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November 2025



Worship Information

November 2, 2025

Sermon: *As the Soil, As the Seed, So the Church*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:8-11

New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

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

11 a.m. Worship Assistant: Chuck Skoog

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November 9, 2025

Sermon: *Belief in a Divine Creator*

Preacher: Hardin Marion

Old Testament Reading: Gen. 1: 1-2; 2: 2-3

8:45 a.m. Worship Assistant: Ann Massie

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

November 16, 2025

Sermon: *Generosity Distribution*

Preacher: Rev. Bill Klein

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 103:1-8

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:14-15

8:45 a.m. Worship Assistant: Jane Horton

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

November 23, 2025

Sermon: *Who Asked for Gratitude?*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:4-5

Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:34

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

11 a.m. Worship Assistant: Phillip Blackburn

Flowers: [Still Needed](#)

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Sermon: *What Time Is It?*

Preacher: Rev. Drew Ditzel

New Testament Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:11-14

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

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

Flowers: [Still Needed](#)

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

Life of the Church



Brady Kitchenette Shareable Soup Supply Restocked With Love

Did you know that LexPres's Brady kitchenette has a freezer stocked with shareable food for anyone in need of a quick, delicious meal during a rough patch or illness and that you are invited to be a distributor to those who can use it? The freezer, which is self-serve for any 'soup angels' who want to do the delivering, got a recent restocking. For a full report, see below.

Pictured are (from left) Liz Shupe, Marti Burke, and master soup maker Skip Hess. Also helping with the restocking were Linda Franke and Nancy Bidlack.

Today is the Last Day to Submit an Elder Nominations

During the month of October, the Nominations Committee is asking you to prayerfully discern who you think might be a faithful addition to the next class of six session

members who will begin serving their three year term in January 2026. We are also looking for one person to fill the final year of an unexpired term. [You can do so by filling out this google form.](#)

The Spooks are Coming

As many of you know, Lexington becomes Halloween Central on **October 31** between 3:30-5:30 p.m., with scores of people in costume trick-or-treating at downtown businesses. LexPres will be doing the candy thing (and handing out a little information about our church too) with this largest crowd of the year coming by our front gates. and as has been our custom in the past few years, we will host a family-friendly pizza party starting at 5:00 p.m. for those whose little people need some actual food after two hours of free-basing sugar. If you are planning to attend and would like to help out with candy distribution or pizza-party setup/takedown, check out this SignUpGenius for available slots – and come on out for a rockin, sugar-soaked good time:

[SignUp to Help with Halloween Festivities](#)

Turn Back Your Clocks

Don't forget that this Saturday, **November 1**, marks the last day of daylight savings time. Your clocks need to be reset by falling back one hour. (Your friendly neighborhood Director of Christian Education notes that, since your nervous system will still think it is later than it actually is, you can arrive at church in time to check out that Sunday school class you've been meaning to try.) See you bright and early.



Above: Accurate depiction of someone turning back the LexPres steeple clock.

Make Your 2026 Generosity Pledge

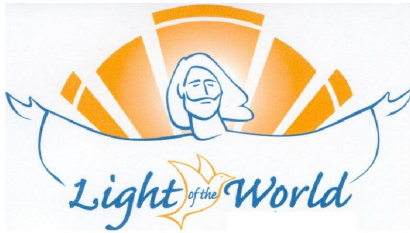
Between now and **November 15th**, we are encouraging all Lex Pres Members and committed attendees to prayerfully discern how to use and invest the resources God has given them. Our prayer is that each of us discovers "The Art of Giving Freely." If you feel led to make a pledge, you can mail a pledge card or drop it in the offering plate or [follow this link to input your information directly](#).

Brittigan Fund

The Dan and Betsy Brittigan Fund is a fund that was established to serve children at risk in Lexington, Rockbridge and Buena Vista. So far this year we have distributed \$32,704 to support children at risk in our area. Some of the grants funded will help feed and clothe children. A large grant was made to Rockbridge Area Health Center to help provide access to medical care with doctors from their elementary school via remote access or telehealth. We have also funded grants for children to participate in educational activities that would not have been possible without our support.

