

**Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

September 7, 2025

Communion Sunday

10:00 am

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## ***Preparation for Worship***

Please join us in singing the Gathering Songs to prepare our hearts for worship.

### **The Gathering**

*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

Refrain:

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

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything [refrain]

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 [refrain]

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

*Suite du Premier Ton: Grand Plein Jeu*

Clerambault

#### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Aidan Mentler

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

One: We gather in the presence of God:

**Many: Who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.**

One: We gather in the house of God:

**Many: Who has created a family for us,**

One: We gather to be the people of God:

**Many: Who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.**

**All: Let us worship our God who is molding us to be the church.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

1) All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2) O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3) O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4) All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5) And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6) O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you. We pray with humble and contrite hearts and minds, 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**

*The Cost*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Words by J.L. Mazur

**\*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

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Luke 14:25-33

**Sermon**

*The Cost*

Brian Mitchell

**\*Communion Hymn**

*Come to the Table of Grace*

1) Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

2) Come to the table of peace...

3) Come to the table of love...

4) Come to the table of hope...

5) Come to the table of joy...

***The Word Proclaimed in Sacrament***

**Invitation to The Lord's Table**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

## \*Hymn of Commitment

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1) When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3) See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## ***Blessing and Benediction***

### \*Benediction

#### **Postlude**

*Toccata in D Minor*

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A heavy, dark postlude in D minor is not intended to weigh down the congregation but to press this truth into our memory. Its gravity serves as an audible reminder that discipleship carries consequence and responsibility. The music does not merely conclude the service—it calls us to carry forward the seriousness of the gospel's demands, even as we go in the assurance of Christ's redeeming love.

#### **Duty Elders for September**

Will Dickey  
Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Kathy Rossi-Allen

#### **Liturgist:**

Virginia Catherine Laughridge  
Aidan Mentler

#### **Senior Pastor:**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

#### **Director of Youth & Christian Education:**

Brian Mitchell

#### **Director of Music & Organist:**

Joshua Mazur

#### **Parish Associate:**

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

#### **Attendance August 31, 2025**

In Person: 92; 1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 35

The flowers in the Chancel are given today by **Lori Duck**.

"The flowers this week are to celebrate birthdays of the most important women in my life: The 28<sup>th</sup> birthday of my daughters, Kathryn and Kendyl Nealey in August, and the upcoming 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of my mom, Audrey Duck on September 16<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless you with peace, love and joy."



# Upcoming Events

## **September 7, Sunday**

- 11:00 am – Sunday Luncheon after church  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month 2025-2026

## **September 8, Monday**

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

## **September 9, Tuesday**

- 10:00 am – Esther Circle – Coleman Room
- 6:00 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's office
- 7:00 pm – LPP Board Meeting – Coleman Room

## **September 10, Wednesday**

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

## **September 12, Friday**

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

## **September 14, Sunday**

- 9:00 am – Bloodmobile - Front Parking Lot



# Thank You

Brian Mitchell and his family would like to express their gratitude to all who contributed to the gift to recognize their 10-year anniversary at LPC. Brian states: "It is a blessing to serve at Lakewood and we are grateful for the love shown to our family at this time and through the years. Thank you all for thinking of us. Blessings and love to all."

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**Lakewood Presbyterian  
Music Series  
FREE Concerts**



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**Fall Concert**



**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**LPC Sanctuary @ 7pm**

**Bring Friends!**