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**April
2026**

Worship Information

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Sermon: *The Joy of Disappointment*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

New Testament Reading: Matthew 26:14-25

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: None (Palm Sunday processional)

Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: Chip Honsinger

Flowers: **Still Needed**

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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Single service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sermon: *...But God*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-20

New Testament Reading: John 21:1-7

Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: Maurine Houser

Flowers: **All are invited to bring flowers for the cross**

April 12, 2026

Sermon: *Marked*

Preacher: Sandra Hayslette

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

New Testament Reading: John 20: 19-29

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Mary Ellena Ward

Worship Assistant 11 a.m.: Christine Drake

Flowers: **Still Needed**

April 19, 2026

Sermon: *About 7 miles*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23
New Testament Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Ann Massie
Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: Kevin Green
Flowers: **Still Needed**

April 26, 2026

Sermon: *Psalm 23: Bad Marketing, Good Life*
Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23
New Testament Reading: John 10:1-10
Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Linda Wilder
Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: **Still Needed**
Flowers: **Still Needed**

Please check our weekly newsletter for more information on worship services.

Life of the Church



Maria Valencia's Baptism – March 15
El bautismo de Maria Valencia – 15 Marzo
What a joyful celebration – congratulations Maria!
¡Qué celebración tan alegre! ¡Felicidades, María!

Special Events for Holy Week

On **Sunday, March 29**, we observe the beginning of Holy Week, a commemoration of the events leading up to and including the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection. Plan to join us for the following special events that call us into reflection, prayer, mourning, and ultimately celebration of God's great triumph over sin and death.

Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday processional starts 9:30 at Hopkins Green. Hot cross buns to follow in Brady Chapel (no children/youth Sunday school)

Thursday April 2 Musical Meditation for Holy Week at Noon in the Sanctuary. Vocal music by Washington and Lee students and Bill McCorkle
-Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. in Brady Chapel

Friday April 3 Good Friday worship service at Noon in the Sanctuary

Saturday April 4 Egg Hunt at 4:00 p.m. at the Hobbs family home

Sunday April 5 Community-wide Easter sunrise service and breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at Randolph Street UMC
-One worship service at Lexington Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m.

Snippets from Youth Sunday

Twenty-six young people helped lead worship on Youth Sunday, exploring how Jesus gave a blind man sight in John 9, how that man spoke up about his experience, and how we speak up about what God does in our lives. The liturgy, reflections, and sermons were all written by young members of our church family. Preachers included high school students Ben Holston, James Johnson, and Kate Holston.



Left to right: Kaya Bunn leads the congregation in prayer; Nellie Green quizzes some parents on the Bible story (Bobby Hobbs, with raised hand, probably did the best of all of them with Nellie's questions); James Johnson preaches.

Our Kids Club elementary classes reflected on the scripture together. To give you a flavor of our worship, here are two selections, the first compiled by our Kindergarten, first, and second graders and read in the service by Lyla McHugh, the second written and read by Anabelle Hobbs.

Class Reflection Read by Lyla

Our Bible story is about two parents who worried a lot about their son. Our parents worry about a lot of things too. Our class made a list of what our parents worry about. We said that our parents worry about us being safe, about looking both ways before we cross the road, and not falling off a cliff. They worry about us running from explosions and getting stitches for the sixth time. They worry about us going to too many sleepovers or getting a phone when we are too young.

Anabelle's Reflection

Worrying makes me feel nervous and frustrated, sometimes even scared, or angry. When I feel nervous, I talk to God about it. I am grateful that He is always there and willing to listen. I am hopeful that He will calm me down, answer my prayers, and

help my worries. Talking to God makes me feel calm and maybe you will enjoy talking to Him too, especially you parents who worry about your children.

Annual Egg Hunt to Benefit Local NonProfits

LexPres's epic annual egg hunt will take place at the Hobbs family home (20 Farmington Court) beginning at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4**. Kids will hunt and find eggs containing play money, then make a choice about which selected local nonprofit should receive their dollars (choices will include Christmas Baskets, Habitat for Humanity, and RARA). The Children/Youth/Family ministries will then turn their 'play money' into a real cash donation to these valuable community partners.



