

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Communion Sunday | Epiphany

January 4, 2026

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

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

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

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Fum, Fum, Fum

arr. Mazur

***Prayer of Invocation**

Dottie Fletcher

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: God is great and awesome.

People: In the light of God's great gift in Jesus Christ,

Leader: Let us join now together in joyous celebration.

**All: Our God is a mighty and wondrous God, and in this season of light and hope,
we worship and give God praise.**

Hymn of Praise

Jesus, Light of Joy

1) Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.

Alleluia, alleluia,
we adore you, light divine.

2) Now the shadows fall around us;
now the evening has begun:
still your gracious light is with us,
brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia,
God of glory, Three-in-One.

3) With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you. 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

Responsorial Psalm – Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
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

Brian Mitchell

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

Sermon

New Year's Revelation

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Communion HymnFeed Us, Lord*

Feed us, Lord.
Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread, be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord.
Fill us, Lord,
with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord.
Lead us, Lord,
nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

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***Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1) While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

2) The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3) Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Blessing and Benediction***Benediction****Postlude***Pat-a-Pan*

arr. Mazur

Duty Elders for January

Greg Scott
Lori Duck
Celia Green

Liturgist:

Dottie Fletcher

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist

Joshua L. Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance December 24, 2025

5 pm: In Person: 153; 1st Time Visitors: 0; Online: 37

7 pm: In Person: 99; 1st Time Visitors: 0; Online: 46

Attendance December 28, 2025

In Person: 79, 1st Time: 0, Repeat: 7; Online: 24

**January 4, Sunday**

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Congregational Meeting

January 5, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

January 6, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – PW Coord. Team – Coleman Rm
- 1:00 pm – CARE Ministry- Member – Session Rm
- 6:00 pm – CELEBRATE Ministry – Session Rm
- 6:00 pm – SERVE Ministry – Coleman Rm

January 7, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Wed. Night Dinner – Benz Hall
Menu: TBA, \$6 for adults, Free for kids 10 and under.
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

January 8, Thursday

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association – Coleman Room

January 9, Friday

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

January 10, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall