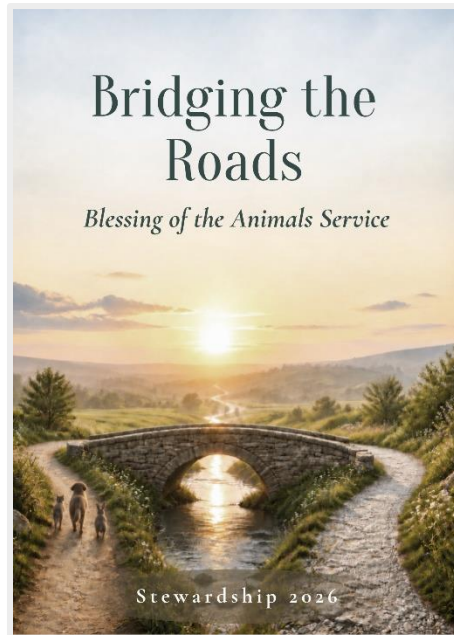


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 11, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Gathering

Lord the Light of Your Love is Shinning

1) Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me. Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,

mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Verse: My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Bob Dahl

Prelude

This is My Father's World

Trad

***Responsive Call of Worship**

Diana Balow

One: Let us worship God together. Let us sing to the Lord a new song; A song for and with all the creatures of the earth.

Many: Let us rejoice in what God has created. It is good!

One: Let us marvel at the creatures that are wonderful in God's sight.

Many: Let us extol God's handiwork.

One: Lord, help to us wonder and to stand in awe at the richness of the world before us. Every creature gives you praise.

Hymn of Praise

God of the Sparrow

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

3 God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

4 God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbor

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Ho

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, you made the earth for us and us for the earth. We are delighted by nature's beauty. Water, sun, plants, and animals nourish and sustain us, and pets bring joy and companionship into our lives. We admit that often we are better at taking than we are at giving back to your creation. We readily think of how the earth can serve us but not as readily about how we can serve the earth and the creatures who share it with us. Forgive us our sin. We thank you for the gift of pets that remind us in a special way of our call to be good stewards of the world you made. Help us to more fully reflect your image in the way that we exercise our dominion over the world you made. 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

"Unto God"

Joel Raney
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

***Hymn of Preparation**

All Things Bright and Beautiful
(1st and 4th stanzas)

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

Scripture

Numbers 22:21-35

Sermon

A Bridge is About Connection: Balaam's Donkey

Joy Laughridge

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving for Pets

O God,

Thank you, Creator God, for making all living things. Thank you for pets that comfort us, and make us laugh;

for dogs and cats, birds and hamsters, guinea pigs and goldfish, and all creatures, great and small.

As we think about the love and friendship we share with our pets, we say "thank you," and ask you to bless them.

Help us to take care of our pets, and treat them with respect and love.

May we "touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, and nourish the life of the world in our care..."

that we may join in the holy cry of all creation, and "sing, sing, sing to the Maker too..." Amen.

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**

We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trad



October 11, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Blessing of the Animals – Sanctuary
11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Room
5:30 pm – LPC Youth – Youth Hut

October 12, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
6:00 pm - Patient Support Group
6:00 pm STEWARD Ministry Meeting – Joy's Office

October 13, Tuesday

10:00 am - PW Esther Circle - Coleman Room

October 14, Wednesday

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

October 15, Thursday

6:00 pm – Lakewood Association Meeting

October 16, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

October 18, Sunday

10:00 am- Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm

5:30 pm – LPC Youth – Youth Hut

Duty Elders for October

Arnie Blevins
Bob Dahl
Paul Chrisman

Liturgist:

Diana Balow

Senior Pastor:

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Parish Associate:

Rev. Joy Laughridge
Brian Mitchell
Deborah DeGrado
Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance October 04, 2026

In Person: 98; 1st Time: 2; Online: 31

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to the Glory of God

2026 YTD Giving Statements were recently emailed. If we do not have an email address for you, a hard copy will be available for pick up in the narthex. Statements not picked up will be mailed. Please contact Celia at celia@lpcjax.org with questions or if you need a mailed statement.



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