The church will provide hot dogs and buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and utensils as well as generous bags of candy for kids in attendance. You are invited to attend with your family and, if you feel led, bring a snack to share (chips, salad, fruit, dessert). Kids should wear outdoor play clothes and bring a basket or bag to hold their eggs.

A squad of middle and high schoolers is needed to hide eggs on the day of the hunt. To volunteer for this task, see Sandra.

Support Brain Tumor Research

I have tried to do a race with fundraising for brain tumor research most years since my mom was diagnosed with brain cancer 17 years ago. This year, I am doing the Angels Among Us 5k and Walk for HOPE at Duke. It is an amazing event that raises money for Duke's Brain Tumor Center, which is where Mom was treated. We have done this event several times, before and after we lost Mom in 2018. I miss Mom every day, but I am comforted by the knowledge that her spirit is always with me. Whenever I am having a hard day, I ask myself what Kathy Young would have done. She would always kill everyone with kindness, regardless of how they treated her. She was an amazing lady!

My event is extra special this year because Amelia and her family are joining us. Duke Brain Tumor Center is where she was treated for her brain tumor while in college. Amelia and my Mom actually had the same neuro-oncologist. We are so grateful for the amazing research and the doctors who cared for her.

If you would like to donate, visit my page below. I greatly appreciate your support. Together, we are making a difference.

<http://dccc.convio.net/goto/ForeverYoungBunn>

- Karla Bunn

Youth Mission Trip to Asheville on May 26-29

Students who will be in grades 6-12 in fall 2026 and 2026 high school graduates are invited to travel to Asheville, NC on our mini-mission trip focused on underhousing and homelessness in the city. On a space-available basis, friends of LexPres students in the appropriate age range are welcome to join.



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We will serve with three organizations (Beloved Asheville, 12 Baskets, and Haywood Street Congregation) that minister to unhoused neighbors. We'll stay just outside the city in a multi-bedroom house that sleeps 16, which we will have to ourselves. We will work together on meal preparation, reflection, and Bible study and have plenty of time to play, as well. Our rental house has a huge yard and game room.

Each student participant is asked to contribute \$75 toward the cost of food and housing. Contact Sandra at shayslette@lexpres.org with questions. Commitment date for the trip is **April 21, 2026.**

From the APNC

In the process of nominating an Associate Pastor, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is charged with discernment: to judge well and accurately, to seek wisdom, and to pursue spiritual guidance and insight. We rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in comprehending the ethos and the hope of our congregation. In due time, through focused prayer, trusted fellowship, and through discussion, we expect to be led toward a nominee whose own sense of call matches the congregation's.

We seek your participation in helping us discern the congregation's sense of call. In 2019, to prepare for Drew's call, Lexington Presbyterian Church (LPC) completed a comprehensive ministry survey, which bore good fruit. Since then, our congregation has grown and we've taken on new challenges and priorities.

The APNC at LPC would like to learn more about your priorities for an Associate Pastor role and the candidate who might be called to fill it. Would you kindly take a few moments to complete this simple survey? Your contributions will help create a renewed ministry perspective of LPC. Please answer the questions at <https://forms.gle/daWCEVH9qvvgwaoD9> as best you can by **April 13, 2026**. Complete only one survey per person. Your responses will remain anonymous. There are also paper copies at the sanctuary entrances if you would prefer.

The APNC will use your feedback in their process of discernment. They'll also share an overview of the responses with the congregation when the survey is complete.

We are grateful for your thoughtful comments and welcome your continued prayers for guidance in this exciting adventure.

RARA Item of the Month

The RARA item for April will be canned fruit. Just place your items in the bins at the front of the Sanctuary and the Outreach Committee will deliver



them to RARA. We are grateful for our congregation's support for our neighbors in need.

