



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

Man bears the image of God in his mind; he is capable of understanding and of being. Even if the coin of his soul is worn by sin, God can reclaim what bears His image.

— Augustine of Hippo

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

— Charles Spurgeon

Now if the eternal God pledges Himself “to be God to you,” that establishes a relation that is as eternal as the God who promised it. Once Yahweh binds Himself to you to be your God, there is no circumstance, no opponent, that can sever that relation. Even in death, He is still the God who holds you and, at the right time, will raise you to life.

— Dale Ralph Davis

Hearing assistive devices for worship are available. Ask a greeter to assist you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP

John Thompson

Psalm 99:1a, 4–5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!



CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



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.*



HYMN OF ADORATION

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some lines having multiple verses.

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he
 3. O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -
 4. Be - cause the LORD our God is good his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; serve
 formed us all with - out our aid; we
 in his courts his praise pro - claim; let
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His

him with joy, his prais - es tell; come
 are the flock he comes to feed, the
 thank - ful songs your tongues em - ploy; O
 faith - ful - ness at all times stood and

now be - fore him and re - joice! [to verse 2]
 sheep who by his hand were made. [to verse 3]
 bless and mag - ni - fy his name. [to verse 4]
 shall from age to age en - dure. [continue to verse 5]

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell," Words by William Kethe, 1561, alt., P.D.

Music: GENEVAN 134 / OLD HUNDREDTH: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, P.D.; Arr. Rick Barnes, 2026

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 110:1-4

Leader: The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

All: *The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!*

Leader: Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

All: *The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Heidi Chapman

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 | Pew Bible pg. 46

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ezekiel 14:6

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

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

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



WORDS OF COMFORT

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



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

Christ, the True and Better



1. Christ, the true and bet-ter A - dam, Son of God and Son of man,
2. Christ, the true and bet-ter Is - aac, hum-ble Son of sac - ri - fice,
3. Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple home,
4. Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid, low - ly shep - herd, might - y king.



who, when temp - ted in the gar - den, nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned.
 who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to of - fer up his life.
 stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great glo - ry to be known.
 he the cham - pion in the bat - tle; where, O death, is now thy sting?



He who makes the man - y right - eous brings us back to life a - gain.
 Laid with faith up - on the al - tar, fath - er's joy and on - ly son;
 With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the wa - ters part in two;
 In our place he bled and con - quered; crown him Lord of maj - es - ty.



Dy - ing, he re - versed the curse; then ris - ing crushed the ser - pent's head. [to verse 2]
 there sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed, oh, what full and bound - less love.
 see, the veil is torn for - ev - er, cleansed with blood we pass now through.
 His shall be the throne for - ev - er; we shall e'er his peo - ple be.



A - men, a - men, from be - gin - ing to end.



Christ the sto - ry, his the glo - ry; al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

1. The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in all
2. The match-less wis - dom of His way that marks the path
3. O grant me wis - dom from a - bove, to pray for peace

the u - ni - verse; All things cre - a - ted by His hand and held to -
of right - eous - ness; His words a lamp un - to my feet, His Spir - it
and cling to love; and teach me humb - ly to re - ceive the sun and

geth - er at His com - mand. He knows the mys - t'ries of the seas,
teach - ing and guid - ing me. And O the mys - t'ry of the cross,
rain of Your sov - 'reign - ty. Each strand of sor - row has a place

the se - crets of the stars are His; He guides the plan - ets
that God should suf - fer for the lost; So that the fool might
with - in this tap - es - try of grace; so through the trials I

on their way, and turns the earth through a - noth - er day.
shame the wise and all the glo - ry might go to Christ.
choose to say, "Your per - fect will in your per - fect way."

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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.



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 20:20-21:4 | Pew Bible pg. 880

So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. ²¹ So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” ²³ But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵ He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”

⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

⁴¹ But he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is David’s son? ⁴² For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

⁴³ until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

⁴⁴ David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?”

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁷ who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

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 ONLY WISE KING

Rev. Josh Johnson



HYMN OF RESPONSE

The King in All His Beauty



1. Oh, lift your eyes to heav-en, see the Ho-ly One, e-ter-nal.
2. (Now) see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splin-ters.



Be-hold the Lord of Maj-es-ty, ex-alt-ed in His tem-ple.
The Sac-ri-fice for ru-ined man, the Sub-sti-tute for sin-ners.



As sym-pho-nies of an-gels' praise now strain to sound His glo-ry,
As earth is stained with roy-al blood, and quakes with love and fu-ry,



come wor-ship, fall be-fore His grace: the King in all His beau-ty.
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beau-ty.



How wor-thy, how wor-thy, how wor-thy, the



King in all— His beau-ty.

2. Now



King in all— His beau-ty.

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3. Now see Sav - ior lift - ed up,

the Lamb who reigns in splen - dor. The hope of ev - 'ry tribe and tongue,

His king - dom is for - ev - er. Bring praise and hon - or to His courts,

bring wis - dom, pow - er, bless - ing. For end - less a - ges we'll a - dore

the King in all His beau - ty.

How wor - thy, how wor - thy,

how wor - thy, the King in all His beau - ty. How

King in all His beau - ty.



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 August 2026:

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

FAITH PROMISE

Through the end of August 2026:

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

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

LPC Chili Cook-off

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

Wednesday, October 21st @ 5:30

Do you make the best chili?
"Expert" judges will determine
the winners!

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



Operation Christmas Child



**Pick up shoe boxes
in the Welcome Center
Drop off filled boxes
by November 15th**



LPC Fall 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign

Please help support our
local mission partner
LaVie Pregnancy
Care Center
by loading a baby bottle with
loose change, cash or a check!
Stop by our table in the
Welcome Center
We will collect filled bottles
during the month of October



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



text/call Sharon Rogers
at 803-446-4577



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

Volunteers Needed!

Please consider how you can serve on Sundays

- Greeters
- Scripture Readers
- Coffee Team

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