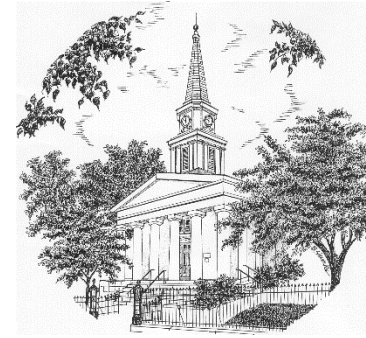


Today we celebrate the baptism of Penelope Faith Hobbs, daughter of Robert “Bobby” and Megan Hobbs and sister of Anabelle Hobbs. **Thank you** to Elder Jason Melvin for presiding over the baptism.

The choir’s **anthem** is the well-known arrangement by the British composer, Gustav Holst (1874-1934) of a well-known hymn (see Hymn 347). The organ **prelude** (also on Hymn 347) and **postlude** (on Hymn 349), by contemporary American organists/composers (respectively), Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) and Craig Phillips (b. 1961) exemplifies the wealth of musical inspiration in 21st-century America.

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.

This week sees Holiday Concerts by the Rockbridge Youth Chorale (Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church) and the Rockbridge Choral Society (Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Lexington Presbyterian)



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### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Craig Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *The Jesse Tree* Mary Dugan

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Philip Coulling

***Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ’s advent among us. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.***

\*OPENING HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. Amen.***

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn (tune: *Lauda Anima*)

*Jesus Came, Adored by Angels, v. 3*

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiven:  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heaven;  
Alleluia, alleluia, now the gate of death is riven.**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Congregational Response: Penelope Faith Hobbs, for you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you He went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But this is what we believe. "We love God because God first loved us." Welcome to the family of faith!**

Hymn 486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

#### HEARING THE WORD

##### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21:25-36

SERMON *The Signs of the Times* Rev. Tom Groome

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH LPC Mission Statement

**We believe God intends for us to be sound in our faith, our service to one another, and our mission to our Lord Jesus Christ beyond our walls and doors. Our task is to understand, embrace, rejoice in, and share that intention.**

\*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 583 (sung twice) *Gloria, Gloria*  
**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

#### **Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

##### PRAYER OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

##### THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

Anthem

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Gustav Holst

\*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

\*CLOSING HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

\*BLESSING IN WORD

\*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE: Hymn 384, v. 1 *Soon and Very Soon*

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

POSTLUDE *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* A. D. Miller

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Patty Thomas in memory of Carlson Thomas and their daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Thomas. Thank you to Jan Hathorn for assisting with worship this morning. Thank you to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Michael Lynn (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard) and Chuck Skoog, Pam Luecke and Charles Lauck (usher team).