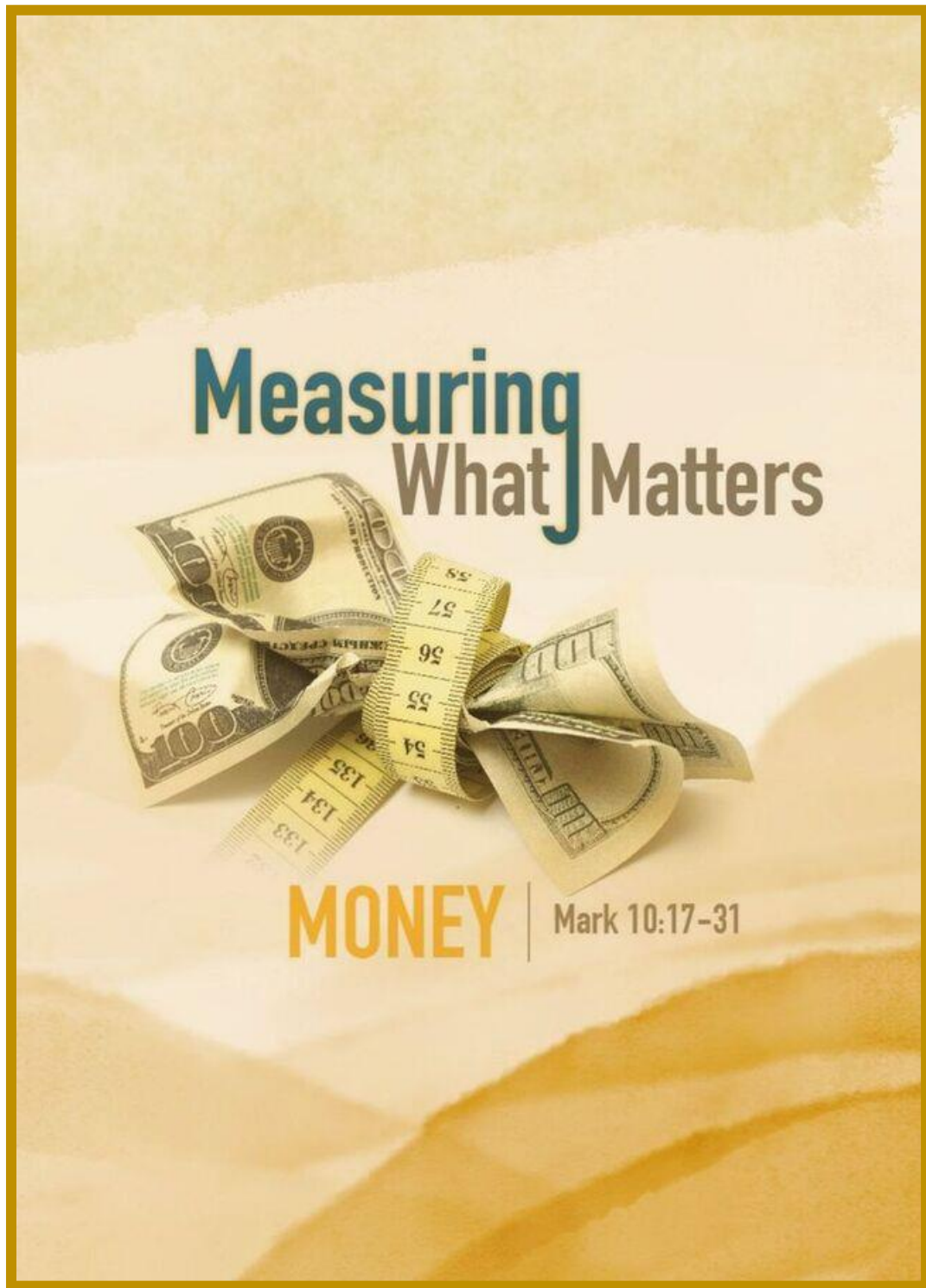


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 19, 2025

10:00 am



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

Shout To the North

Martin Smith

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete [Refrain]

[Refrain]
Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love [Refrain]

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly [Refrain]

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Mary Ashley Pierson

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. *LEARN Ministry featured on the back of bulletin.

