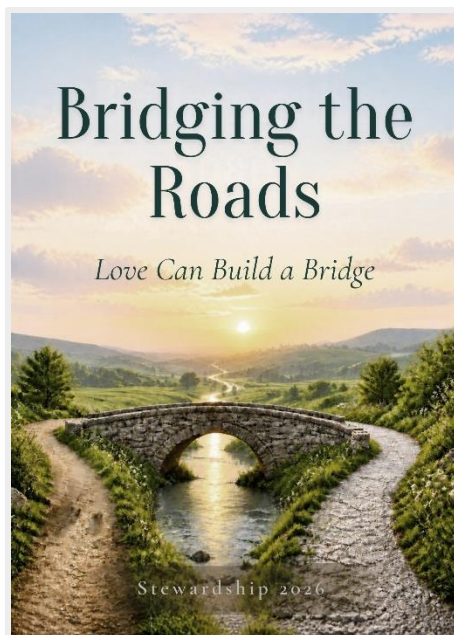


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 18, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Gathering

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I come to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus:

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way.
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Beautiful

Phil Wickham

1) I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful

2) I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright

We are amazed in the light of the stars
It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful

3) I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then You died
And then You rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful

4) When we arrive at eternity's shore
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring
Your bride will come together and we'll sing
You're beautiful

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Connor Balow

Prelude

Tranquility

are Matthew Compton
LPC Handbell Choir

Prayer of Invocation

Mary Arone

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us to a life of faith, rooted in love and expressed in action.

People: The Spirit connects us, building bridges of care and compassion.

Leader: We are called to bear one another's burdens, share one another's joys, and encourage one another along the way.

People: Together, we are the body of Christ, blessed to be a blessing to others.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who unites us in love and sends us out to share that love with the world.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts

and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but we confess that we do not always live as you intend. We become so focused on our own concerns that we fail to notice the needs of others. We allow differences to divide us rather than seeking the connections that unite us. We hold back our time, our resources, and our compassion when we could be sharing the blessings you have given us. Forgive us, Lord, and by your Spirit, draw us closer to you and to one another. Open our hearts to the people around us, and help us become a community that reflects your love through our care for one another. In Christ's name 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

"It is Well With My Soul"

Arr Fettke
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

Doris York

***Hymn of Preparation**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

Scripture John 14:15-17,25,26

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Sermon *Love Can Build A Bridge*

Rev Vickie Bossuot

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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 & 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**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Allegro in A

Fred Bock



October 18, Sunday

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

October 19, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

6:30 pm – BUNCO @ Rita Perschau's House

October 20, Tuesday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

10:00 am - PW Esther Circle - Coleman Room

October 21, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner – Chili Cookoff

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

October 23, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut

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

October 25, Sunday

10:00 am- Worship – Steward Dedication Day/Wear Orange Day - Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm

4:00 pm – Trunk or Treat – LPC Parking Lot

6:00 pm – LPC Youth – Youth Hut

Duty Elders for October

Bob Dahl
Lisa Wetzel
Paul Chrisman

Liturgist:

Mary Arone

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Deborah DeGrado

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance October 11, 2026

In Person: 75; 1st Time: 0; Online: 30

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to **Jobelle Laster** by her daughter, **Sue Laster**, in loving appreciation for all she has done as a mother and in celebration of her birthday on October 17

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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