

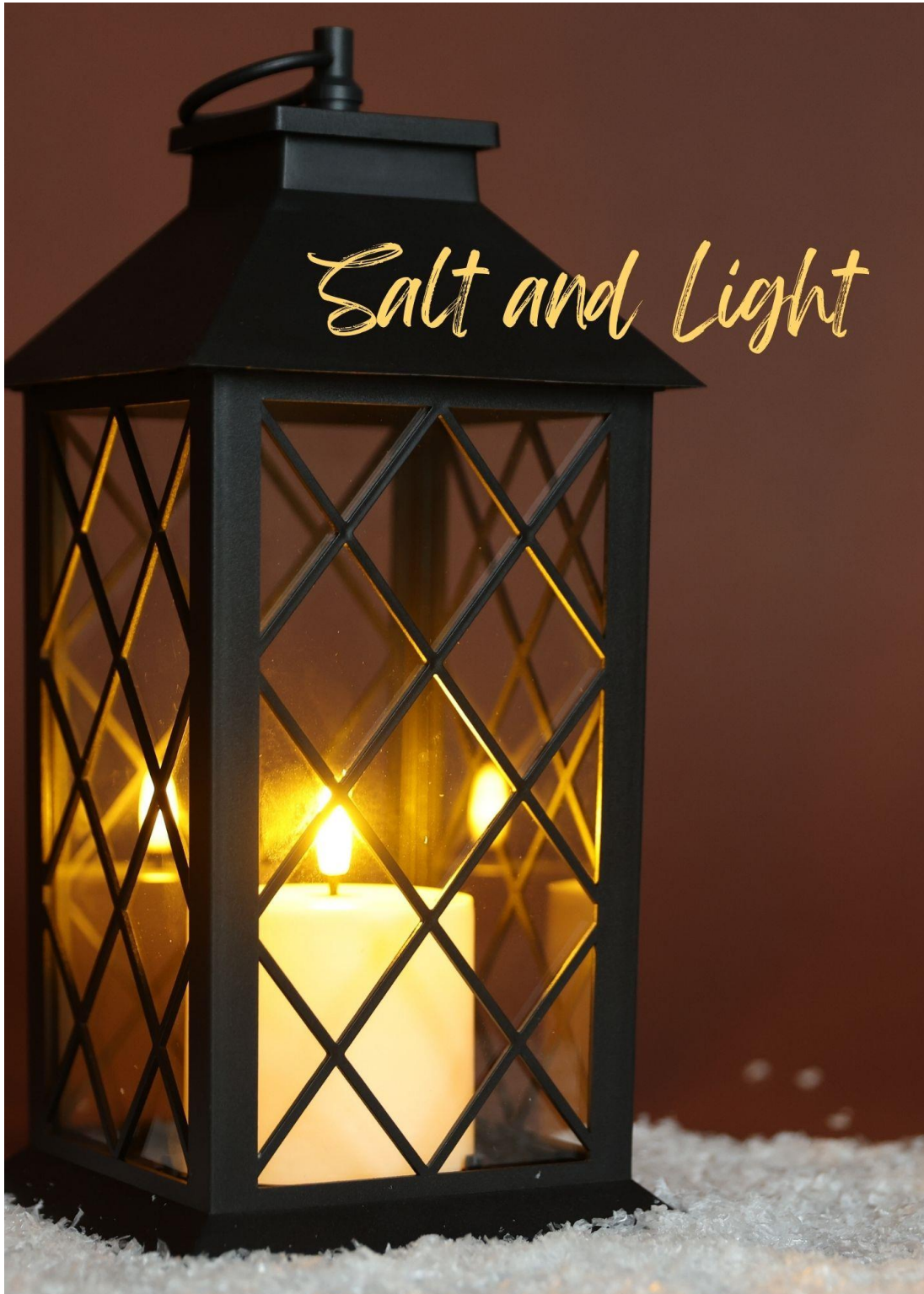
# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

February 8, 2026

10:00 am

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## ***Preparation for Worship***

### **The Gathering**

*I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever*

Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing Of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever...

*As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

*Pastorale in F Major (alla Siciliana)*

J.S. Bach BWV 590

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones

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

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

**People: Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as people claimed by the Light. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

1) God, you spin the whirling planets,  
fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,  
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in your image,  
would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy  
and the truth that makes us free.

2) You have called us to be faithful  
in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship  
joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image,  
focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people,  
we move onward toward your goal.

3) God, your word is still creating,  
calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion.  
Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image,  
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

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

**Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light and to live as your righteous, holy people. We want to, Lord, but we fall short! We confess that there is good and bad, light and dark within our own hearts. We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection rather than vulnerability, to hoarding rather than freely sharing, to self-righteousness rather than compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore us by your mercy that having received the gift of your infinite love, we might turn to our neighbor and give your love away. For the sake of Christ, we pray. 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**

*In Heavenly Love*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Mendelssohn

### **\*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**

Brian Mitchell

### ***The Sacrament of Baptism***

For Zelina Marie Thompson

## **Presentation of the Child**

Zelina Marie Thompson, daughter of Laura and Kenny Thompson and granddaughter of Bob and Pam Rossi.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there, he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

## **Baptismal Prayer**

Eternal God, we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament, and for the hope we have in your Son Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with the Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose.

**O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you, and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Unison Prayer**

**Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Baptized in Water*

1) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

2) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,

marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit,  
we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

**OT Scripture**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

**Sermon**

*Salt and Light*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God? I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival. Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy; then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God!

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

**Prayers of the People and the 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.**

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

*Come! Live in the Light!*

1) Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God.

Refrain:  
We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

2) Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence  
will be no more. (Refrain)

3) Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign,  
and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers  
united in love. (Refrain)

## ***Blessing and Benediction***

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata*

Domenico Zipoli

#### **Duty Elders for February**

Bill Edwards  
Kathy Foster  
Harolyn Sharpe

#### **Liturgist:**

Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones

#### **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 February 1, 2026**

In Person: 69; 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 1; Online: 26

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Chuck and Joy Atkins** in celebration of Chuck and Joy Atkins' 44th wedding anniversary on February 6th. *"Who knew how a chance meeting at the Winter 1981 Presbytery Meeting would turn out".*



## **Upcoming Events**

### **February 8, Sunday**

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School

### **February 9, Monday**

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

6:00 pm – Parent Support Group – Youth Hut

### **February 10, Tuesday**

10:00 am – ESTHER Circle – Coleman Room

5:00 pm – Lakewood Assoc. Mtg. – Benz Hall

### **February 11, Wednesday**

1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### **February 13, Friday**

10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

### **February 14, Saturday**

Happy Valentine's Day! God Loves You!

9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall

## Coming Soon



### Lenten Season Begins February 18<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday | Evening Prayer Service  
6:30 pm | Sanctuary

Evening Prayer Services every  
Wednesday until Holy Week

Dinner 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
5:45 pm | Benz Hall

### February 18th Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 pm

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit

\$6 for adults, free for kids 6 and under.

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

Nursery provided for 6 and under upon request.

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