

# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 17, 2026

10:00 am

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## ***Preparation for Worship***

### **GATHERING SONGS**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
LPC Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Great Are You Lord*

Jason Ingraham

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
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It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*How Great Thou Art (with Majesty)*  
LPC Bell Choir

Joel Raney

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Travis Woodlief

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

One: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**Many: Glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

One: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**Many: To the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

One: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**Many: Making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.**

**All: Let us come and worship together.**

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*How Firm a Foundation*

1) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2) "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3) "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4) "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5) "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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

**God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell off someone, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us. Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

#### **\*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 Unto Me*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Larry Nickel

#### **\*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**

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Presentation of Candidates

Today the Session presents Courtney Graybill and Tom Tyler for baptism.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER AND BAPTISM**

### **WELCOME (responsive)**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

### **HYMN**

*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.

## **THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-11

### **SERMON**

*Prayer for You*

Brian Mitchell

## 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

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

1) In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2) In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

3) Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

4) In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### Duty Elders for May

Diana Balow  
Connor Balow  
Bob Dahl

#### Liturgist:

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Travis Woodlief

#### 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 May 10, 2026

In Person: 93; 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 2; Online: 25

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Barbara Body** in memory of Louis F. Body IV and in gratitude for our children, Karen, Robin and Lou V.

**Calendar, next page**

# Upcoming Events

## **May 17, Sunday**

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

## **May 18, Monday**

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – BUNCO Night – Pam Rossi's home

## **May 19, Tuesday**

- 9:00 am – LPP Graduation Ceremony – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – SESSION Meeting – Coleman Room

## **May 20, Wednesday**

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

## **May 21, Thursday**

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Assoc. Mtg. – Coleman Rm.

## **May 22, Friday**

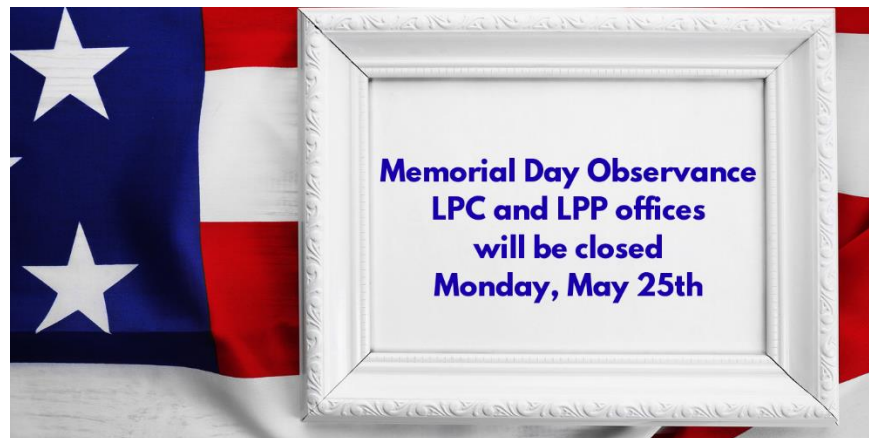
- 10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut
- 6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

## **May 23, Saturday**

- 11:00 am – Celebration of Life Service – Anna Bennett – Sanctuary | Reception in Benz Hall

## **May 24, Sunday**

- 10:00 am – Sunday Worship
- 11:00 am – Sunday Luncheon – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall



**More Announcements, next page**

**Summer Vacation Bible School  
Registration is OPEN!**



**\$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!**

**Register online**



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**End of Announcements**