

# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

April 12, 2026

10:00 am

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## **Preparation for Worship**

### **GATHERING SONGS**

*10,000 Reasons*

Myrin & Redmon

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus x2]

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

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Mitchell Graybill

## **\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Through the resurrection of the Son, Jesus Christ,

**Many: we have been born anew into a living hope; we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!**

**All: Blessing and glory and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*To God Be The Glory*

1) To God be the glory;  
great things he has done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory:  
great things he has done!

2) Great things he has taught us;  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the 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**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Hymn #463

### **\*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**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

1) We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

2) We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3) Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.

4) And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 20:24-29; 1 Peter 1:3-9

### **SERMON**

*Only Hope*

Brian Mitchell

## **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

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

1) Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2) Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

3) We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4) Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### Duty Elders for April

David Sheffield  
Paul Chrisman  
Kat Bossuot

#### Liturgist:

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Mitchell Graybill

#### Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

#### Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

#### Director of Music and Organist

Joshua L. Mazur

#### Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

#### Attendance April 5, 2026

In Person: 183; 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 5; Online: 85

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Jeff Arey** in loving memory of Rosanna D. Arey, in remembrance of her birthday on April 11th.

# Upcoming Events

## **April 12, Sunday**

- 10:00 am – Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult SS – Coleman Rm.
- 11:00 am – Inquirer's Class – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

## **April 13, Monday**

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

## **April 14, Tuesday**

- 10:00 am – Esther Circle Bible Study – Coleman Rm.
- 6:00 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's Office
- 7:00 pm – DA String Chamber Concert – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – LPP Board Meeting – via Zoom

## **April 15, Wednesday**

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner
- Menu: Chicken Tetrizzini, Salad, Garlic bread, lemon bars and ricotta cookies. Game Night!
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

## **April 16, Thursday**

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association – Coleman Rm.

## **April 17, Friday**

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

## **April 18, Saturday**

- 5:30 Assemble for AYCE at Baseball Grounds
- 6:30 LPC at Jumbo Shrimp Game – seat block



## **Wednesday Night Dinner**

**April 15, 2026**

**Benz Hall 5:45 pm**



**Menu: Chicken Tetrizzini, Caesar salad, Garlic bread, Lemon bars and Ricotta cookies.**

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**

**More announcements, next page**

## CARE Ministry



Care Ministry has a number of small knitted throws and shawls that we are offering to congregants or their loved ones. They are in a bin under the table in the Session Room in the Sanctuary, behind the left stage door. Add some loving warmth to your life or give to a friend!



The **Giving Tree** in the Narthex is still accepting donation of toiletries, towels, hair care products and school supplies. For more information, See Marci Edwards.

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LPC is **feeding our Family Promise residents** the week of April 12 – 18. We have some people already set up for meals, but we still need a few more. We are feeding a total of 7 people, 2 families, which include children from ages 2 to 17.

Menu suggestions include Tacos with the fixins, BBQ with sides, Italian with bread and salad, Breakfast for dinner, or a pizza party with ice cream. Ideas are welcome. Please call Vickie Robinson if you're interested in helping. They are happy to deliver meals to Family Promise from our checkpoint of the church front parking lot, or they can meet where is convenient for the meal preppers. Money is always welcome and Vickie & Jim will do the shopping. Call 904.382.8696.

**End of Announcements**