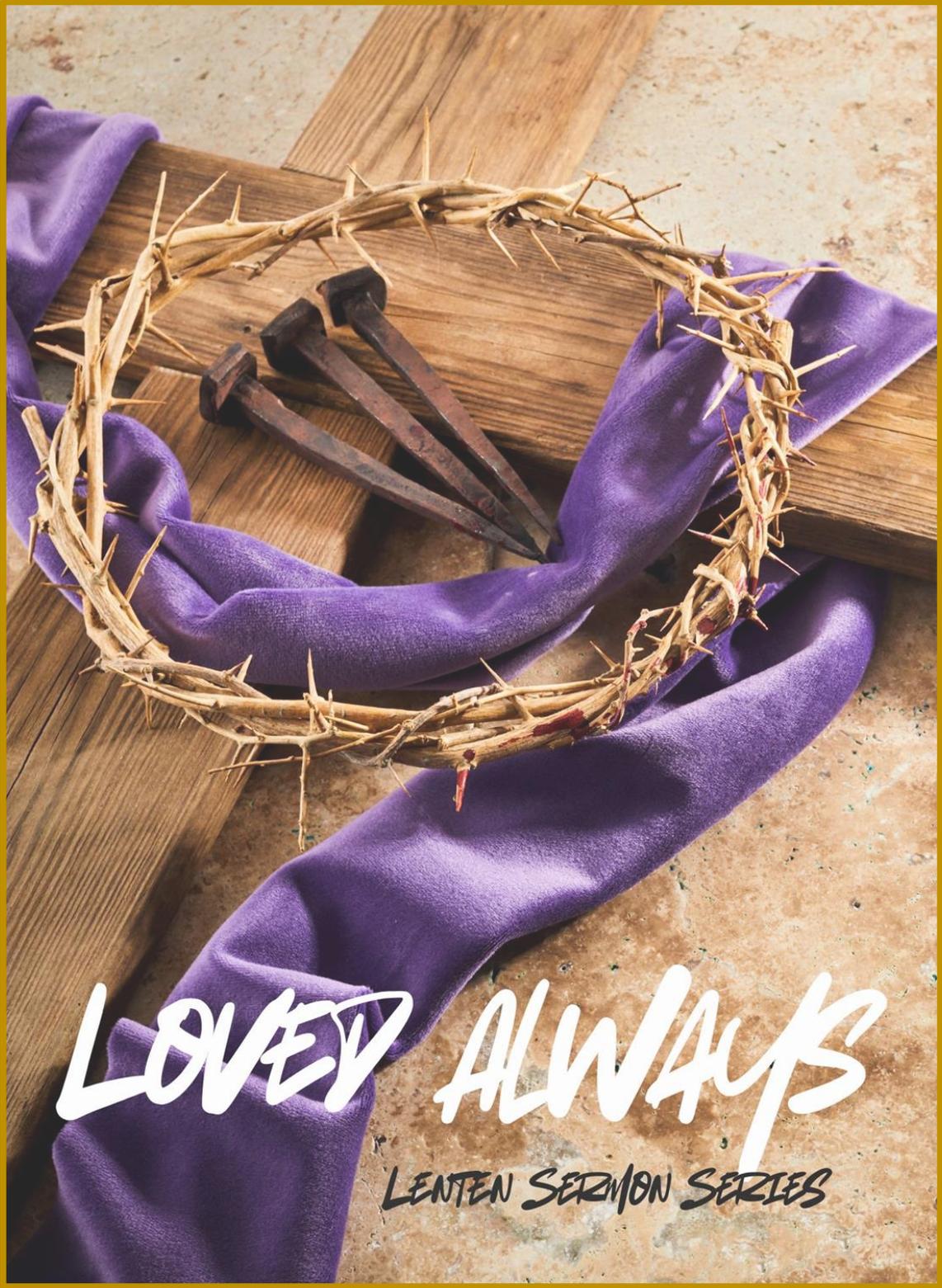


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 8, 2026

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

THE GATHERING

Ancient of Days

Gary Sadler | Jamie Harvill

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in F

Eugene Thayer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Diana Quinlan

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,
People: Christ goes with us side by side.

