



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The heavens and the earth will listen to the Lord's messiah...

Seekers of the Lord, strengthen yourselves in His service! For the Lord will call the righteous by name.

Over the poor his Spirit will hover and will renew the faithful with his power...

He who liberates the captives, restores sight to the blind, and straightens the bent. The Lord will forever perform marvelous acts, and forever will cleave to the hopeful.

And the Lord will accomplish glorious things which have never been seen, for he will heal the wounded, and make the dead live, and preach the good news to the poor, give to the needy, and lead the exiled, and feed the hungry.

— 4Q521 (Frag.2); *Dead Sea Scrolls*; 1st Century B.C.

"Blindness is the darkness of the heart; sight is the illumination of faith."

— St. Gregory the Great (6th century)

"The blindness of unbelievers in no way detracts from the clarity of the gospel; the sun is no less bright because blind men do not perceive its light."

—John Calvin (16th century)

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 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-vel-ous wis-dom hath made
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-
eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gent-ly sus-
thee! Sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
thee, decked thee with health, and with lov-ing hand guid-ed and
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem-ple draw
tain-eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have
stayed thee; pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y will
fore him! How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re-
Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-

near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
lief, spread-ing his wings to o'er-shade thee!
gain; glad-ly for-e'er we a-dore him.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 53
TEXT: Based on Psalm 103; Joachim Neander, 1680; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990
TUNE (LOBE DEN HERREN): *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665; Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668
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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 PROPHETS

Will Miller

Daniel 7:9-14

As I looked,
thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
 and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

¹¹ I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking.
And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be
burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but
their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 6:4-5

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Liturgy of Württemberg (1536)

All: We poor sinners confess before you, our God and Creator, that we have sinned against you in many ways, not only by our outward sins, but much more through inward natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, envy, and hatred which you see in us, but which we cannot always see in ourselves.

We repent of these, and cry to you for your mercy, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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



RESPONSE OF ADORATION

Trisagion (Holy God)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y." The second system continues with "ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy; have mer - cy on". The third system features a first ending bracketed over two measures, followed by a second ending bracketed over two measures, both leading to a key signature change to D major (two sharps). The lyrics "us." are placed below the first and second endings. The fourth system returns to the key of B-flat major and contains the lyrics "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y." The fifth system continues with "ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy; have mer - cy; have". The sixth system concludes with "mer - cy; have mer - cy on us." and ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y.

ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy; have mer - cy on

1. us. 2. us.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y.

ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy; have mer - cy; have

mer - cy; have mer - cy on us.

"Trisagion (Holy God)," Words: Ancient text; alt. Fernando Ortega Music: Fernando Ortega; arr. Dan Kreider
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WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 86

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

All: *I believe Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*



HYMN OF MERCY

I Set My Hope on Jesus



1. When this life of tri - als tests my faith, I set my hope on Je - sus.
 2. Though I fal - ter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Je - sus.
 3. Though the world calls me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Je - sus.



When the ques-tions come and doubts re - main, I set my hope on Je - sus.
 When I fail the fight and sink with - in, I set my hope on Je - sus.
 Though it of - fers all its vain re - wards, I set my hope on Je - sus.



For the deep - est wounds that time won't heal, there's a
 Though the shame would drown me in its sea and I
 Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me



joy that still runs deep - er. There's a truth that's more than all I feel,
 dread the waves of jus - tice, I will cast my life on Cal - va - ry,
 grace e - nough to fin - ish. Till I wor - ship on that fin - al day,



I set my hope on Je - sus.
 I set my hope on Je - sus. I set my hope on Je - sus, my rock, my on - ly
 I set my hope on Je - sus.



trust, who set his heart up - on me first. I set my hope on Je - sus. —

"I Set My Hope on Jesus," Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Come Unto Jesus

1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wea - ry; come to the
 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, Light for the stray - ing, hope of the
 3. Come taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners; drink from the
 4. Come now and fol - low him, this life for - sak - ing; all that was

mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel. Here, bring your wound - ed heart,
 pen - i - tent, peace in our strife; here speaks the Com - fort - er,
 cup of his prom - ise made sure. Feast at his ta - ble as
 gain, count as noth - ing but loss. Trade all this world for his

bro - ken and need - y; come un - to Je - sus, might - y to heal.
 ten - der - ly say - ing, "My yoke is eas - y, my bur - den is light."
 sons and as daugh - ters; grace ov - er - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more.
 king - dom un - fad - ing; *to Coda*

Come un - to Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus. Lay down your bur - dens—

he is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in his love.

"Come Unto Jesus," Words: Thomas Moore, 1824; rev. Thomas Hastings, 1831; adapt. Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Laura Story

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♩ Coda

Come un - to Je - sus, take up your cross; come un - to Je - sus,

take up your cross; life ev - er - last - ing he of - fers to us!

Come un - to Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus: Lay down your bur - dens—

he is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus.

Lay down your bur - dens, he is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus,

rest in his love. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in his love.

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.



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 18:31-43 | Pew Bible pg. 878

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴² And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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 BLINDNESS WE CANNOT SEE

Tyler Josephson

NOTES



HYMN OF RESPONSE

There Is One Gospel



1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks.
4. And in this Gos-pel, the church is one; we do not walk a - lone.



It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
 For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 For death could not keep my Sav - iour down, He lives and I am free.
 We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace: my high - est joy and my
 No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the
 Now on my Sav - iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
 And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, He is my light.
 weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life.
 hope is mine. For He has pro - mised I, too, will rise.
 res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - iour, the King of life.



I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ,
 I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ,
 I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ,
 I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

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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

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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, 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

Starting September 9th

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word

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



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

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



Start date is September 9th
Registration is now open!



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

A poster with a chalkboard background. At the top, there are colorful drawings of school supplies like pencils, scissors, and a stapler. The text "BACK TO SCHOOL" is written in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters. Below it, "CIRCLE ONE IN LOVE" is written in green, and "Goes Back to Circle" is in orange. The event details are listed in white text: "Monday, September 14th 9:30 - noon | Tomlin Hall". It mentions that Ruth Adam will lead devotion and that there will be a "CAFETERIA STYLE LUNCH AFTER MEETING". It also states that all women are invited to join and to come prepared to share old school memories, with a note that they must provide a note if tardy, accompanied by a smiley face emoji.

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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