

**Thank you** to Liz Shupe for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Cindy Irby (moderator), Jessica Willett (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard), and Chuck Skoog, Pam Luecke, and Charles Lauck (usher team). **Thank you** to the Lam Handbell Choir.

Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek God's will for future pastoral leadership at LPC. They are: Kara Braddick, Ainsley Carter, Mary Dugan, Helen Fure, Margie Page, Mac Baker, Bob James, John Morman, Mike Strickler.

#### Worship Notes:

"Let it Shine," by Cherwien, Susan Palo. (2009) *"Glory into Glory: Reflections on Worship."* Morningstar Publishers. pp.

Affirmation of Faith: from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine. Published in 2009 by Mustard Seed Associates.

The Lam Choir's handbell prelude and anthem, based on well-known hymns, are arrangements by two important figures in the development of handbell music, Martha Lynn Thompson (b. 1940) and Frances Callahan (1920-2017). The organ postlude is taken from a dazzling extended work by the German master musician, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707).

## Celebrating Worship



Lexington Presbyterian Church  
120 South Main Street  
Lexington, VA 24450  
[www.lexpres.org](http://www.lexpres.org)  
November 12, 2021  
11:00AM

### Gathering

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* Shaker hymn, arr. Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *"Open Your Closet Doors"* Pam Luecke

CELEBRATING WORSHIP *"Let it Shine"* by Susan Palo Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people of God were made for worship:  
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

**The people of God were made for God's presence:  
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.**

Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples:  
Gather for worship, come from all places!

**We have come to God's temple, gathered together,  
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

OPENING PRAYER

I. Worship

\*Hymn 637

*O' Sing to the Lord*

- II. Worship and Story
- \*Hymn 159

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

### *Confessing*

- III. Worship and Vulnerability
- Hymn 422 (sung twice)
- Silence
- Prayer & Assurance

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, Oh God*

### *Hearing*

- IV. Worship and Memory
- Hymn 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

- V. Worship and Mystery
- \*Hymn 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### *Responding*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*adapted, Christine Sines*

***We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever...***

\*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines*

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end, Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

- VI. Worship and Justice
- Hymn [insert]
- Prayer

*This Little Light of Mine*

### BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Opening Words

Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Spiritual, arr. Callahan  
 \*Hymn 606 *The Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

### *Sending*

- VII. Worship and Music
- \*Closing Hymn 26

*Earth and all Stars*

\*BLESSING IN WORD

\*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE : HYMN 37, v. 1

*Let All Things Now Living*

***Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our creator triumphantly raise.  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing'  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!***

\*POSTLUDE

*Praeludium in E minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude