

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

Life of the Church – Margie Page – International Peace Project

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord* Christopher Tye

✦ 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

Hymn 370 (vs. 1) *This Is My Father's World*  
 Children's Time  
 Hymn 370 (vs. 2) *This Is My Father's World*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 5:1-9 NT (p. 90)

SERMON *God-Blindness* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ HYMN 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Affirmation in Words (unison) from *The Belhar Confession*  
**We believe in God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the**

**working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds.**

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 375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *A Benediction* Knut Nystedt

✦ 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]  
 ✦ Those who are able may stand.

Music Notes:

*Choir Music:* The **choral call to worship**, on a text of unknown authorship, is by the English musician, Thomas Ford (1580-1648). The text:

*Almighty God, who hast me brought in safety to the present day,  
 Keep me from sin in heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say.*

The **anthem**, by the English musician, Christopher Tye (1500-1573). The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 112:1,3. The text:

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name  
 From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.  
 His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.  
 Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.*

The closing **choral response**, by the Norwegian conductor/composer, Knut Nystedt (1915-2014), is a setting of the Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26). The text: *The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,  
 and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
 and give thee peace.*

The **descant** to Hymn 267 is by William McCorkle. The **descant** to Hymn 327 is by Paul E. Oakley.



# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will begin our **Summer Worship Schedule** on Sunday, June 2. We will have a single 10:00 AM worship service each Sunday during the Summer. These services will take place in the sanctuary and will be a blend of the two services we hold the rest of the year. The regular worship schedule will resume on Sunday, September 1, the first Sunday in September.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

TODAY	8:45	Worship
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
MON (5/27)		Memorial Day – Church Closed
TUES	10:00	Lectio Divina
WEDS	4:30	Administrative Council
THURS	7:30	NO Adult Choir Rehearsal
SUN (6/2)		<b>BEGIN SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>
		<i>4¢-A-Meal Offering</i>
	10:00	One Worship Service
	11:00	Education Grant Award Reception
	5:00	Wholeness and Healing Service

\*Please note – the church front office will be open 9am-3pm during our Summer Worship Schedule – June, July and August\*

Our **guest keyboardist** is Laura de Maria. Ruth Floyd is **directing** the choir.

Assisting with the 11:00am worship is Hardin Marion

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The flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary and David Dugan with thanksgiving.

Next Sunday, June 2, the Campus Ministry Subcommittee will recognize the recipients of Educational Grants for 2019-2020 during the worship service (10 AM, Summer Schedule) and will be holding a lemonade and coffee reception for them and their families immediately after the service in Brady Chapel.

Next Sunday evening you are invited to attend our monthly Wholeness and Healing Service at 5:00 pm. This 45 minute service is held 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.

No desserts are needed for Community Table on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of May. Please check the June Newsletter and June bulletins for dessert needs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in June. Thank you to all our bakers!

Missing Thantastic Thursday suppers? Eating at THE COMMUNITY TABLE on Monday nights (6-7:30 p.m.) is not only fun and filling but strengthens our community. A variety of dishes to choose from (and homemade desserts). Meals are free, but donations are nice too. Easy parking. Volunteers are next needed for Monday, June 10th. Signup sheet in Murray Hall or contact your new coordinator, Liz Gordon, at saddleup4travel@comcast.net. Menus posted on TCT Facebook page.

There are still several 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, and/or Google Montreat Music & Worship Conference for details and room sign up.



We have a flower opening for next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first combined 10:00am worship service. Call the church office at 463-3873 or email [admin@lexpres.org](mailto:admin@lexpres.org) if you'd like to provide.

Please check your closets! When Sunday morning worship flowers are prepared by University Florist, Carolyn Tolley uses our white plastic urns which the Church purchased for the arrangements. This enables us to have larger arrangements since there is no charge for the container. We need to have these urns returned to the Church so they can be reused. The urns can be left at the church office. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School - children Ages 4 to rising 6th graders - July 1- 3

9 am to Noon - Location: Lexington Presbyterian Church. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial Baptist and Trinity United Methodist Churches are partnering for Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School. There will be Bible stories, crafts, music and stories from the community focused on Habitat for Humanity's local ministry, building and repairing safe homes for families. During our time together we will be building a special hands-on project with members of Habitat for Humanity to auction off at the end of VBS! Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Please see Sarah Hill to volunteer. To register your child, visit our website [www.lexpres.org](http://www.lexpres.org) and click on the "Register for VBS" button at the bottom of the page.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, our church and many other Presbyterian churches around the country will collect a **special offering**. It is one of four seasonal offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church USA each year to address various missions and needs. The Pentecost Offering supports ministries for youth and programs that serve at-risk children. The Pentecost Offering is divided between the church and PCUSA missions. Forty percent of the money collected through this offering will remain with our church. Our young people, with John Turnbull's guidance, will direct how it can best support the needs of at-risk young people in Rockbridge County.

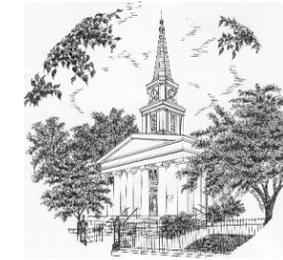
**RARA Pantry** Item of the Month (May): Canned Fruit/ Lo Sugar  
**RARA Pantry** Item of the Month (June): Whole Wheat Pasta

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#### NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

#### **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

#### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67 (Stephen Mitchell translation)

Bless us, Lord, with your peace; make your light shine within us, so your presence may be known and your love appear to all people.

***Let all earth's nations honor you and all people shout out your praise: Christian, Muslim, and Jew, idol-worshiper, agnostic, Buddhist, Taoist, scientist, brown-skinned, yellow, and white.***

Let wisdom speak in their hearts and justice light up their eyes.

***Let all of them feel your presence and sing out in the fullness of joy.***

#### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought* Thomas Ford

#### WELCOME

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

#### A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

***Loving God, we confess that too often we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in this world.***

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