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Worship Information

May 3, 2026

Sermon: *Growing into Salvation*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-5

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Community Prayers

Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: **Still Needed**

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May 10, 2026

Sermon: *The Faith to Rethink Idolatry*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Liz Shupe

Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.: Cyrus Green

Flowers: **Still Needed**

May 17, 2026

Sermon: *Who's the Boss?*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

Old Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: Betsy Lee

Worship Assistant 11 a.m.:

Flowers: **Still Needed**

May 24, 2026

One service at 11 a.m. for Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Sermon: *Earthy Pentacost*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: Acts 2

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

Worship Assistant 11:00 a.m.:

Flowers: [Still Needed](#)

May 31, 2026

Sermon: *Trinitarian Vision*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

Old Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Worship Assistant 8:45 a.m.: [Still Needed](#)

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



The Fruits of the Spirit are Serious Business

If you want to be a watermelon, then you might as well hear it: you can't be a fruit of the spirit. Thanks to Culinary Ministry for an awesome lesson about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. The fruit salad and cupcakes were awesome too.

Left to right: Anabelle Hobbs, Jay Braddick, Margaret Cline, Hadley Braddick, Nellie Green



Asheville Mission Trip Update

Please be in prayer for the 19 students and 5 chaperones headed to Asheville, NC May 26-29 for service and learning related to the underhousing crisis in the city. We will serve with three organizations ([Beloved Asheville](#), [12 Baskets](#) and [Haywood Street Congregation](#)) that minister to unhoused neighbors. You can learn more about those community partners by clicking the links

above. Thank you to our generous congregation for underwriting our costs and helping us meet our transportation needs.

Pray for our safety on the road; for loving community in our group and with those we serve; and for God's work in us, in our community-partner organizations, and in those in need.

Photo: Last Year's Asheville Service Team at Root Cause Farm, which grows food exclusively for nonprofits in the city.

Sunday Morning Classes for Kids and Youth Draw to a Close for the Academic Year

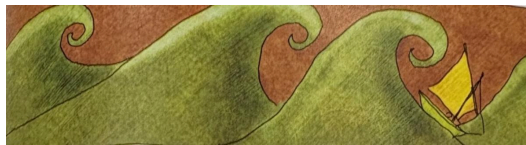
Our high school youth class has its last meeting on **May 3**, and Kids Club and Middle Grade youth classes have their last Sunday morning class on **May 17**.

What a year it's been. Our preschool-8th grade classes have explored "walking with God," that core phrase from the LexPres mission statement that both comforts and confuses. All year, we've explored Bible stories that showed people seeing, hearing, and feeling the presence of God all around them.

In fall 2025, we explored the term 'worship' as part of our walk with God, and then looked especially at two events that mark special times in our worship: the Lord's Supper and baptism. We also explored what it means to wait on God's presence during Advent. This spring, we've read Bible stories about Jesus's faith walk, and those who met him and had their paths changed. And we've explored how Jesus's earliest followers helped each other walk with God through the letters they exchanged.

Our high schoolers have asked their own big questions about the Bible: why do some people read the Bible in different ways than others, and does it matter? Why are there different versions of the same thing in the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? Who decided what texts got put in the Bible and which didn't? What's with these different translations/versions of the Bible?

We are deeply grateful to all who helped us as volunteers this year: our curriculum adapters, our leaders, our 'stuff stagers,' and our guests from Culinary Ministry and the Outreach committee. Their work each week created the space for learning and fellowship across generations.



Mark Your Calendars for VBS on July 7-10

Narrow escapes! Jailbreaks! A shipwreck! Snakebite! Whoever said following Jesus was boring never encountered the life of the apostle Paul. On **July 7-10**, Lexington Presbyterian's famous one-room intergenerational VBS will explore *Paul's Amazing Adventures in Christ*. People of all ages are invited to come each evening from 5:30-7:00 for a meal and fun. Learn about the great lengths, heights, and depths this church founder traveled to tell everyone he met about the God whose love reaches us across all lengths, heights, and depths.

