

# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

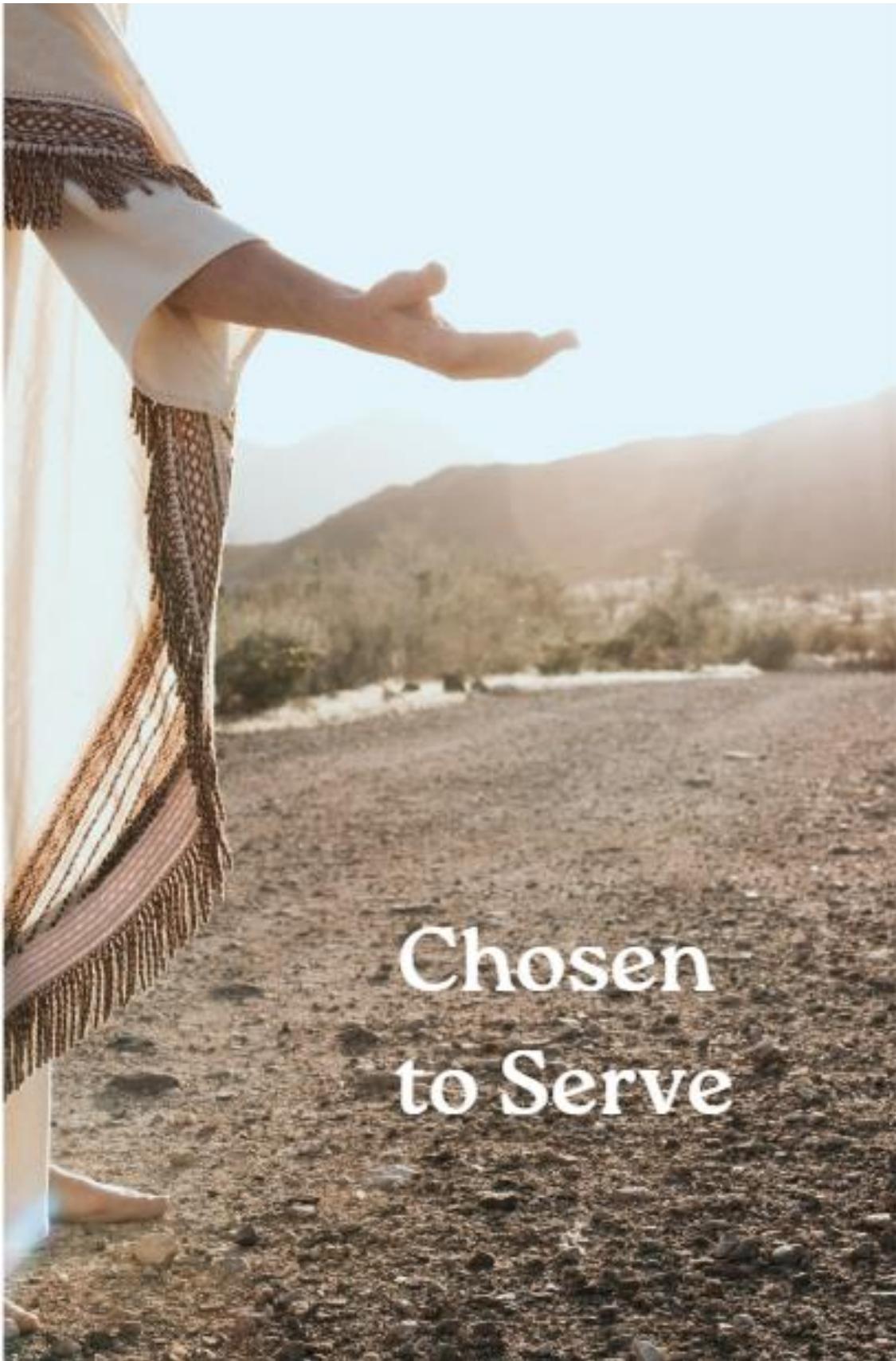
## Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 11, 2026

Elder Ordination/Installation Sunday

10:00 am

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**Chosen  
to Serve**

## ***Preparation for Worship***

### **The Gathering**

### *10,000 Reasons*

Matt Redmon

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes  
[Refrain]

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
[Refrain]

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
[Refrain]

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

*Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10)*

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

Bill Edwards

#### **\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: The word of God comes into our lives in many ways.

**People: God's word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.**

Leader: God's word calls us now, here in our worship.

**People: God's calling word invites us to service and ministry, to praise and thanksgiving.**

All: We worship the living God and offer our praises to the eternal One.

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

1) Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2) Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

3) Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

4) To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

#### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Jesus, we want to live like you. We cannot do that on our own. We need your mercy and grace day after day after day. We confess our weakness; we continually give in to temptation. But rather than throw up our hands in failure, we choose to admit our constant need for you. Demonstrate your power through our weakness. You have defeated our sin by your death on the cross. Let us live in the truth of who we are in you, not who we were before. Make us holy; make us like you. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

##### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.

#### ***The Act of Offering***

##### **Offertory**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
LPC Chancel Choir

*arr. Hopson*

##### **\*Doxology**

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

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

#### **Children's Time**

#### **\*Hymn of Preparation** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (1st, 2nd, and 3rd stanzas)*

1) Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2) I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3) Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

#### **New Testament Scripture**

Matthew 3:13-17

#### **Sermon**

*Chosen to Serve*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

### ***Response of God's People***

#### ***Affirmation of Faith*** ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

#### **Ordination and Installation of New Elders**

Today we will be ordaining Celia Green and Connor Balow to the office of Elder and installing them to the Session along with Paul Chrisman, Kathy Foster, Diana Balow, and Megan Sullivan who have all previously been ordained.

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn of Commitment**

*We All Are One in Mission*

1) We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

2) We all are called for service  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

3) Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

### ***Blessing and Benediction***

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Voluntary in C Major*  
Slow - Allegro

John Stanley

#### **\*Indicates Congregational Standing**

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## Upcoming Events

### **January 11, Sunday**

- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School

### **January 12, Monday**

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Parent Support Group – Youth Hut

### **January 13, Tuesday**

- 10:00 am – PW ESTHER Circle Bible Study – Coleman Room
- 6:00 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's Office
- 7:00 pm – LPP Board Mtg – Coleman Room

### **January 14, Wednesday**

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### **January 16, Friday**

- 10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut
- 6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

### **January 17, Saturday**

- 9:00 am – Session Retreat – Benz Hall
- 10:30 am – Lakewood Sheriff's Walk – park at LPC

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**January 18, Sunday**

- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Youth Hut

**Duty Elders for January**

Kathy Rossi-Allen  
Lori Duck  
Celia Green

**Liturgist:**

Bill Edwards

**Senior Pastor:**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**Director of Youth & Christian Education:**

Brian Mitchell

**Director of Music & Organist**

Joshua L. Mazur

**Parish Associate:**

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

**Attendance January 4, 2025**

In Person: 98; 1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitors: 0; Online: 27

The flowers in the Chancel are given today by  
**Ellie Mentler** "To the Glory of God."



**Bunco Night!**  
**Monday, January 19, 2026**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Joy Atkins' Home**

See our newsletter for more info!

**Wednesday Night Dinner**

**January 21, 2025 @ 6 pm**

**Benz Hall**



White Elephant Bingo Night: bring a small prize for the game.

**Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert**

RSVP on Realm or call the church office

Cost: \$6.00 per meal

Kids under 6 eat free

Free Nursery provided for children 6 yrs & under

**Call 904.733.8055 to reserve**