

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *O Holy Jesus* L. J. White

✦ 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 *Jesus, Have Mercy*

**“Jesus, have mercy! Help! Son of David!”
So Bartimaeus called to the Lord.
Filled with great faith, he knew as he waited:
Christ was his hope for vision restored.**

Children's Anthem *Open My Eyes* Jesse Manibusan

Congregational Hymn *Jesus Have Mercy*

**Jesus, have mercy! May we see clearly
You gave a gift we cannot repay.
You had it all, but loving us dearly,
Even your life, Lord, you gave away**

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 NT (p. 156)

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52 NT (p. 44)

SERMON *What Bartimaeus Saw* William M. Klein

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

✦ HYMN 302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Affirmation in Words (unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

The church's story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the centuries the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history. It is a story of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame. The

church has withdrawn into monasteries and made common cause with secular culture. It has experienced life-giving reformation, and fallen back into coldness of heart and rigidity of thought. It has spread throughout the world and lost influence where once it was strong. It has divided into rival orders, sects, and denominations, and labored zealously for cooperation and union. We acknowledge we are heirs of this whole story. We are called to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's people in the service of people everywhere. Amen. (Ch. 7, (6), lines 80-100)

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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 683 (tune: Slane) *Lord of All Hopefulness*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus, Have Mercy! Give Us New Vision*
Gaelic Melody, arr. Rutter

✦ BLESSING IN 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 Major Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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

Music Notes

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is a Zambian hymn written by Paul Makai, a leader in the Evangelical Church of Zambia since 1978 and Dean of Students at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary in Windhoek, Namibia. Most of the many songs he has written and composed have been credited as “Anonymous” or “African Traditional.” The choir's text:

*God is so good, God's so good to me. God cares for me,
God's so good to me. God loves me so, God's so good to me.*

At the **baptism**, the choir sings Catherine Winkworth's (1827-1878) translation of a hymn by the Swiss-born priest/scholar/translator Heinrich von Laufenberg (1385-1458), one of the most prolific and important hymn writers of the 15th century. His words are sung to a well-known 16th-century hymn melody (Vom Himmel hoch”). The text:

*Lord Jesus Christ so dear, as you were once an infant here,
So give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and blessing day by day.*

The **anthem**, by the English musician and educator, L[en] J. White (1910-c.1970), sets a lovely prayer text by (Saint) Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), English priest/bishop canonized in 1262. The text: *O Holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.*

The **anthem** at children's time is a song inspired by Mark 8:22-25 by the contemporary song writer, Jesse Malibusan (b. 1958). The text:

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you. Deep in my heart, O Love.

I live within you. Rest now in me.

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The closing **choral response** is another stanza of the hymn from which we sing at the children's time (see note under *Congregational Hymns*). The choir's harmonization is by the celebrated English composer/conductor, John Rutter (b. 1945). The choir's text:

Jesus, have mercy! Give us new vision;

Show us new ways to build up your church.

We are your people, called into mission!

Help us to bring your hope to the earth.

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Congregational Hymns: The text of **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory,”** inspired by Galatians 6:14, is the best known of the many hymns written by John Bowring (1792-1872), English diplomat and poet. The tune (“Rathbun”), was composed by the American musician, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867), who was for many years a leading figure in church music in New York City. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing from **“Jesus, Have Mercy,”** inspired by today's gospel reading (Mark 10:46-52), one of the many wonderful hymns by the prolific Presbyterian pastor and hymn writer, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961). We sing these vibrant words to the tune “Bunessan,” a familiar old Gaelic melody named after a village on the Scottish island of Mull. **“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”** is another text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, which we sing to the well-known English folk melody, “O Waly Waly,” long used with hymn texts. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. **“Lord of All Hopefulness,”** combines the familiar Irish tune, “Slane,” with lovely words by the English author/poet Jan Struther (1901-1953). The repetitive patterns in the successive verses are reminiscent of Celtic prayer traditions.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are compositions of the German master musician, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707).

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN (10/28)	1:00 2:00 5:30 7:00	Cruciform Life Ministry Craft Sale in Dunlap Elder Training Youth Group Handbells Practice
TUES (10/30)	10:00 7:00	Lectio Divina Double Trouble: Songs of Magic and Mystery
WEDS	4:30	Administrative Council
THURS (11/1)		<i>All Saints Day</i> 5:45 Thantastic Thursday 7:30 Adult Choir Practice
SUN (11/4)		<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <i>4¢-A-Meal Offering</i> 8:45 Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Wholeness and Healing Worship Service 5:30 Youth Group 7:00 Handbells Practice

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Oct): Whole Grain Cereal

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting in 11:00am worship this morning is Gregg Amonette..