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Prayer of Invocation

Kay Taylor

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: We come seeking the life that is truly life—

People: not the life filled with possessions, but the life filled with purpose.

Leader: We come asking Jesus, "What must we do to inherit eternal life?"

People: And we hear his call to let go of what holds us back.

Leader: In a world that tells us to acquire more,

People: we come to worship the One who calls us to give freely.

Leader: Here we open our hands, our hearts, and our lives before God.

People: For only when we release our grip on our things can we take hold of the grace that gives us life.

Leader: Let us worship God,

People: who looks at us with love and invites us to follow.

***Hymn of Praise**

Fairest Lord Jesus

1) Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4) Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you offer us life that cannot be bought and joy that cannot be earned, yet we cling to what we have and hesitate to trust your abundance. We measure our worth by what we possess, and we struggle to let go of what feels secure. Forgive us when our attachments weigh us down and keep us from following you freely. Teach us again that our treasure is found in you alone. 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

Reckless Love
Joshua & Hannah Mazur

Corey Asbury

***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**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1) Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee,
O living Word!

2) Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread
by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace,
my all in all.

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

Money: A Terrible Master, An Excellent Servant

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

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1) Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.

2) O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

3) O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Blessing and Benediction

*Benediction

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

arr. Mazur

Duty Elders for October	Diana Balow Harolyn Sharpe Greg Scott
Liturgist:	Kay Taylor
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 12, 2025	In Person: 82; 1 st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 31
The flowers in the Chancel are given today by Sue Laster "in memory of Jobelle Laster, who worked hard to provide for her daughter, and was a fine example of a Christian woman."	

Announcements, Next Page

A banner for 'Upcoming Events' featuring a light blue background with a white calendar grid on the left side. The calendar shows dates 5, 6, 11, and 12. The text 'Upcoming Events' is written in a large, bold, black font across the top right of the banner.

Upcoming Events

October 19, Sunday

- 11:00 pm – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room
- 5:00 pm – ALPHA Group – Benz Hall

October 20, Monday

- LPP Photo Day
- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – BUNCO Night – Kathy Saig's home

October 21, Tuesday

- LPP Photo Day
- 7:00 pm – SESSION Meeting – Coleman Room

October 22, Wednesday

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

October, 24, Friday

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

October 26, Sunday

- Dedication Sunday
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room
- 4:30 pm – **Trunk or Treat** – Front Parking Lot
Youth Group will be helping out.

LEARN Ministry (Discipleship and Spiritual Formation)

The LEARN Ministry is responsible for fostering the Christian education and spiritual formation of church members across all ages—from the youngest to the oldest. This ministry is led by two to four elders. It coordinates a variety of programs and activities that encourage growth in faith, knowledge, and community.

Key programs under the LEARN Ministry include:

- Children's and Adult Sunday School classes
- Small Group Bible Studies
- Presbyterian Women
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries

In addition to these ongoing programs, the LEARN Ministry may initiate and oversee special projects and events such as:

- Churchwide spiritual life retreats
- Hosting special guest speakers
- Seasonal studies (e.g., Advent or Lenten studies)

The ministry's overarching goal is to equip and inspire individuals and groups in their journey of discipleship, creating opportunities for deeper connection with God and one another.





UCOM serves about 1,800 people a month. Our primary food source, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' warehouse, is currently closed for renovations. We appreciate any food donations, but particularly: canned soups & beans, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, grits, oatmeal, rice and mac-n-cheese boxes. Bring items to the Narthex. There is a basket marked for UCOM. As always, thank you for your generosity!



LPC is participating in the CROP Hunger Walks.

November 2, 2025 @ 12:30 pm

Brown L. Whatley Memorial Park in San Marco.

Local proceeds benefit UCOM.

Reach out to Nancy Carlton for more information.

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