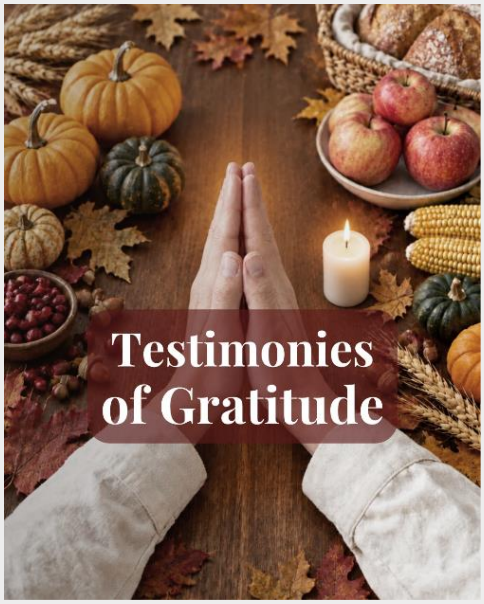
Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 15, 2026 10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Gathering

Ancient Words Lynn DeShazo

1) Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:
Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

2) Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus 2x

How Deep the Father's Love for Us Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
Calypso Celebration LPC Handbell Choir

Prayer of Invocation Bill Edwards

***Responsive Call to Worship**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
People: God's love endures forever!
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story, those who have been rescued from trouble.
People: Those who wandered and found a home.
Leader: Those who were hungry and were fed.
People: Those who were distressed and rescued from the storm.
Leader: Let the redeemed give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love!
People: We give thanks to the Lord, whose love endures forever!

Hymn of Praise
To God be the Glory!

1 To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate

that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, today we confess that it isn't always easy to feel or express gratitude. Sometimes we're overwhelmed by our problems. Fear causes us to focus only on what's wrong, and we lose sight of the many ways you bless and sustain us. Forgive us when our worries and complaints overshadow our gratitude. Even in difficult times, you do not withhold yourself or your love from us. Refresh our spirits and renew our perspective, so that whatever our circumstances, we may live with grateful hearts. 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
"For the Beauty of the Earth" — Arr. Mary McDonald
LPC Chancel Choir

CONGREGATION STANDS AND JOINS ON LAST VERSE:
"For the Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of great—-ful Praise. "

***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
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (1st, 4th, and 6th stanzas)

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 23
NEW TESTAMMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:23-25, 8:14-16

Sermon *Testimony of Gratitude* Cathy Barnwell

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles' 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 and 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**
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Postlude
"We Gather Together/Give Thanks" Arr. DeGrado



November 15, Sunday
10:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
11:00 am - Adult Sunday School - Coleman Room
6:00 pm - LPC Youth Group - Youth Hut prayer time.

November 16, Monday
4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
6:30 pm - Bunco - Barbara Body's Home

November 17, Tuesday
7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Coleman Rm

November 18, Wednesday
1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner - Benz Hall
6:45 PM - Service of Thanksgiving - Sanctuary
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir

November 20, Friday
10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut
6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

November 22, Sunday
10:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
11:00 am - Adult Sunday School - Coleman Room
6:00 pm - LPC Youth Group - Youth Hut.

Duty Elders for November	Katherine Bossuot Greg Scott Connor Balow
Liturgist:	Bill Edwards
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 November 8, 2026	In Person: 105; 1st Time: 0; Online: 30

The Cornucopia in the chancel is given by the **LPC Worship Ministry** to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the members of LPC

Join the Lakewood Neighborhood Carolers!
Help us spread some Christmas cheer on **Saturday, December 5 at 6:00 PM**. We'll meet at the church at **5:30 PM** and carpool together.
No special singing experience is needed - just bring your holiday spirit!
Contact Jason Ponder to sign up and confirm by Thanksgiving week!





UCOM
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UCOM Turkey Fund for the Holidays!

Each year, LPC's Outreach Ministry works with UCOM and a local grocery store to help provide **gifts cards** for deserving families in our community. Financial donations can be made through LPC by designating "Turkey Fund" on your check or envelope with your offering. In addition to gift cards, UCOM is seeking **food donations**.

Please donate: Instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, pie crust, cornbread, muffin, or biscuit mix, cans of yam, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, apple pie filling, and gravy mix. The fund will operate now through December, as we celebrate Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Donations can be dropped off at UCOM, in the baskets in the Narthex, or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

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