The **flowers** at 11:00am are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Ron Downey by Nancy Whiteley

The yellow **rosebud** celebrates the birth of Benjamin Ezra Floyd, grandson to Ruth and Flash Floyd. Born Oct 17, 2018. Congratulations to the family!

This morning during the 11:00am service we are pleased to welcome into the fellowship of the church by the **sacrament of baptism**, Timothy James Braddick II, son of Kara and Tim Braddick. Jay was born March 30, 2018. Standing with them representing the Session is Ruling Elder Skip Hess.

Church staff will observe **All Saints Day** on Monday, November 5th. Offices will be closed.

On this Reformation Sunday a **necrology** will be read as part of the Prayers of the People. This reading will include naming the members of our church family who died since this time last year.

Handicraft sale for women of Uganda, in our Dunlap Auditorium THIS AFTERNOON, 1-4:00pm. Lori Thomas Weber of **Cruciform Life International Ministries** will be coming. She'll be selling craft items made by women in Uganda. The women who make the items are paid a fair trade price for the goods and 100% of the remaining proceeds are reinvested in helping women and children in Uganda through

Cruciform. Come and meet Lori and help support the work they are doing. Visit their website at <http://cflim.org/>

Soprano **Anne Wick** and pianist **William McCorkle** will present a concert of songs entitled *DOUBLE TROUBLE: SONGS OF MAGIC AND MYSTERY*, on *Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.* in the Lexington Presbyterian Church sanctuary. The program, just in time for Halloween, will offer songs ranging from opera to art song to music theatre to movies.

Next Sunday evening at 5:00 you are invited to attend our monthly **Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing**. This 45 minute service is held in our sanctuary each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend...spread the word. Next Sunday we will receive our monthly **4¢-A-MEAL** offering.

NOVEMBER 1ST THANTASTIC THURSDAY: Skip Hess will entertain us with the width and breadth (get it?) of the newly instituted Culinary Ministries program. He might even share some cooking tips! Don't miss this. Menu of Comfort Food: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and homemade desserts with fudge sauce. Dunlap Auditorium - dinner at 5:45pm, program at 6:30pm. The price as always is \$6 per person , \$16 per family. Remember to sign up by Tuesday, Oct 30th.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER On Sunday, November 11th from 2:00—4:30pm, the congregation of Lexington Presbyterian Church will host a RISE AGAINST HUNGER meal packing event in Dunlap Auditorium. We will come together to pack about 15,000 meal packages - enough to make 90,000 individual meals. We will be splitting the cost of these meals between the youth committee, the outreach committee and Trinity United Methodist Church. If you would like to contribute, you may make a check out to Lexington Presbyterian Church with the memo line designated to RISE AGAINST HUNGER. It will take 50 to 60 volunteers about 2 ½ hours to pack the meals—we need all hands on deck!

Exchange Student Needs Home: 16 year old boy from Palestine, Khaldun, needs a host family for the remainder of the school year. He is a junior at Rockbridge County High School and has been living with a temporary family. The student likes soccer, has good grades and good English. He has his own spending money and health insurance. Host family will provide meals, a bed and support for the student. For more information, please contact Cindy Miller, local coordinator, at (540)817-8851 or chmiller@rockbridge.net

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

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



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

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *From God I Will Not Depart*
Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34 (Stephen Mitchell)
I will bless the Lord at all times; my lips will sing out his praise. I will thank him for the love he has shown me and the clarity that gladdens my heart. Sing out with me and thank him; be grateful for all his gifts.

We will turn to him and let our souls feel his presence.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy are those who trust him.

You who desire true life and wish to walk on God's path; depart from evil; do good; seek peace with all your soul.

The Lord cares for the righteous and watches over the merciful. He is near when their hearts are broken; when their spirits are crushed, he is with them.

And though they may undergo hardships,
He fills them with blessings in the end.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *God Is So Good* Paul Makai

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, our Christ, you know our sinfulness. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but too often are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but are reluctant to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy on us and wash us clean in your saving grace.