We are immensely grateful to everyone for your support in allowing us to serve our youngest neighbors. Through generous donations from multiple individuals we have received \$12,670 additionally to support at risk youth in our community. Any contributions to The Brittigan Fund will go to serve children in our community.

Donations must include Brittigan Fund in the memo section of check donations or by selecting the Brittigan Fund in the drop down giving menu On Realm.



Upcoming Youth Activities

November 14 “Almost Lock-In” for Grades 1-5: Light of the World, Youth-Style

Students under grade 6 are not invited to the Presbytery’s super-awesome youth retreat, where we learn through play all day, have an awesome evening meal and snacks at a song-fest, worship in our pajamas, and spend the night at Massanetta Springs conference center. Bummer, this is clear age discrimination.

But great news, friends. We’re bringing retreat-style activities to an ‘almost lock-in’ right here at LexPres for our young elementary friends, On Friday, November 14, kids in grades 1-5 are invited to come to church for a meal and structured games, videos, singing and dancing, worship, and activities related to the theme of this year’s awesome retreat, *You are the Light of the World*. Wear your pajamas and prepare for a fabulous time. We’ll start at 6:00 p.m. with supper and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Participants’ parents are asked to RSVP to Sandra by Wednesday November 12 so that we have enough supplies for activities. Parents, this is a great way to whet the appetite for future youth camp/retreat/mission trip activities in our younger set.

Youth “Tailgate” Party November 16

The regular third-Sunday activity for youth in grades 6-12 is a tailgate party and attendance for either W&L’s field hockey championship game or VMI’s swim team invitational. Time and place TBA in the afternoon (pending the tourney schedules’ release). Special guest at the tailgate party will be none other than VMI basketball alum Steve Chapin, who’ll give us a short “TED”-style talk about athletics and his faith journey. We’ll be going wild in the stands as we watch our LexPres-attending athletes in fine form in these late-season contests.

From the Director of Music

I remain grateful for the dedication and talent of our choirs, singing and ringing. If you share my feelings, please express them to a choir member whom you know or run into. Better yet, if our music moves you, come join us. There is always room for more of us. And as we approach Advent and Christmas, the music-making takes on extra meaning and enjoyment. Join us! Be a part of the song.

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I call to your attention three musical events taking place in the Lexington Presbyterian

sanctuary in November:

Saturday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Rockbridge Symphony Orchestra

The Other B's: Music of Bizert, Barber, Bernstein....

Friday, November 14th at 12:00 noon

Music at Noon

William McCorkle, organ

"Now Thank We All Our God"

With music by Bach and some not so well known composers: Kirnberger, Knecht, Wellstein, Zachau and some improvisation by William McCorkle

Saturday, November 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Community Messiah Sing

Sponsored by the Rockbridge Choral Society with Gordon Spice and Scott

Williamson, conductors and William McCorkle, organist. Come one and all to sing or to listen as we revive a Lexington tradition.

Souper Teamwork

If you were at LexPres last Thursday morning, you couldn't help but notice the delicious aroma coming from the Dunlap kitchen, where pots of homemade soup were simmering. The Culinary Ministry team had gathered to prepare three kinds of soup, fill 90 containers, and restock the Brady kitchen freezer. And they completed the job in 2-1/2 hours flat!

Church members are invited to pick up a container of vegetable, chicken vegetable, or vegetable beef soup to give to folks who could use a comforting, healthy meal, made with love from LexPres.

From the Director of Culinary Ministry, Skip Hess

October was an exciting month for Culinary Ministry. We had an Italian Dinner on October 5 and a Sunday Brunch on October 19. Both events were well attended. Sunday Brunch highlighted two new recipes that we have not tried before. The Shrimp with Dirty Rice and Tomato, Scallion, Cream Cheese Bake were a big hit. I will put these recipes in the newsletter as soon as I work out a family size version.



We had a surprise for our Sunday Brunch. Amanda and Kevin Green donated all the floral centerpieces. They were beautiful and really dressed up our tables. Thanks, Amanda and Kevin!

November will be another busy month for **Culinary Ministry**. Here are our events for November. Mark your calendars.

Sunday, November 2 - Dinner - Turkey, Dressing, and all the trimmings

Sunday, November 16 - Brunch - All your favorite Brunch Dishes

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent Immediately after 11:00 worship, we will

be making Advent Wreaths for you to take home and we will have pizza for lunch. Children love this event.

