

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 *As Truly as God Is Our Father* William Mathias

✦ Doxology (sung)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

## HEARING THE WORD

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hymn 623 v. 1

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Children's Message

Hymn 623 v. 2

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66: 12-16 (OT p. 655)

SERMON *For Everyone Born* (Hymn 769)

Sarah L. Hill

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

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Affirmation in Words (unison)

A Brief Statement of

Faith PCUSA [10.3]

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve**

**God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John 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.]

*We Believe in One God*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

✦ You may stand in body and/or spirit

Music Notes:

*Choir Music:* The **choral call to worship** is taken from one of the remarkable songs written by the French musician, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), for the Taizé Community in France. Over a recurring choral refrain are laid song verses inspired by Ephesians 4: *There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*

*there is one God who is Father of all.*

*Bear with one another in love and charity,*

*be humble, be patient, be selfless, be as one.*

*There is one body, there is one spirit, there is one hope to which we are called.* The **anthem**, composed in 1987 by the exemplary Welsh musician, William Mathias (1934-1992), sets a famous text by the great anchorite (=religious hermit) of the middle ages in England, Julian of Norwich (1346-1416). The text:

*As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother.*

*In our Father, God*

*Almighty, we have our being;*

*in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.*

*our fragmented lives are knit together.*

*And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole.*

*It is I, the strength and goodness of*

*Fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.*

*It is I, the light and grace of holy love.*

*It is I, the Trinity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things.*

*It is I who teach you to love.*

*It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.*

*All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.*

The closing **choral response** is a lovely setting (1978) by John Rutter (b. 1945) of words from an old Gaelic rune. The text:

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,*

*Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you,*

*Deep peace of the gentle night to you,*

*Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,*

*Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*

Congregational Hymns: **“You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord”** (2004) a hymn celebrating God's gift of families and the concept of the church as the family of

God, is one of many wonderful texts by the Presbyterian pastor and prolific hymn

writer, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961). We sing her words to the tune

“Greensleeves,” a traditional English ballad which has been used with a great

variety of texts, both sacred and secular. At the children's time we sing from the

African-American spiritual, **“I've Got Peace Like a River.”**As part of the

sermon, we sing **“For Everyone Born”** (2008), one of the most celebrated of the

many extraordinary hymn texts by the respected poet and writer from New

Zealand, Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). The tune (“For Everyone Born”) was

composed for this text in 2006 by Brian Mann (b. 1979). **“Make Me a Channel**

**of Your Peace”** a text long ascribed to Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), can

in fact only be traced back to a French publication of 1912. This well-known

musical setting is by Sebastian Temple (1928-1997), South African-born British

journalist who composed a great deal of music for worship.

Organ Music:The **prelude** and **postlude**, by German master organists/composers,

are based on the chant-derived melody used by Martin Luther (1483-1546) for his

metric (German) hymn setting of the Nicene Creed. The **prelude** is by Johann

Pachelbel (1653-1706); the **postlude**, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), is

from his monumental set of organ preludes on major liturgical hymns, a collection

often referred to as the “Catechism Chorales,” works prized by organists as

representing the highest level of Bach's compositional mastery.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN (5/12) 12:00

Mother's Day Brunch

MON (5/13)

*Community Table Volunteers Day*

9:30

Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00

Communications Committee Meeting

TUES

10:00

Lectio Divina

(5/14)

5:00

Campus Ministry Subcommittee Meeting

WEDS

(5/15)

4:30

*June Newsletter Inputs Due to Front Office*

Outreach Committee Meeting

THURS

1:00

Christian Education Committee Meeting

(5/16)

6:00

Cong. Life Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

SUN

8:45

Worship

(5/19)

9:45

Sunday School

11:00

Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Assisting** at the 11:00am worship is John Turnbull, our Director of Youth and Their Families.

The **flowers** at the 11:00am worship are given to the glory of God by the Jones family in memory of Boots Jones and Jean Robinson, and in honor of Suzy Jones and Whitney Allen, and all other mothers on this Mother's Day.

