

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church - *The Big Event*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* Eric H. Thiman

✦ Doxology (sung)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise
Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 450 (vs. 1)

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 450 (vs. 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 NT (p. 152)

SERMON *Awake* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 677 *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord Is Ended*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison) adapted from Philippians 4
(*The Message*)

We will celebrate God all day, every day. We will revel in him. We will not fret or worry. Instead of worrying, we will pray. We will let petitions and praises shape our worries into prayers, letting God know our concerns. We affirm that things come together for good when we allow Christ to displace the worries that have occupied a central place in our lives. Rather than focusing upon things that extinguish life, we will meditate on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. We will put into practice what the Holy Spirit teaches us, anticipating that God, who makes everything work together, will work us into his most excellent harmonies.

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gloria, Gloria

So let the love of Jesus come And set thy soul ablaze.

*To give and give, and give again, What God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be.*

The closing **choral response**, a setting of a Celtic blessing, was published by the English musician, Geoffrey Nobes in 2003. The text:

*The peace of Christ be with you, the love of Christ enfold you,
The joy of Christ inspire you, the strength of Christ uphold you,
And the beauty of Christ be within you all the days of your life.*

Congregational Hymns: "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" is one of many hymn texts by the English cleric, Thomas Ken (1637-1711), known as one of the most eloquent preachers of his day. The tune ("Morning Hymn") was composed by the French-born musician, Francois Barthelemon (1741-1808), who flourished in London for more than forty years. At the children's time we sing from the well-known "Be Thou My Vision," an ancient Irish poem translated (1905) by the Irish scholar, Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931) with a versification (1912) by the Irish author, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935). The tune "(Slane)" is an ancient Irish ballad, first published (with a secular text) in 1901. "The Day that Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended" is one of many hymns by the English priest and scholar, John Ellerton (1826-1893). Written as a missionary hymn, it was sung at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Service in 1897. The tune ("St. Clement") was composed in 1874 by the English priest, Clement C. Scholefield (1839-1904), who was a self-taught musician/composer. The text of "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain," by the 8th-century Christian, John of Damascus (675-749), is based on the Old Testament canticle, "The Song of Moses" (Exodus 15), used in the lectionary of the Sunday after Easter. We have it in English the great translator, John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune ("St. Kevin") was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle.

Organ Music: Today's organ music features two of the greatest composers of the 17th-century North German organ school. The **prelude** is a hymn-based work by Heinrich Scheidemann (1592-1663), who flourished in Hamburg. The **postlude** is one of the many free [i.e., not hymn-based] organ compositions of Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), the leading musician of Luebeck.

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting with worship leadership this morning is Rich Bidlack.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mike and Mary Ann Gilmore on their 50th wedding anniversary, by their children - Seth, Brennan, Meredyth, and Steven.

We have an **opening** on the flower calendar for **September 17th**. Please contact the church office (463-3873) or kennedy@lexpres.org if you'd like to provide.

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia is convening three community conversations across Southwestern Virginia entitled *Pursuing the Beloved Community: A Continuing Conversation on Race*, featuring presentations by Dr. Wornie Reed, Director of the Race & Social Policy Research Center/Professor of Sociology & Africana Studies at Virginia Tech. There will also be question and answer time as well as informal discussion. The first event is scheduled as follows: **September 13th, 5:30-7:00pm, Lylburn Downing Middle School (LDMS) cafeteria.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *A Celtic Blessing* Geoffrey Nobes

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

Praeludium in D Minor Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Those who are able may stand.

If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.

All are invited and encouraged to attend Lemonade Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices
& large print bulletins*

Music Notes:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is taken from a setting of verses from Psalm 119 by the English master musician, William Byrd (1543-1623). The choir's text: *Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.*

The **anthem**, by the gifted English composer, Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975), combines a text by the English Anglican priest, Geoffrey Studdert Kennery (1883-1929) with a masterful arrangement of a melody from *The Union Harmony* (Virginia, 1848). The anthem text:

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky.
The fields are wet with diamond dew; The worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life, As he goes meekly by.*

*Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, Shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, Great lord of years and days!*

Community Table Volunteers: Volunteers are needed at the Community Table, Monday, September 11th. Servers (6), 5:30 – 7:00 and clean-up crew (6) 7:00-8:30. Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or call Becky Merchant at 463-4356 or email: beckymerchant96@gmail.com.

Handbell Choir News! Welcome Mayumi Smitka, new LAM TEEN TINTINNABULATORS Director! LAM TEEN TINTINNABULATORS rehearses Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00PM starting on Sept. 17th. The LAM HANDBELL CHOIR, directed by William McCorkle, rehearses Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM starting on Sept. 17th.

Faith Build: Lexington Presbyterian teams will be hammering away again on Saturday, **Sept. 16 and Sept. 23** -- and we welcome a few more workers! Our shifts are the third and fourth Saturdays of the month, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. No prior experience necessary! Other upcoming dates: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16. You can work just one shift or several. The house is in Greenhouse Village and, if all goes well, we hope to be done by January. We are working side-by-side with the young couple who will live there: Mac and Olivia Smiley. For more information, see the table in the hallway between the sanctuary and Murray Hall, or contact Pam Luecke at lueckep@wlu.edu or 463-7860.

House Church is a wonderful way to get to know fellow church members in a more casual atmosphere. We have a monthly pot luck dinner and Christian fellowship. Following the meal, the group will discuss issues and questions prepared by Bill Klein, or similar activities. Please, sign up **No Later Than Sunday, September 24th** in the note book in the foyer near Brady Chapel or contact Pat Jones via email at prjones.lex@gmail.com.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma:

- Cash donations are the best way to get the resources needed to survivors in their communities. Donate through the designated PDA fund **DR000169-Harvey**. There will be another account for Irma created soon. Checks can be sent through the church.
- DO NOT SEND UN-REQUESTED CLOTHES OR SUPPLIES.
- Pray for those in need of comfort.
- Work teams will be needed later for long-term recovery. It is way too early to go now. Wait for more information on this.
- Go to the PDA website (pda.pcusa.org), click on "learn more" at the bottom of the current hurricane graphic.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (9/10)	Rally Day! 11:00 Regular Worship 2:00 Youth Group Pool Party
MON (9/11)	Community Table Volunteers Today 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 Young Adult House Church
TUES (9/12)	10:00 Lectio Divina
WEDS (9/13)	4:30 Youth Subcommittee 5:00 Campus Subcommittee 5:30 Conversation on Race Series – see note 7:00 Leah Circle
THURS (9/14)	5:00 Bible Study in Brady Chapel 7:30 Adult Choir
FRI (9/15)	<i>Newsletter Items Due to Kimberly</i>
SAT (9/16)	8:30 Big Event at Massanetta Springs 8:30 HfH Faith Build – see note
SUN (9/17)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School Begins! 11:00 Regular Worship 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Sept): Canned meat



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Following Time with the Children, those in Kindergarten through third grade will be excused to Enrichment in Room WF 4 (Movie Room). For children ages 3-12, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books.

The nursery will be available from **8:30am** (for Early Worship attendees) until **12:15pm** – after the final worship service.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
10 September 2017
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Watch, for the Day is Surely Coming*
Heinrich Scheidemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen. The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

**With our whole hearts, minds, body, and soul,
we will turn to you and live.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Teach Me, O Lord* William Byrd

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 663

Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

From evil, even when it masquerades as good, from selfishness and vain desires, from irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy, from hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences, merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.