Thanks for everyone's support. The event this weekend was emotional but fun with our family and friends. Our team raised almost \$5,000 for Duke's Brain Tumor Center and the event raised \$2.88 million.

Thanks,
Karla Bunn



In the Kitchen with Dr. Jane Horton

Twenty-three years ago Dr. Jane Horton started a ministry that has become an important part of our Palm Sunday celebration. Jane founded the hot cross bun baking in our church kitchen. Over the years many people have gathered to participate in the preparation of the dough and rolling out the balls which eventually become the hot cross buns. Copies of her recipe were distributed to the excited bakers.

Watch your newsletter next **February 2027** for the baking date and come participate in this important tradition at LexPres.

Mission Impossible for our LexPres Culinary Team

During one of our staff meetings in March, our minister, Drew Ditzel asked me if Culinary Ministry would consider providing lunch for the Timber Framers. The Timber Framers were raising a pavilion which they built entirely by hand, on Grigg Mullen's compound. The pavilion is next to Lisa's House.



I agreed and started to plan the event. They expected 125 people and they came with many dietary restrictions. Some were gluten intolerant, some were vegetarians, some had allergies to eggs and nuts, just to name a few. Planning a menu around all these restrictions turned out to be quite challenging.

Enter Mary Dugan. Mary and I discussed the ways to feed all these people and we came up with the idea of making five stations, each with restricted foods. Our salad bar was second to none. Fried chicken and country green beans were available for those without restrictions.

With a lot of planning, we pulled it off. Everyone had a good time and we were praised for our initiative on meal planning. We had a really great team working to make everything perfect. I wish to thank them now. Job well done!

-Skip Hess, Director of Culinary Ministry

Steve & Sherry Chapin Mary & David Dugan Jane & Zeke Ellington
Cheryl Fairchild Joyce Fraley Linda Franke
Jane Horton Maurine Houser Cathy James
Bill Luton Jason Melvin Liz Shupe
Greeters: Pat Wiese and Drew Ditzel

RARA Item of the Month



Since June, when the Outreach Committee resumed monthly collections for the RARA Neighborhood Grocery, LexPres members have contributed more than 1,000 pounds of food and supplies for people experiencing food insecurity.

In the month of May, we are requesting donations for another audience: Pets! Like many of us, customers of the RARA grocery often have dogs and cats that they care for and love. These pets provide comfort, emotional support, and stability, especially during periods of hardship. When families are forced to choose between feeding themselves or their pets, it can lead to heartbreaking decisions, including surrendering beloved animals to shelters.

Happily, RARA has recently started a drive-through pet-food distribution on the third Tuesday of each month. RARA agreed to begin the service after the Rockbridge Animal Alliance, led by LexPres member Maurine Houser, closed last fall.

By donating unopened bags and cans of pet food, you help ensure that pets stay in loving homes where they belong. Your support not only nourishes animals but also preserves the powerful bond between people and their pets, keeping families together when they need it most.

Just put your contributions in the bins at the front of the Sanctuary and members of the Outreach Committee will see that they are delivered to RARA.

Rafiki Report

May 2026

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19.

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 explaining what Rafiki has meant to their lives, a brief overview of Rafiki, and will answer questions. All are invited to this great time of learning about Rafiki and their ministries.

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, May 8, 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

May

- 3 Sunday dinner (Italian), 5:30 p.m., Dunlap Auditorium
- 5 Session meeting, 7:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
- 6 Women's Bible study, 11:15 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
- 7 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 APNC meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 113
- 12 Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
- 13 Women's Bible study, 11:15 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
 - Leah/Ruth Circle, 1:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Outreach Committee, 4:00 p.m., Room 113
- 14 Peace-Wagers, 10:30 a.m., Room 111
 - Adult Discipleship, 6:00 p.m., Room 111
- 17 Sunday brunch, Noon (following 11:00 a.m. worship service), Dunlap Auditorium
- 18 APNC meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 113
 - Brittigan Fund Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 111
- 19 Campus Ministry, 5:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Property Committee, 5:30 p.m., Room 113
- 20 Women's Bible study, 11:15 a.m., Kendal Borden conference room
- 21 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Administrative Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m., Room 113



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