

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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

He had no horror at death, therefore, simply as a passage out of the world, but because he had before his eyes the dreadful tribunal of God, and the Judge himself armed with inconceivable vengeance; and because our sins, the load of which was laid upon him, pressed him down with their enormous weight.

— John Calvin

See yonder another King's garden, which the King waters with his bloody sweat-Gethsemane, whose bitter herbs are sweeter far to renewed souls than even Eden's luscious fruits. There the mischief of the serpent in the first garden was undone: there the curse was lifted from earth, and borne by the woman's promised seed.

— Charles Spurgeon

'Tis midnight, and for other's guilt
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He that hath in anguish knelt
Is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight, and from ether-plains
Is borne the song that angels know
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

— William Bingham Tappan

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Keith Boland

Psalm 46:1–3, 11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

All: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
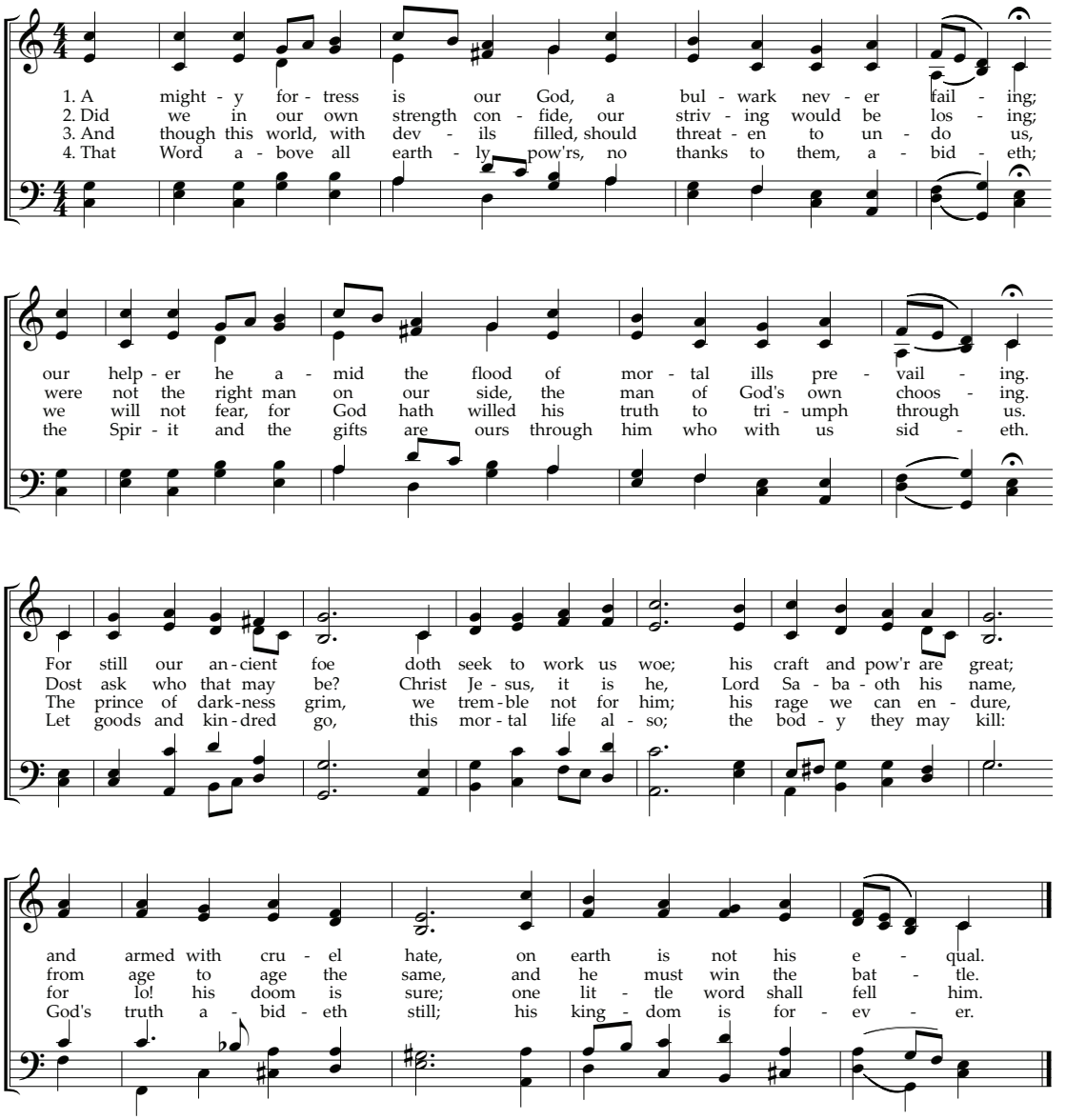
Leader: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

