

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

Life of the Church – Mark Keeley – Picture Directory

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Christ Is the World's True Light* W. K. Stanton

✦ 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) *He Is King of Kings*
Hymn 273 (vs. 1)

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) *He Is King of Kings*
Hymn 273 (vs. 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT (p. 179)

SERMON *A Chosen Life* 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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation (responsive)

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they shall be satisfied."

This is the table of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the table of the meal that benefits body and soul.

This is the table of the bread that shall last and the wine that will satisfy.

In this feast comes the root of our joy; in this feast Christ's greatness puts all our fears to flight.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 517 (vss. 1&2) (remain seated)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Gustav Holst

Prayer after Communion

✦ HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Christ Is the Lord of All the Earth*
Heinrich Schütz

✦ 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.

I Greet You, Lord Jesus (BWV768) Johann Sebastian Bach

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

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** and the closing **choral response** are taken from short, hymn-like setting of Psalms 100 and 47 by the German master musician, Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672). In 1628, Schütz published a collection known as the *Becker Psalter*, in which he set to music psalms rendered in metrical (German) poetic form by the pastor/theologian Cornelius Becker (1562-1604). The English translations are by the 20th-century American Lutheran pastor, Robert E. Wunderlich.

The text of the **choral call to worship** (from Psalm 100):

*Make joyful sound unto the Lord
In every land with sweet accord;
Serve him with gladness, ye his throng;
Come to his presence with a song.
Enter his gates with thankful lays
And in his courts with fervent praise;
Give thanks to him and less his name,
Whose love forever is the same.*

The text of the closing **choral response** (adapted from Psalm 47):

*Christ is the Lord of all the earth;
With joyous psalms proclaim his worth.
His kingdom everywhere extends
Unto the earth's remotest ends. Alleluia!*

The offertory **anthem**, composed around 1943 by the English composer, W. K. Stanton (1891-1978), uses words by the English clergyman and hymn writer, George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959). The text:

*Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright, desire of every nation;
new life, new hope awakes for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord,*

*all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear. One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you; cast out our pride
that hinder to enthrone you; the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

The **anthem** during communion is the English composer, Gustav Holst's sublime arrangement of the great hymn, "**Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.**" This noble text comes from the ancient liturgy of St. James of Jerusalem and has come to be sung to a French melody first published in 1860. For the text of the hymn, see **Hymn 347.**

Congregational Hymns: : "**God, Reveal Your Presence**" is one of many hymn texts by the German Reformed religious writer and poet, Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769). We sing his words in the translation of the English Moravian ministers, Frederick William Foster (1760-1835) and John Miller (1756-1790). The text has been paired with the tune "Arnsberg" by the German Reformed theologian and musician, Joachim Neander (1650-1680). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing from the rousing African-American spiritual, "**He Is King of Kings,**" as arranged by Joseph Jones (1902-1983), who introduced African-American music into Presbyterian congregations in the southern U. S. "**Here, O Our Lord, We See You**" is one of the many great texts by Horatius Bonar (1809-1889), Scottish theologian, preacher, and poet. The tune ("Morecambe") was composed by the English church musician, Frederick Cook Atkinson (1841-1897), who served a number of churches including Norwich Cathedral. The text of "**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**" is by the noted pastor and hymn writer, Fred Kaan (1929-2009). The tune is a Jamaican melody arranged for hymn use by the gifted musician, Doreen Potter (1925-1980).

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are taken from a set of variations based on the tune of a great hymn to Jesus. This great work is one of the most highly loved and respected (by players and listeners) organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Rockbridge Choral Society Rockbridge Youth Chorale

William McCorkle
Lacey Lynch & Lori Parker,
directors

Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
Lexington Presbyterian Church
Audience Caroling - 7:15 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 adults \$5 students
Advance tickets at
Books & Co.
Ladles and Linens
Tickets are also available
at the door.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN (11/25)	8:45	Worship	<i>Christ the King/Reign of Christ</i>
	9:15	Youth Choir	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Worship	
	7:00	Handbells Practice	
MON (11/26)			<i>Community Table Dessert Day</i>
TUES (11/27)	9:00	Presbytery Meeting at Strasburg Pres. Church	
	10:00	Lectio Divina	
WEDS (11/28)			<i>Newsletter Assembly Day</i>
	9:00	Indoor Farmer's Market	
	4:30	Administrative Council	
	7:00	Finance Committee Meeting	
THURS (11/29)	5:45	Thantastic Thursday	
	7:30	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
SAT (12/1)	7:30	Rockbridge Choral Society Concert	
SUN (12/2)			<i>Advent 1 & 4¢-A-Meal Offering</i>
	8:45	Worship	
	9:15	Youth Choir	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Worship	
	5:00	Wholeness & Healing	
	5:30	Youth Group	
	7:00	Handbells Practice	

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Dec): Canned Tuna/Salmon

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carlson and Maggie Thomas, husband and daughter, by Patty Thomas, wife and mother - and our family.

Community Table Desserts-November 26th: For November we are preparing pumpkin pies. If you are able to prepare one or two, please contact Mary Beth Baker (mbbaker35@yahoo.com or 463-9563). Desserts maybe left in Brady Chapel kitchenette by noon on Monday or delivered directly to The Community Table (350 Spotswood Dr) between 2 and 5:30pm. We prepare desserts for 170 people so we need lots of bakers.

THANTASTIC THURSDAY: We will resume on November 29 with an Advent program with Neely Young and Sarah Hill. Menu is Breakfast for Dinner. The price as always is \$6 per person and \$16 per family. Remember to sign up!

The **Rockbridge Choral Society** and **The Rockbridge Youth Chorale** will present their annual Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. here at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Audience carol singing will begin at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are available at a number of downtown locations and from members of the Choral Society.

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.

Senior Food Box Program - LexPres Caring Friends is partnering with RARA to support the Senior Food Box Program. If you are interested in helping to deliver packed boxes weighing 40 lbs. once a month, please contact Leslie Bovay by email at lesliebovay@gmail.com or by phone at (352) 359-0832.

Indoor Farmer's Market on Wednesdays! In Dunlap Auditorium), 9am-1pm. The annual HOLIDAY Market is **Weds, Dec 12** also at Lex Pres.

Volunteer drivers are needed to provide transportation to the eleven o'clock church service on Sundays for members living in the Lexington area who are not able to drive. If you would like to be called on from time to time to provide this support, please contact the Kimberly Kennedy, Administrative Assistant, in the church office at 463-3873 or by email at admin@lexpres.org. Thanks to all who have volunteered so far!

Music at Noon is Coming! The popular 'Music at Noon' offerings will return in December, with two organ recitals. December 6 will feature Daniel Brinson, organ and Rick Lord, classical guitar. We welcome both of these fine musicians back to Lexington Presbyterian. We're delighted to have them brighten our Advent! Their program will include short works by Bach, Barber, Scarlatti, Hovland, and DeBlasio. December 13 will feature William McCorkle, organ and piano. Take a break for music with these midday offerings!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25 November 2018

11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *I Greet You, Lord Jesus* (BWV768)
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 (The *Grail* translation)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before God, singing for joy.

Know that the Lord is God, our Maker, to whom we belong. We are God's people, sheep of the flock.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving, God's courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, whose merciful love is eternal; whose faithfulness lasts forever.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Make Joyful Sound* (Psalm 100)
Heinrich Schütz

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 412 *God, Reveal Your Presence*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

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

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