

**Lakewood Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

November 16, 2025

10:00 am

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## ***Preparation for Worship***

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

### **The Gathering**

*God Of Wonders*

Marc Byrd | Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

### **Prelude**

*Fugue in C Major*

Johann Pachelbel

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Joy Atkins

### **\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

**People: we will trust, and will not be afraid,**

Leader: for the Lord God is our strength and our might;

**People: God has become our salvation.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**All: let this be known in all the earth.**

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Let All Things Now Living*

1) Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2) By law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of our hope and our help, you call us to stand firm, to speak truth, and to trust you even when the world feels unsteady. Yet we confess that fear often governs our choices. We turn inward instead of bearing witness to your love. We grow discouraged by hardship, distracted by worry, and impatient for quick and comfortable answers. Forgive us when we lose heart. Renew our courage. Strengthen our perseverance. Make us faithful witnesses to your mercy in a world that longs for good news. In your compassion, hear our prayer.**

### **\*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**

*Responsorial Psalm* Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
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**

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

1) Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

2) Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.

Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

3) Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

## **Scripture**

Malachi 4:1-2a and Luke 21:5-19

## **Sermon**

*When it Feels Like the World is Coming to an End*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

## ***Response of God's People***

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*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**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

1) A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2) Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3) And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

4) That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

***Blessing and Benediction***

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** All are welcome to recess from the sanctuary to the surrounding church grounds for the postlude, which will be played on the new church carillon.

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<b>Duty Elders for November</b>	Greg Scott David Sheffield Katherine Bossuot
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Joy Atkins
<b>Senior Pastor:</b>	Rev. Joy Laughridge
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Christian Education:</b>	Brian Mitchell
<b>Director of Music &amp; Organist:</b>	Joshua Mazur
<b>Parish Associate:</b>	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
<b>Attendance November 9, 2025</b>	In Person: 96; 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 32
The Cornucopia in the chancel is given by the <b>LPC Worship Ministry</b> to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the members of LPC.	

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# Upcoming Events

## **November 16, Sunday**

- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room
- 11:00 am – Inquirer's Class – Benz Hall
- 5:00 pm – ALPHA Group – Benz Hall

## **November 17, Monday**

- **LPP Harvest of Giving**
- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – Bunco – Rita Perschau's house

## **November 18, Tuesday**

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Assn. Mtg. – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm - Special Session Mtg. with LPP Board – Coleman Room
- 7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Coleman Room

## **November 19, Wednesday**

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – WND – Mediterranean Night – Benz Hall | Menu: Meat, Tabouli & Rice, Pita, Pistachio Cake
- 6:45 pm – Service of Thanksgiving – Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

## **November 20, Thursday**

- 3 pm – Sulzbacher Service Day – Downtown

## **November 21, Friday**

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



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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!

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Lakewood Preschool is now hiring  
Associate Teachers!

For further information and  
requirements, please forward a  
resume to [lppjax1@gmail.com](mailto:lppjax1@gmail.com) or  
call 904.733.2027. Thank you,  
Robyn Ossi, Director of LPP



**Reminder: Walking the Mourner's Path Workshop**

January 22 to March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm | Register by email  
[info@lpcjax.org](mailto:info@lpcjax.org) or call the church office at 904.733.8055