

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Boy Scouts – Josiah Grow, Sr. Patrol Leader

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Dance Africana on the Hymn Tune “Dix”*
Jeffrey Honoré

✦ 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 722
Children’s Message Souper Bowl of Caring Offering, take 2

EPISTLE READING James 3:1-12 NT (p. 216)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 1:20-33 OT (p. 552)

SERMON *Headlights, Not Dome Lights* William M. Klein

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, you made this world.../...with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

For your kindness to us.../...showing your love for the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, now and forever.

And now, rejoicing in the communion of the saints...

Hymn 523 (remain seated) (vss. 4-5)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Anthem

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

Jane Manton Marshall

Prayer after Communion

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Listen to the Voice of Wisdom*
Donna Kasbohm

✦ 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.]

Voluntary on the Hymn Tune “Dix” William McCorkle

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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Music Notes:

Handbell Music: Both of the Lam Handbell Choir’s pieces today include frequent use of mallets. The **prelude** is an exuberant work (1998) by Michael Helman, a leading figure on the American handbell scene. The **anthem**, composed in 1999 by Jeffrey Honoré, a church musician in Wisconsin, is a dance with African rhythmic overtones based on the hymn tune “Dix,” by the German musician, Conrad Kocher. The English musician/ scholar/editor, William Henry Monk (1823-1899) arranged the tune for hymnal use. We sing it most regularly with the texts “As with Gladness Men of Old” and “For the Beauty of the Earth.” This piece is one of several works featured in next week’s “Ringling at the Springs” Handbell Festival at Massanetta Springs. Several of our ringers will take part.

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is taken from an anthem by Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945), a Scottish-born American composer/organist who served churches in New York City and New England. The words, by Frederic West MacDonald:

Open my eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may see to follow thee, Jesus our savior and redeemer.

The **anthem** during the distribution of communion is a hymn by the Presbyterian musician, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924) on a text by the ancient Christian scholar, Alcuin (735-804). The text (as paraphrased by the British priest, scholar, and hymn writer, Christopher Idle (b. 1938):

*Eternal light, shine in my heart; Eternal hope, lift up my eyes.
Eternal power, be my support; Eternal wisdom, make me wise.*

*Eternal life, raise me from death; Eternal brightness, help me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath; Eternal Savior, come to me:*

*Until by your most costly grace, Invited by your holy word,
At least I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.*

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The closing **choral response** is taken from a hymn (see Hymn 174) by the respected hymn writer and worship scholar, Ruth Duck (b. 1947), inspired by scripture passages (such as today’s lesson from Proverbs) on Wisdom. The musical setting (1995) of Duck’s text (1993) is by the Catholic church musician, Donna Kasbohm (b. 1933). The choir’s text:

*Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace,
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace,
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.*
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Congregational Hymns: The Presbyterian leader and hymn writer, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) wrote “**God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**” for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women. For her text, Huber chose the tune “Austrian Hymn” by Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809). The choir’s descant is by Lois Fyfe. At the children’s time we sing “**Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**,” one of the many hymn texts by the English poet, Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879). The tune (“Canonbury”) is an arrangement of a piano piece by the great composer, Robert Schumann (1810-1856). The choir’s descant is by William McCorkle. “**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**” was adopted as the official hymn of the 41st Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church (1976). The text is by Omer Westendorf (1919-1997), a leading figure in incorporating ecumenical (English language) hymns into the liturgy of the American Catholic Church. The tune (“Finest Wheat”) was composed by Westendorf’s friend, the American composer, Robert E. Kreutz (1922-1996). The well-known “**Be Thou My Vision**” is from an ancient Irish poem, translated into English by the Irish linguist and scholar, Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931) and put into verse by the Irish author and researcher, Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935). The tune (“Slane”) is an ancient Irish ballad.

Organ Music: The **postlude** is a spontaneous reflection on the hymn melody “Dix,” on which the Lam Handbell Choir’s anthem today is based. (See the note above on the handbell anthem.)

Announcements & Opportunities

The **percussionists** playing with the Lam Handbell Choir today are Jonathan Tarris and Adam Elrod.

The **beadle** this morning is James Baker.

Last Sunday we received our **Souper Bowl of Caring Offering** during the *Time With the Children* but because snow and ice kept many people away we will receive the offering again this morning in order to give people an opportunity to contribute.

The **flowers** at the 11:00AM worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of Matt Tuchler – husband, father, and handbell ringer – by his wife, Beth, on the occasion of our anniversary.