All: *The LORD of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF ADORATION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," *Trinity Hymnal* No. 92
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

You made heaven and earth for our sake, mighty God.
You made the sun and moon for our use, as though they were our servants.
Raise our minds heavenward and upward to think on your true glory,
by these your blessings.
May we faithfully worship you alone, surrendering ourselves entirely to you. Even while we enjoy the benefits of all the stars-and also the entire earth-may
we know that we are bound to you by so many favors,
that we may be more and more roused to do what is just and right.
So we will work to glorify your name on the earth,
as we enjoy the blessed glory which comes from Christ our Lord, Amen.
— John Calvin

READING FROM THE WRITINGS

Alex Petrenko

Psalm 88 | Pew Bible pg. 494

O LORD, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.
2 Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!
3 For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
5 like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
6 You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah
8 You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah
11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
14 O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?
15 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
16 Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
17 They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
18 You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

All: *Holy God, You are high and lifted up,*
and the whole earth is full of Your glory.
We confess we are people of unclean lips and unclean hearts.
We have chased our own glory and ignored Your voice.
Touch us with the cleansing fire of Your grace through Jesus Christ,
that our guilt may be taken away and our sin atoned for.
Take away our guilt, forgive our sin,
and make us ready to say, "Here am I, send me."
Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF COMFORT

Psalm 112:4

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 37
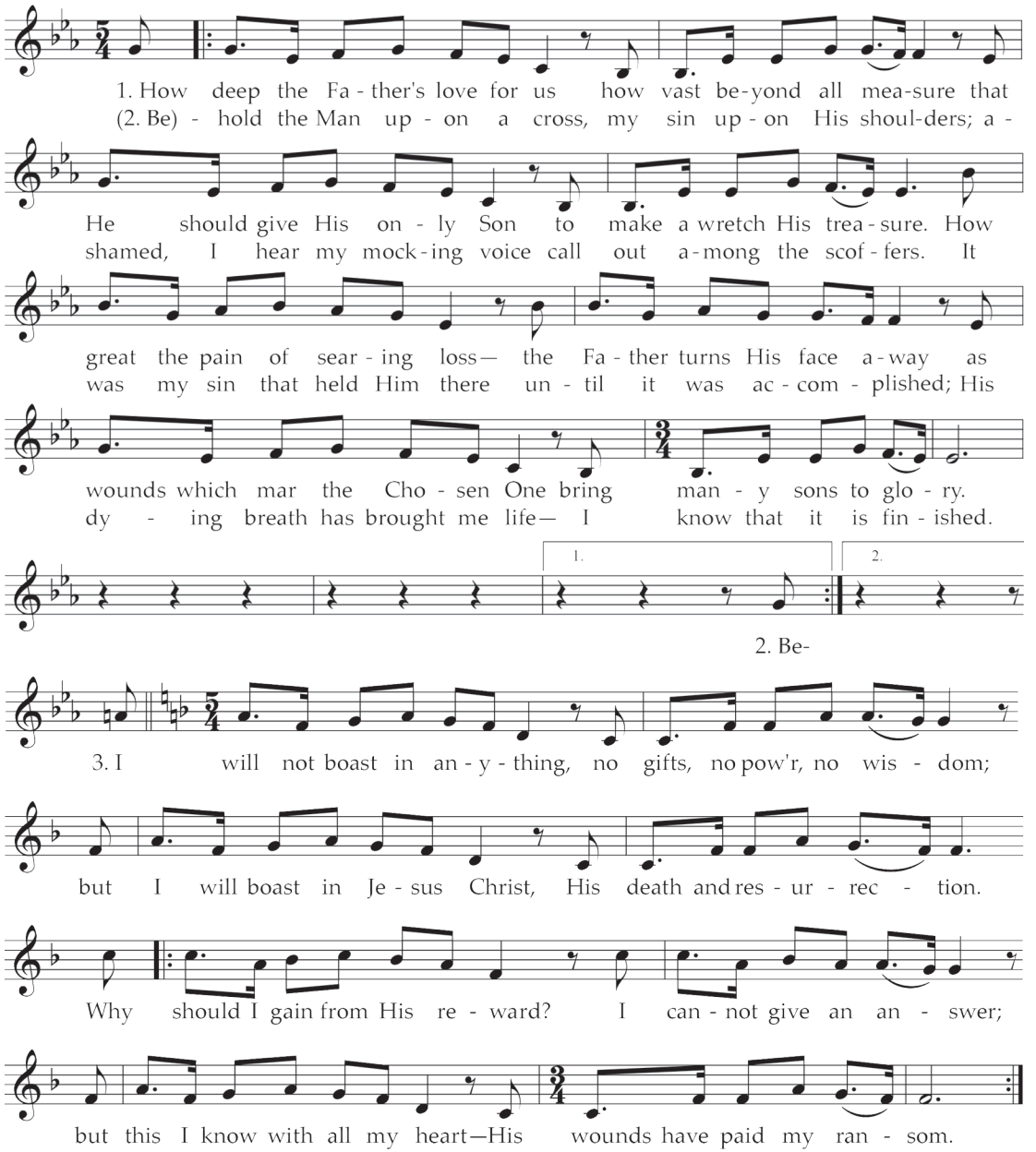
Leader: What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