Leader: While we gather here for worship,
People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,
People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

Leader: And may this time of worship,
People: Be for us a constant guide.

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,
People: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

O God, Who Gives us Life

1) O God, who gives us life and breath,
who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death,
then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still
is making all things new.

2) O God, who calls your people out
to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt
and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering
through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring
of hope that never dies.

3) O God of covenant and law,
revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you
and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew
the covenant of love.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Creator, We confess that we often live as though our performance determines our worth. Without realizing it, we seek to impress and to be seen, hoping others will confirm our value. Forgive us for chasing the approval you have already given. Free us from the need to be noticed, and let our acts of mercy flow instead from genuine compassion, rooted in the assurance that we are already known and loved by 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

Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here
Laura Young & Joshua Mazur

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

***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

Today, one of our youth, Michell Graybill, is presented for baptism.

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. 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.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER AND BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

1) Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

2) Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

3) Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:1-4

SERMON

We Perform

Rev. Joy Laughridge

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

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**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

1) More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

2) Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3) Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Eugene Thayer

Duty Elders for March

Diana Balow
Connor Balow
Kat Bossuot

Liturgist:

Diana Quinlan

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 March 1, 2026

In Person: 87; 1st Time: 0; Online: 30

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lisa Wetzel** to the Glory of God.



Upcoming Events

March 8, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

March 9, Monday

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

March 10, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – Esther Circle – Coleman Room
- 6:00 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's Office
- 7:00 pm – Douglas Anderson School Senior Recital – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – LPP Board Meeting – via Zoom

March 11, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

March 12, Thursday

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association – Coleman Rm

March 13, Friday

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

March 14, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall



CHAIR YOGA

Mondays 4-5 pm
Lent special
\$5/class or \$15 for the
month of March



Register online or call the
church office to register.
Registration preferred but
not required.

JOIN US IN OUR CAMPAIGN

MEGA
MARCH DRIVE
FOR UCOM

Suggested items:
canned or dry pasta,
canned pasta sauce,
peanut butter, jelly,
breakfast bars,
oatmeal, grits, boxed
mac-n-cheese, canned
soups.

Thank you !
Shelf-stable
boxed or canned
items

Drop Off Hours
during week
10 am to 3 pm
M-Thur
Fri 10 am to 1 pm

RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATING GROUPS
AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING ON EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 5

MARCH 1 - MARCH 31

HELP US REACH OUR MEGA GOAL OF 5000 LBS

You can bring items to
Sunday Worship 10 am
Evening Prayer Service
6:30 pm

LAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2001 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD WEST
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217

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united community outreach ministry

More Announcements, next page



JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

10 am to 12 pm

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
2001 University Boulevard West
Jacksonville, FL 32217

\$10 fee per participant

- new friends
- amazing experiments
- creative games
- super-fun snacks
- surprising adventures
- incredible music

Pre-K to 6th grade

**Vacation Bible School
VBS 2026
at Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

**June 22 - 26, 2026
8:45 am to Noon**

**Volunteer?
Call us!**

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Register online

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DONATE BLOOD

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 15
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All donors receive*:
- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **St. Patrick's Day T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Donors Receive



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Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **31181**

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LPC Baseball Night Saturday, April 18

Gates open at 5:30 pm
First Pitch at 6:30 pm

Tickets include reserved seating on the 1st base line & access to the Shrimp Net All You Can Eat (AYCE) burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and sodas from 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

To reserve tickets, complete the order form & drop in the offering plate or by the church office **no later than April 1st.** Tickets and AYCE wristbands will be available on **April 12th.**

Please make checks payable to LPC.

Add "Jumbo Shrimp" in memo line.

Contact Joy Atkins for more info. 904.534.8827

Name: _____

Email _____

Phone Number: _____

of Tickets @ \$30 each: _____

3 yrs old and under, free



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End of Announcements