**Congratulations** to new grandparents, Jack and Leslie Bovay. Matthew Zhang Bovay was born on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mother's Day Brunch** today after the 11:00am worship. We'll have brunch favorites to eat with none of the hassle and crowds of the restaurants. Enjoy a wonderful meal for \$6/person or \$16/family.

COMMUNITY TABLE VOLUNTEERS - On Monday, May 13, our church is responsible for supplying the volunteers to setup at 1:00 pm, serve 5:30-7:30 and clean-up (6) 7:30-8:30. Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or contact Pam Luecke at [lueckep@wlu.edu](mailto:lueckep@wlu.edu).

Surprisingly there are yet some family/single rooms in the LPC's rented Cottage at **Montreat, NC Music & Worship Conference June 16-22**. We, as Church Family, have been going for years and years. It is a relaxing, refreshing, spiritually enriching time with recreation, reading, singing, eating, etc.. YOU and YOURS might choose to go this June. Call the Church office, Barbara Winfrey, or Google Montreat Music & Worship Conference for details.

There will be a book discussion on Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 in Brady Chapel**. We hope you will secure a copy of this book (available in inexpensive paperback), read it, and come prepared to discuss it on May 22nd. Led by Deb Klein.

**Vacation Bible School** - children Ages 4 to rising 6th graders - July 1- 3; 9am to Noon - Location: Lexington Presbyterian Church. Theme: Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School. Bible stories, crafts, music and stories from the community focused on Habitat for Humanity's local ministry, building and repairing safe homes for families. Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Please contact Sarah Hill to register, or if interested in volunteering!

**Volunteer at Stonewall Jackson:** Carilion is recruiting new volunteers! Volunteers can serve in a variety of departments to make patients feel welcome, comfortable and cared for. The hospital welcomes teens, retirees or volunteers who are any age in between. You can work for as few as 25 hours per year or many more. The first step to volunteering is filling out an application. Applications are on the table near the church office (as well as Carilion brochures, which describe the many different ways that volunteers can help).

## **You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord** GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with Refrain ("What Child Is This?")

You formed us in your image, Lord;  
You call us your own children.  
In you, each one is loved, adored —  
Unique among the millions.  
Bless, Lord, the families  
Who know the joy: Christ claims and frees!  
Bless, too, the ones who weep,  
Forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you  
With love the strong foundation.  
In serving God and neighbor too,  
We find our life's vocation.  
Bless families large and small  
Who love and serve you when you call.  
Bless, too, the ones who fear —  
Whose trust and love are shattered.

Christ loved and honored family,  
Yet showed us what is greater.  
He taught a higher loyalty  
To God our good Creator.  
Bless, Lord, the ones who long  
To build up homes where faith is strong.  
Bless children, women, men  
Who risk to serve your kingdom.

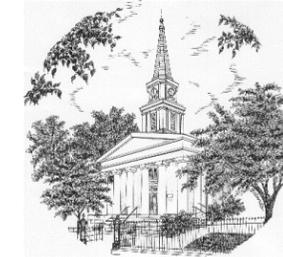
In home and church our faith is formed;  
We learn your love and caring.  
From here we're called to face the storm,  
Your love and justice bearing.  
Each day your Spirit sends!  
We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.  
Peace, justice, joy we bring  
To all your human family.

Reprinted with permission OneLicense.net A-717842

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15, after the final worship service.

**RARA Pantry** Item of the Month (May): Canned Fruit/ Low Sugar.



Lexington Presbyterian Church  
120 South Main Street  
Lexington, VA 24450  
[www.lexpres.org](http://www.lexpres.org)  
540-463-3873

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
12 May 2019  
11:00 AM

Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices before worship begins.

## **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *We Believe in One God*  
Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We come this morning to worship together;

***Different people, different lives, different histories,***

Yet we are all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life.

***Different people, different lives, different histories,***

Yet we all have one Teacher, Jesus, who is so close to God that he is said to be the living Word that God speaks.

***Different people, different lives, different histories,***

Yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

***Let us open ourselves to the word of God, which is at work in us.***

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *There Is One Lord*  
Jacques Berthier

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

♦ HYMN (back of bulletin) *You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

***Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen.***