All: *I believe that during his whole life on earth,*
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained
in body and soul
the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.

This he did in order that,
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might deliver us, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us
God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

HYMN OF MERCY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Choral Anthem | Forevermore

Choir: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Word of God, the Cornerstone,
yesterday, today, forever, seated on His heav'nly throne.
In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man,
God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakable, forevermore.

Congregation and Choir: *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Choir: God will not forget His promise ever faithful to remain,
Never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day.
Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know;
We can trust Him, ever working for His glory and our good, forevermore.

Congregation and Choir: *Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;*
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Choir: Praise the Author of creation, of the world and all it holds;
Praise the Word eternal, standing firm Our God is God forevermore.

Congregation and Choir: *O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,*
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home

Choir: Forevermore, forevermore, forevermore!

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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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ben & Jennifer Askins, Wofford & Baker

Cheryl Jackson

Lee & Gaye Lobban

Steve & Susan Miller

Emerson Senn

Charlotte Toren

MEMBERSHIP VOWS:

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered to you in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in it worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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 22:39-53 | Pew Bible pg. 882

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. [40] And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." [41] And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, [42] saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." [43] And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. [44] And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. [45] And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, [46] and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

[47] While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, [48] but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" [49] And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" [50] And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. [51] But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. [52] Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? [53] When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

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 DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

