

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 12, 2025

10:00 am

Measuring What Matters



GENEROSITY | Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

As We Gather

Mike Fay, Tom Coomes

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came

10,000 Reasons

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes [Refrain]

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Refrain]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore [Refrain]

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Joshua L. Mazur

What difference do your financial gifts and pledges make? How is God forming disciples and touching lives through LPC? For the next few weeks our stewardship speakers will be sharing stories that reveal how God turns money into ministry. *STEWARDSHIP Ministry featured on the back of bulletin.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

***Prayer of Invocation**

Meg Sheffield

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God—let us worship the Giver of all good things.

People: We come with grateful hearts, choosing the way of generosity.

Leader: God calls us to trust, to give, and to walk in love.

People: In faith and with joy, we offer our lives in response.

All: Let us worship God with open hands and willing hearts.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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)

2) The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:
(Refrain)

3) The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.
(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)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Generous God, you have given us every good gift, yet we confess that we cling too tightly to what we have. We chase success and security, forgetting that life does not consist in abundance of possessions. Forgive our fear and our selfish striving. Teach us the wisdom of your way— to find joy in giving, and to trust your grace more than our own gain. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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

Take My Life & Let It Be

***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**

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

Scripture

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 20-23

Sermon

Choosing Generosity

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

We confess the Apostles' Creed to affirm our unity in Christ—joining our voices with one another and with the church across the world and throughout history.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Take My Life (1st, 4th, and 5th stanzas)

1) Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4) Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5) Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

arr. Mazur

Duty Elders for October

Diana Balow
Harolyn Sharpe
William Wilson

Liturgist:

Meg Sheffield

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist:

Joshua Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance October 5, 2025

In Person: 75; 1st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 33

The flowers in the Chancel are given today by
Jane & Andrew Coleman "In gratitude to the LPC Family & Friends who have supported and loved Andrew during his fight with cancer".



October 12, Sunday

- 6:00 pm – ALPHA – Youth Gathering – Benz Hall

October 13, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 5:30 pm – iCare Meeting – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Parent Support Group – Youth Hut

October 14, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – Esther Circle Bible Study – Coleman Room
- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association Meeting
Benz Hall

6:00 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's Office
7:00 pm – LPP Board Meeting – Via Zoom

October 15, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner – Benz Hall – The Great LPC Chili Cook-Off
Menu: Sample different chili recipes, garlic toast, salad, dessert.
- 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

October 17, Friday

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

October 19, Sunday

- 6:00 pm – ALPHA – Youth Gathering – Benz Hall

STEWARD MINISTRY (Administration, Operations, Resource Management)

The STEWARD Ministry is responsible for overseeing all aspects of church administration, including finance, human resources, operations, and facilities maintenance and management. This ministry is led by four elders, each with specific roles: one serves as the Ministry Moderator, while the other three lead key areas—Personnel, Finance, and Building & Grounds. The Count Team is also considered part of this ministry although its procedures are prepared by the Pledge Secretary and only reviewed by the Steward Ministry team. These procedures are included in the appendix. The Personnel Committee prepares its own handbook which is also reviewed by the Steward Ministry. A separate STEWARD MINISTRY MANUAL provides additional information for this ministry and how it functions.

Key responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a church operations manual
- Coordinating with vendors and contractors for services related to maintaining the facility
- Reviewing contracts and ensuring appropriate insurance coverage for the church
- Providing monthly financial reports for both Lakewood Presbyterian Preschool (LPP) and LPC to the Session
- Monitoring income and expenses for both LPP and LPC throughout the year
- Preparing an annual budget and running an annual stewardship campaign
- Financial planning for the future, including making and monitoring church investments
- Hiring and managing staff, including maintaining personnel files, ensuring background checks, conducting annual staff reviews, and providing employee benefits

Each lead elder may form and guide a smaller ministry team focused on their specific area of responsibility. These teams handle day-to-day tasks and strategic initiatives within their domains. The Steward Ministry oversees the work of these teams, ensuring alignment with the church's mission and goals.

Regular updates and reports from the Steward Ministry are presented to the Session, providing accountability and transparency regarding the ministry's activities and decisions.

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The Great LPC Chili Cook-Off!

Be a contestant or a judge! (or just a diner)



Wednesday, October 15, 2025
@ 6 pm in Benz Hall

Menu: Chili Recipes, Texas Toast, Salad, & Dessert

Sign up on Realm or call the church office

Cost: \$6.00 per meal

Kids under 6 eat free

Free Nursery provided for children 6 yrs & under

Call 904.733.8055 to reserve