Rafiki Report



Rafiki Ghana Missionaries- The Nelsons

Mark 16:15- He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” On May 24 during the Sunday School hour, Rafiki missionaries Andrea and Scott Nelson will share their missionary call and work at Rafiki Ghana including a video tour of the village, interviews with staff and students talking about what Rafiki has meant to their lives, a brief overview of Rafiki, and will answer questions.

The Nelsons have served at the Rafiki Village Ghana since 2015. Currently, Andrea is the Orphan Care Administrator and Widow's Program Coordinator. Scott is the Village Administrator, Plant Manager, and Finance Manager. God guided the Nelsons to the Rafiki Foundation after they read an interview with Rosemary Jensen in *Tabletalk Magazine*. They believed in Rafiki's commitment to in-depth Bible study, the discipleship of orphans and national workers, Reformed theology, and classical education. God revealed to the couple through a short-term trip to the Rafiki Village that they could move with their two children, Grace and Ian, to Rafiki Village Ghana.

Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and gained almost a decade of production experience at the Boeing Company in Seattle. He then completed courses in the medical field and worked as a medical assistant at a pediatric clinic for four years. He also worked as a laboratory analyst at a beverage production facility. Andrea has a BFA in Communication Design. She was a designer in a marketing design company before working in Christian book publishing. After building up a list of freelance clients, she started her own design company, which she managed for seventeen years before entering the field. Now, both of their children attend Liberty University in Virginia. Ian is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Grace is in the midst of Nursing degree studies.

More details regarding their visit to LexPres will be shared. Please make plans to meet the Nelsons learning more about Rafiki and their programs on **May 24** during the Sunday School hour.

Thank you to all who have and are considering supporting Rafiki and especially Metsy, the young orphan LexPres “adopted” and has continued to support through generous donations. She has devoted her life to Christ and with much perseverance and dedication, she is attending Hawassa University pursuing a degree in public administration. She continues to show determination and a positive attitude toward her

studies and serving God. She looks forward to maintaining communication with our members; she loves to receive mail. Please send letters to PO Box 2871, Nazareth, Ethiopia, East Africa. You may send cards or any other item that fits in a standard size envelope. Please do not send packages, checks or cash to the Village address. Monetary donations to help support Metsy's educational and spiritual life can be made by check, payable to Lexington Presbyterian Church with "Metsy" written on the memo line. Our generosity is making a lasting impact on Metsy's life, and hopefully, we will continue to support her as she pursues her further education. Funds given to her account will go toward her scholarship. Thank you for cultivating godly contributors in Africa.

The next Rafiki Prayer meeting is **Friday, April 3**, 9 a.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church in room 205. Please feel free to join us in this hour of prayer; all are welcome. Thank you for supporting Rafiki's mission to spread God's Word throughout the world.

Calendar of Events

Recurring Events

- Lectio - Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Lam Handbell Choir - Every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m.
- Staff Meeting - Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 113
- Children/Youth Ministry staging - Every Wednesday at 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Choir - Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Brady Chapel

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- 1 Women's Bible study (Luke), 11:00 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
- 2 Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
- 3 Good Friday service, 12:00 noon, Sanctuary
- 4 Egg Hunt, 4:00 p.m., Hobbs family home
- 5 **Easter Sunday**, one service at 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Brittigan Fund Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 111
- 8 Women's Bible study (Luke), 11:00 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
 - Leah/Ruth Circle, 1:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Outreach Committee, 4:00 p.m., Room 111
- 9 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
 - Peace-Wagers, 10:30 a.m., Room 111
- 13 APNC meeting, 8:00a.m., Room 113
- 14 Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Session, 7:00 p.m., Brady Chapel, **note reschedule**
- 16 Adult Discipleship, 6:00 p.m., Room 111
- 20 APNC meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 113
- 21 Commitment date for May youth mission trip to Asheville
 - Campus Ministry, 5:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Property Committee, 5:30 p.m., Room 113
- 22 Women's Bible study (Luke), 11:00 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
- 23 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
- 27 APNC meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 113
- 28 Administrative Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m., Room 113
- 29 (tentative) Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Brady Chapel



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