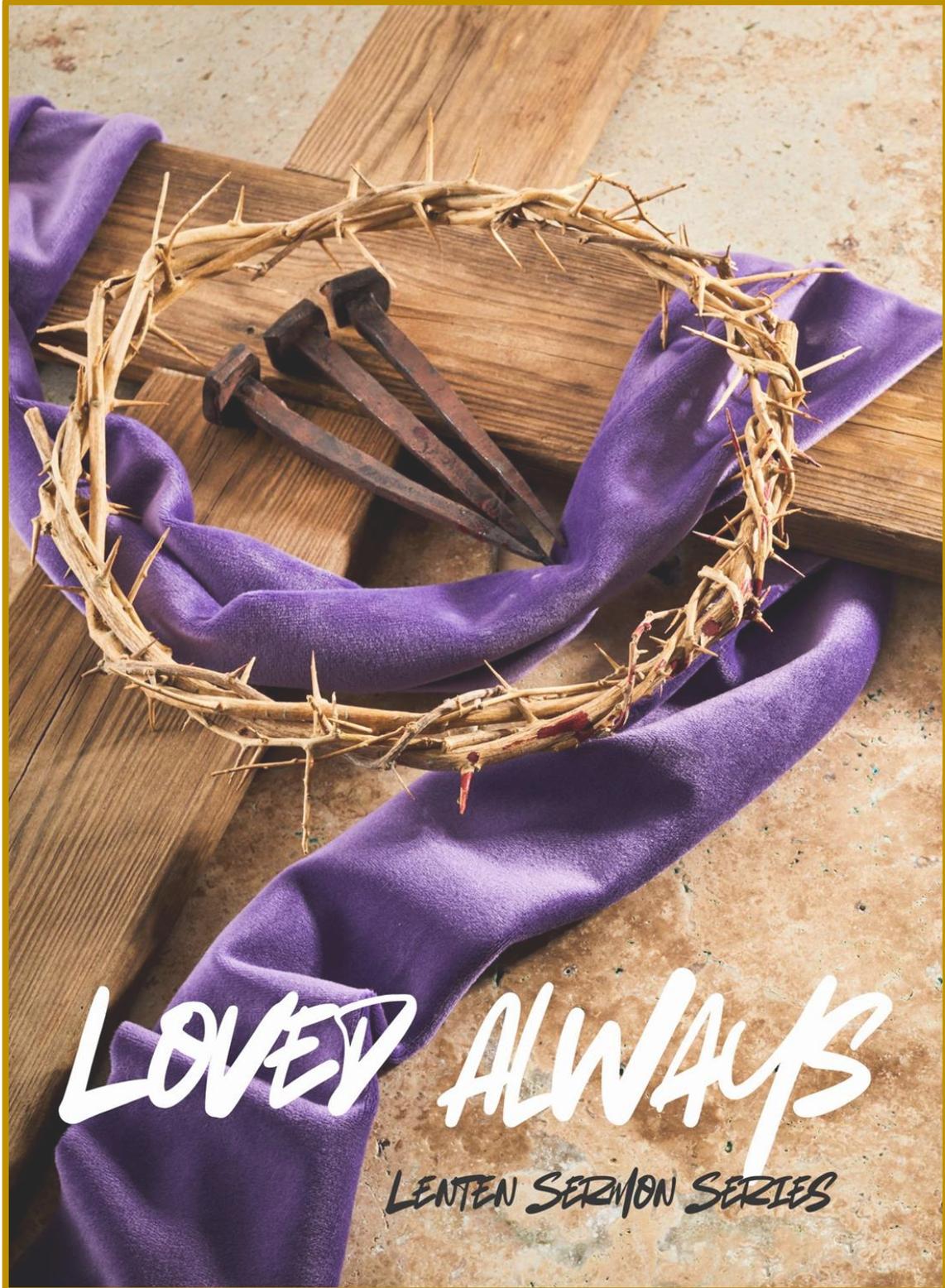


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 15, 2026

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude from Organ Music for Lent

Gerhard Krapf

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Harolyn Sharpe

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

People: Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

Leader: Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

People: Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

Leader: Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

People: Here we encounter Jesus, the living water — tranquil and ever-present.

Leader: Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

People: Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1) I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2) I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3) There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Savior, the parable of the great banquet reminds us of your ever-gracious invitation to be with you. We confess that far too often we set your invitation aside and allow other priorities to crowd you out. Our addiction to busyness leaves us no time to celebrate with you. We erect other gods that require our attention and loyalty. In our vain attempts to look "successful" we polish the veneer of our lives without attending to our deepest needs and longings, including our need and longing for you. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to health and wholeness. 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

Improvisation

Camil van Hulse

***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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1) I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2) I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3) I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:15-24

SERMON

We are Busy

Rev. Joy Laughridge

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1) I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (Refrain)

2) Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)

3) When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Richard Hudson

Duty Elders for March

Arnie Blevins
Connor Balow
Diana Balow

Liturgist:

Harolyn Sharpe

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Guest Organist

Nancy Goodrich

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance March 8, 2026

In Person: 99; 1st Time: 0; Online: 73

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the **Glory of God.**

Calendar and Announcements, next page



Upcoming Events

March 15, Sunday

- 9:00 am – Bloodmobile – Parking Lot
- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

March 16, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm - BUNCO Night – Doris York's Home

March 17, Tuesday

- 7:00 pm – SESSION Meeting – Coleman Rm.

March 18, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner – Benz Hall
Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Green Salad, Soda Bread, Dessert - "St. Patrick's Day fun"
\$6.00 adults, Free, kids 6 and under.
- 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer Service – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

March 20, Friday

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

March 22, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School
- 4:00 pm – Joshua Mazur Organ Recital with Bold City Belles - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

More Announcements, next page

JOIN US IN OUR CAMPAIGN

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

MEGA

MARCH DRIVE

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Thank you !
Shelf-stable
boxed or canned
items



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

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



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2001 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD WEST
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217

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



JOIN US FOR

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY
MARCH 28, 2026
10 am to 12 pm

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
2001 University Boulevard West
Jacksonville, FL 32217

**FUN & GAMES FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY**

SPRING FLING

SATURDAY
MARCH 28, 2026
11 am after the egg hunt

Rollins Avenue & Emery Circle
Lakewood Neighborhood
Jacksonville, FL 32217

**BOUNCY HOUSE,
HOT DOGS, POPSICLES!**
Bring a baked treat to share!



More Announcements, next page



Wednesday Night Dinner

March 18, 2025 @ 5:45 pm

Benz Hall



St. Patrick's Day fun!



**Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Green Salad,
Soda Bread and Carrot Cake**

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



Lakewood Presbyterian
Music Series

Sunday, March 22nd
4:00 pm

Organ Recital

Joshua Mazur
Organist
with Bold City Belles

More Announcements, next page



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