Community Table Volunteers February 12th: Volunteers are needed at the Community Table, Monday, Feb 12th. 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 Lori Inman at 615-585-4828 or email: LLWJPI@HOTMAIL.COM.

Ash Wednesday Fellowship Meal and Service - February 14th: A meal of soup, salad, bread and fruit, prepared by Skip Hess and his kitchen helpers will begin at **5:45pm**. The informal Ash Wednesday Service will begin at **6:30pm** and will include scripture, hymns, responsive prayers and the imposition of ashes for those who would like to do so. All are invited to mark the beginning of Lent with this quiet and reflective service. Dunlap Auditorium, cost-\$6 per person or \$16 per family. Please RSVP by Monday, February 12th.

Lenten Services to Begin February 15th: The Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association (RAMA) will offer Lenten services again this year. Each Thursday during Lent an ecumenical service will be held at 12:10-12:30 in the sanctuary of Manly Memorial Baptist Church. A light lunch will follow the service in the church's fellowship hall. The charge is \$5.00. All services will be 30 minutes in length. There will be two ministers responsible for each service. One will provide the order and structure for worship and the other will preach. The Lenten series begins on **Thursday, February 15 - Preacher**: Paul Carter; **Presider**: Mike Wilkins. Make this ecumenical time of worship a part of your Lenten discipline.

Thursday Bible Study: During the season of Lent you are encouraged to make our Thursday Prayer and Bible Study a Lenten discipline. We meet each Thursday at **5:00 PM in Brady Chapel** for a half-hour time of study, prayer, and worship. All are welcome.

On February 18 we will have **Brunch** after the 11 am worship service. College students eat free, so why not ask a W&L or VMI student to brunch with you?

Thanks to all who have confirmed or made corrections to the **2018 Church Directory**. Updates are due by Weds, Feb. 14th. New directories will be available on Sunday, Feb 18th.

Next Sunday, February 18th a group of people will be joining the church. If you would like to be included in that group, please contact the church office (463-3873 or kkennedy@lexpres.org) early in the coming week.

Book Discussion Group - We will be offering a series of book discussions as we prepare to talk about race at the Festival of Faith (April 21-23). We'll meet the 3rd Wednesday of the next three months at Lexington Presbyterian Church in Brady Chapel from 7-8 p.m. to discuss three important books: Ta-Nehisi Coates' Between the World and Me (**Feb 21**); Charles Dew's The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade (**March 21**); and Eric Dyson's Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White Americans (**April 18**) Please come and participate in this difficult, life-giving conversation.

Parents' Time/Night Out - Saturday, February 17 from 5:30 to 8:30p.m. We have a great time with dinner (pizza or subs), crafts, games, videos and more fun. This is a service provided by a heartfelt donation by Mary Ellen Page who believes that the church should be a loving and caring place for young families. Contact Sarah Hill to sign up.

The City - please look on The City if you are interested in being a **worship assistant** for Sunday services. There is still an opening for the 11:00am service next Sunday, February 18.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (2/11)	<i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering, Take 2</i> 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group
MON (2/12)	<i>Community Table Volunteers Day</i> 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 Congregational Life Meeting
TUES (2/13)	10:00 Lectio Divina 5:00 Campus Ministry
WEDS (2/14)	9:00 Lexington Farmers Market 10:00 Mary Circle 5:45 Ash Wednesday Meal and Service
THURS (2/15)	12:10 Lenten Service at Manly Baptist 5:00 Bible Study 7:30 NO Adult Choir Rehearsal
SAT (2/17)	5:30 Parents' Time Out
SUN (2/18)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Brunch 5:00 LTT NO Youth Group or Lam Handbells this evening

RARA Pantry Item (February): Canned Tuna/Salmon

Following Time with the Children, those in **K - 3rd grade** will be excused to Enrichment in Room 200. **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.

9:45 - 10:45: Nursery (infant - 3 yrs) and Sunday School Class (3-4 yrs)
10:45-12:00: Nursery (infant -5 yrs)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
11 February 2018
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *A Joyful Psalm* Michael Helman

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Open our eyes that we may see glimpses of truth You have for us.

Place in our hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set us free.

Silently now we wait for You, ready our God, Your will to see.

Open our eyes, illumine us, Spirit divine!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Open My Eyes
Will C. Macfarlane

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 23 (tune: Austrian Hymn)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

In humility and trust, we acknowledge, O God, that we are not worthy of your care and do not follow your Son as nearly as we would like. Forgive us our inability to keep you at the center of our lives. Create in us new hearts capable of welcoming your forgiveness and of making it real in our dealings with one another for your sake.

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.