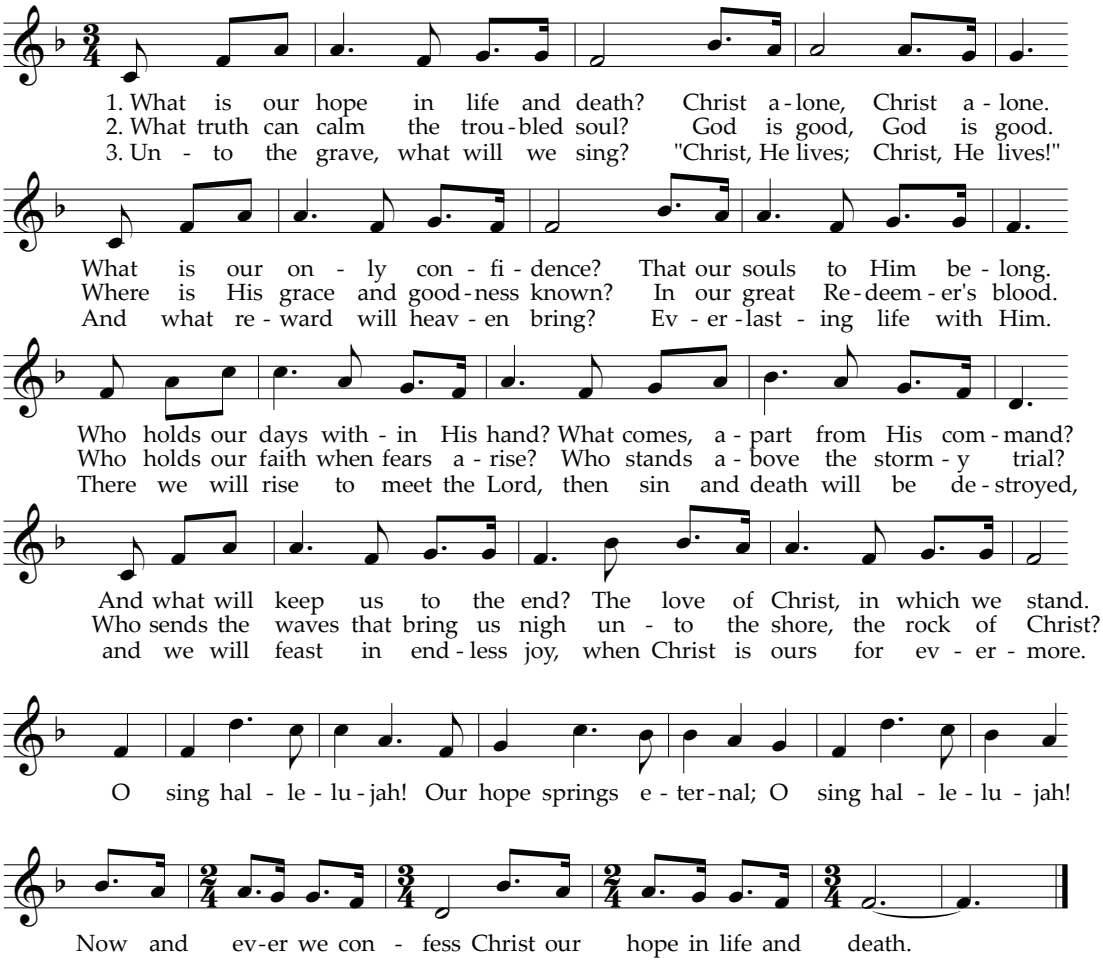
Leader: This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



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BENEDICTION

Jude 1:20–21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, [21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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 @ 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**	*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!*
Nursery available	**6:00–7:15 PM**	
Adult Studies	**6:15–7:15 PM**	
Choir Practice	**6:15–7:30 PM**	*Meets in the Parlor*
Kids Quest	**6:15–7:15 PM**	*Children may be checked in starting at 6:00 pm to begin Kids Quest activities!*
Youth	**6:15–7:30 PM**	
Fellowship	**7:15 PM**	*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!*

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

Christmas Poinsettias

During Advent poinsettias decorate the santuary. You're invited to purchase one or more in honor or memory of a loved one. $14 each. Deadline is November 18th



Purchase here or use the form at the back of the sanctuary



Deck the Halls

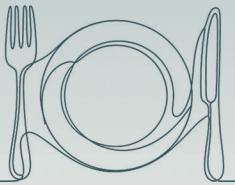
Help us decorate the church
Sunday, November 22nd
after worship service
Lunch will be provided



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

Fifth Sunday Feast & Fellowship

November 29, 2026
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.

REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY

Living Faithfully in the digital age



Wednesday, November 18, 2026
6:15–7:30
All youth and adults are invited
while children attend their
Kid's Quest classes
Dinner at 5:15
Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Christmas Ornament Exchange
Wednesday, December 2nd
5:30pm - fellowship | 6:00pm - dinner
Tomlin Hall
Bring a wrapped ornament (<$10)



Friday, December 11th | 4:30 - 7:30pm
ages 4k - 5th grade
Drop off the kids for dinner
and go out and enjoy a date night together
We'll have Games, Cookies, Hot Cocoa
and other suprises!
Bring a friend

LPC
MIDWEEK
RESET

Wednesdays at LPC

Come and enjoy fellowship
around the table and the Word

Menu: Baked Potato Bar

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