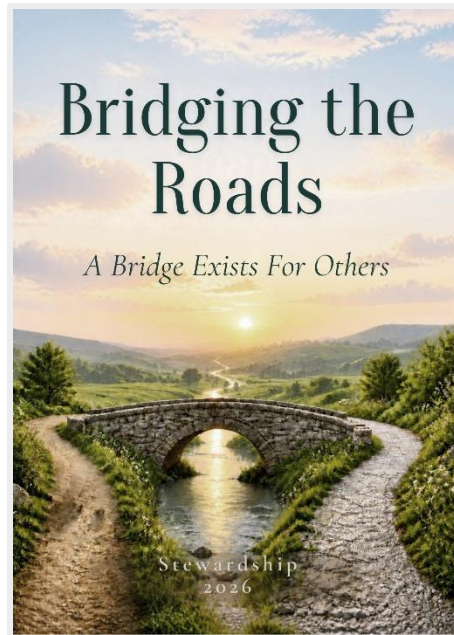


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 25, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Gathering

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see You.

Yes He Can

Cain

1) Sometimes I wonder is He faithful
Does He see me in my trouble does He understand
Sometimes I question if He's able
Can He rescue can He save me again and again
But when I look back

Chorus:

Did He move every mountain
Did He part every sea
Yes He did so yes He can

Did He defeat the darkness
Did He deliver me
Yes He did so yes He can
(Yes He did so yes He can)

2) 'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen too far from His hands
But I know what kind of God He is
And I'm trusting in His promises
I'm believing and I'm singing
Yes He can

Bridge:
'Cause I've seen too much now I can't deny
He's come through every single time
From the beginning until the end
He did He will He can

Chorus

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Arr Hayes
Deborah DeGrado. Pianist

Prayer of Invocation

Joy Atkins

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: A bridge is not built for itself

People: but to serve those who need it.

Leader: The Church is a bridge. *This* church is a bridge

People: that exists to serve and proclaim the gospel of Jesus.

Leader: Empowered by the Spirit, we build and maintain the bridge

People: so that others may find a way across toward community and toward Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Lord, we approach you with humility to ask for your forgiveness. We miss opportunities to be generous when we could give freely. When we are invited to give for the sake of others, we often think first about the cost to ourselves and not about the blessing we could be to others. We miss out on the joy that comes from giving freely and generously. Renew our minds and transform our attitudes about the things we possess. Help us live as people who aren't afraid to be builders and blessers even when our giving involves sacrifice. 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

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

Eugene Butler
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**

O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Savior,
received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
on all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended,
we see you face to face.

Stewardship Play

Troopers

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8: 7-9 and Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20

Sermon

A Bridge Exists for Others

Rev Joy Laughridge

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presentation of Pledges

Members of the congregation are invited to bring pledge cards to the front of the sanctuary

Dedication Prayer

Gracious God, we offer these pledges as an expression of our faith and gratitude for your abundant blessings. Use what we give, along with the gifts of our time, talents, and love, to build and maintain a bridge that connects others with the love of Jesus Christ. Help us move beyond our own needs and interests to see the people who need the hope, grace, and welcome your church can offer. May our beliefs be reflected in our actions, and may the blessings we have received become blessings for others. Empowered by your Spirit, may we faithfully build a bridge that serves your purposes and brings glory to your name. In Jesus' name we pray. 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**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing

toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Then Sings My Soul

Arr. DeGrado



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

October 26, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

October 27, Tuesday

7:00 pm - Joy Circle - Coleman Room

October 28, Wednesday

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

October 30, Friday

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

November 1, Sunday

10:00 am- Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm
11:00 am - All Saints Reception - Benz Hall
6:00 pm – LPC Youth – Youth Hut

Duty Elders for October

Bob Dahl
Lisa Wetzel
Paul Chrisman

Liturgist:

Joy Atkins

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 18, 2026

In Person: 74; 1st Time: 2; Online: 30

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated by **Chris and Pam Lawrence** in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary, with gratitude for God's grace and love

The **Session** has called a **Congregational Meeting** to be held on **Nov. 8** immediately following worship for the purpose of electing new elders. The nominees are as follows: Tom Vermilya, Tom Bayer, Pam Rossi, Lenora Wilson, Mary Arone, Robin Scott and Susan Woodlief. The mission fair will begin after the meeting concludes.



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