Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Communion Sunday

September 7, 2025

10:00 am



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

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 6) O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! 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

OffertoryThe Cost

Words by J.L. Mazur

LPC Chancel Choir

*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 Belier

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 LaughridgeDirector of Youth & Christian Education:Brian MitchellDirector of Music & Organist:Joshua MazurParish Associate:Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance August 31, 2025 In Person: 92; 1st 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 28th birthday of my daughters, Kathryn and Kendyl Nealey in August, and the upcoming 85th birthday of my mom, Audrey Duck on September 16th. May God continue to bless you with peace, love and joy."



September 7, Sunday

> 11:00 am – Sunday Luncheon after church 1st 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

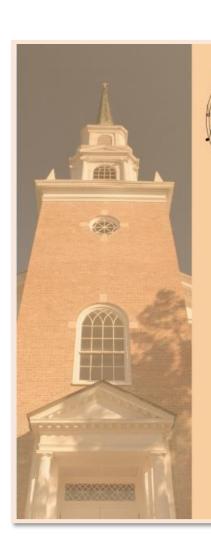
September 14, Sunday

> 9:00 am – Bloodmobile - Front Parking Lot

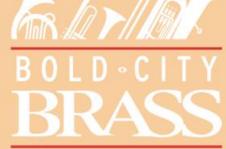


Brian Mitchell and his family would like to express their gratitude to all who contributed to the gift to recognize their 10-year anniversary at LPC. Brian states: "It is a blessing to serve at Lakewood and we are grateful for the love shown to our family at this time and through the years. Thank you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

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Fall Concert



Sunday, September 28, 2025 LPC Sanctuary @ 7pm Bring Friends!