Holiday Events

Monday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. Preparing the Church for Advent. We will put up the garlands, lights, and bows on the fence and the dogwood trees will be adorned with white lights. Inside the sanctuary, we will put the swags, bows, and candles in the windows. Volunteers encouraged.

Sunday, November 30 following 11:00 a.m. worship, we will be making Advent Wreaths for families to take home. The church will provide the wreath forms, candles, and greens. If you have greens at home that you would like to use or donate, please bring them to Dunlap Auditorium. We will have pizza for lunch. The kids really do a great job working on the wreaths.

Friday, November 28 is the 25th Annual Candlelight Processional. This is a non-commercial event. We meet at the cemetery on Main Street between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. where the candles and songbooks will be distributed. Battery candles are available for the younger children. At 5:30 p.m., we will leave the cemetery behind a horse drawn carriage carrying Santa and Mrs. Claus, singing Christmas Carols.

When the processional arrives at Hopkins Green, there will be caroling, lighting of the community tree and a photo opportunity for the children with Santa and Mrs. Claus. You won't want to miss this event. If you cannot march with the processional, you can go directly to Hopkins Green where there will be caroling.

Rafiki Report

November Newsletter

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). The fortieth-year anniversary of Rafiki is an amazing example of God's faithfulness and love. Through the church, God displays His manifold wisdom and His great redemption story, and Rafiki for 40 years has always worked with the church in Africa. Today, Rafiki partners with 26 denominations representing approximately 75-100 million church members, over 150,000 churches, 20,000 schools, and 70 seminaries and/or Bible colleges. Across Africa, Rafiki Villages are alive with children and adults learning to love what is true, good, and beautiful. From classrooms and churches to sewing rooms and small groups, the gospel is being taught and lived out daily.

Throughout Africa, God has opened new doors for the Widows Program shining light in dark places allowing hope to take root in fresh places. Now in both Liberia and Nyamata, Rwanda, widows gather each week in homes to study God's Word through

Rafiki Bible study materials and learn new skills bringing dignity and income. Vibrant fans sewn from colorful West African fabric have become one of Rafiki Exchange's best sellers.

You can support the Widows Program by visiting the local Rafiki Foundation Fall Sale on Saturday, November 8 from 10 am til 12 noon at Grace Presbyterian Church, 40 Village Way, Lexington, Virginia. These handcrafted products represent hope, friendship, and faith while helping the widows buy food for their children, have a roof over their heads, and send their children to school. Please stop by to see God's work crafted through their hands.

Lexington Presbyterian Church has a wonderful, loving history supporting orphan Metesenanat "Metsy" Tages and Rafiki. Metsy and the Rafiki children love 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, November 7, 9 a.m.**, at Kendal. 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

November

- 1 **Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back**
- 2 Sunday Supper, 5:30 p.m., Dunlap Auditorium
- 4 Session, 7:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
- 5 Women's Bible Study (Luke), 11:00 a.m., Borden conference room, Kendal
- 6 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 12 Women's Bible Study (Luke), 11:00 a.m., Borden conference room, Kendal
 - Leah/Ruth Circle, 1:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
 - Outreach Committee, 4:00 p.m., Room 111
- 13 Peace-Wagers, 10:30 a.m., Room 111
- 14 Music at Noon, William McCorkle, organ, "Now Thank We All Our God", 12 noon Sanctuary

-Almost Lock-in for grades 1-5, 1:00-9:00 p.m., Dunlap Auditorium
16 Brunch after 11:00 a.m., worship service, Dunlap Auditorium
-Youth group tailgate party W&L Field Hockey or VMI Swim, time TBA
17 Brittigan Fund Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 111
18 Campus Ministry, 5:00 p.m., Brady Chapel
-Property Committee, 5:30 p.m., Room 113
19 Adult Discipleship, 6:00 p.m., Room 111
20 Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Brady Chapel
-Admin Committee, Noon, Room 113
24 Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
27 **Thanksgiving Day**
30 Brunch/Advent wreathmaking, 12:00 Noon (following service), Dunlap Auditorium



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