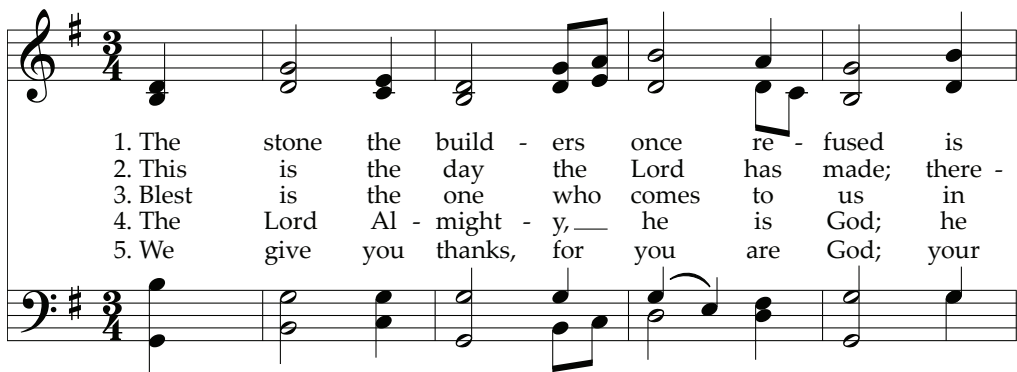
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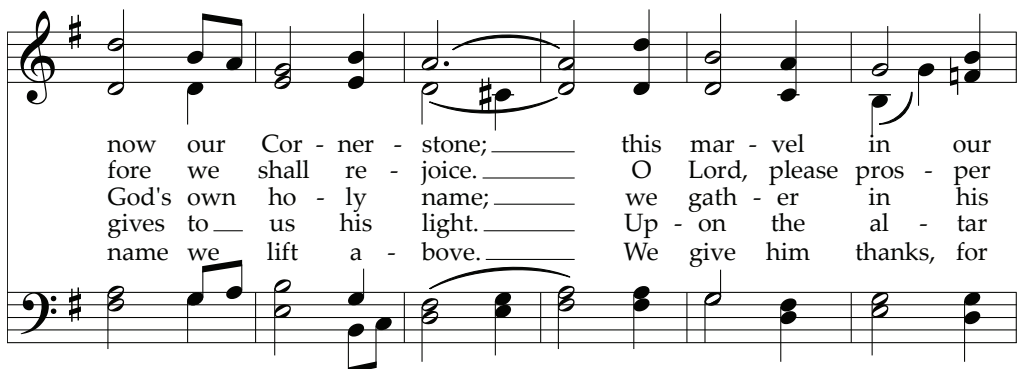
Take a moment to fill out and pass the Friendship Register located on your pew. Our goal in this register is to welcome visitors, shepherd the flock here at LPC, and to help us all connect more intentionally with the life of our church.

GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Stone the Builders Once Refused



1. The stone the build - ers once re - fused is
 2. This is the day the Lord has made; there -
 3. Blest is the one who comes to us in
 4. The Lord Al - might - y, — he is God; he
 5. We give you thanks, for you are God; your



now our Cor - ner - stone; — this mar - vel in our
 fore we shall re - joice. — O Lord, please pros - per
 God's own ho - ly name; — we gath - er in his
 gives to us his light. — Up - on the al - tar
 name we lift a - bove. — We give him thanks, for



eyes, ap - proved by our — great God a - lone.
 us, and save; to you — we — lift our voice!
 tem - ple, thus his bless - ing — to pro - claim.
 of our hearts we of - fer — sac - ri - fice.
 he is good; for his — e - ter - nal love.

"The Stone the Builders Once Refused," TEXT: David P. Regier
 TUNE (MARTYRDOM): Hugh Wilson, 1825
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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 19:47 - 20:18 | Pew Bible pg. 879

And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

¹ One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up ² and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority."

³ He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, ⁴ was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" ⁵ And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' ⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from.

⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

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 AUTHORITY OF THE PRIEST-KING

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone/ The Solid Rock



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, ful-ness of God in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the World by dark-ness



song; this Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je-sus
 grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-fort-er, my All in
 died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is

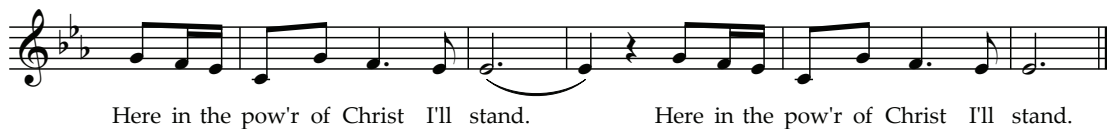
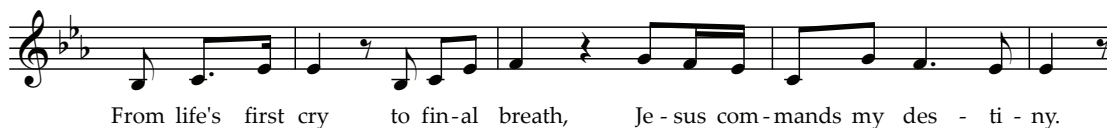
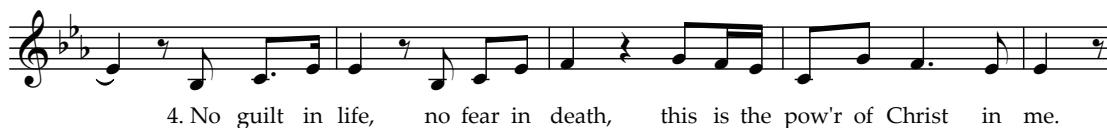


All, here in the love of Christ I stand. [to verse 2]
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live. [to verse 3]
 mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. [continue]



On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand. All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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

Midweek Reset Schedule

Menu: Taco Bowls

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

LPC Chili Cook-off

The air is crisp, and it's time
to pull out recipes that warm us
from the inside out:

We're talking CHILI.

Do you make the best chili?

Let's find out!

Wednesday, October 21

Bring your crock pot
to Tomlin Hall for a night of
tasting, visiting, and voting.



Reformation Celebration

October 25th
4-7pm

Everyone is invited

- **Dinner theater**
- **Fun activities**
- **Candy for the kids
and more**



JOIN US AS WE GET TO
KNOW THE WOMEN
IN JESUS' GENEALOGY

Wednesday in the Word
10:00 - 11:00 am
~or~

Woman to Woman
6:15 - 7:15 pm
(Wednesdays)



Volunteer Needs

Nursery

1st Sunday: Odd months
(plus one 5th Sunday per year,
7 times total per year)

Email: Rebeca at rgallegos@lexpreschurch.com

Preschool

3rd Sunday: Odd months
(plus one 5th Sunday per year,
7 times total per year)

Email: Sara at sbaarendse@lexpreschurch.com

Adult Choir is back!
Wednesdays at 6:15 - 7:30 pm
in the Sanctuary
We'd love to have you join us!



LPC Women's Ministry
invites you to Soup, Salad and Sing!

Saturday, October 10th

11:00am - 1:00pm

Tomlin Hall

with special musical
guest, Sue Shelly
RSVP by October 7th



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



To register for any of these
events scan the QR code

Audio/Video Volunteers Needed

This is a great way to get involved
in the worship ministry of LPC.
We'd love to have you join our team
whether you have experience or not
(we'll train you).

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