

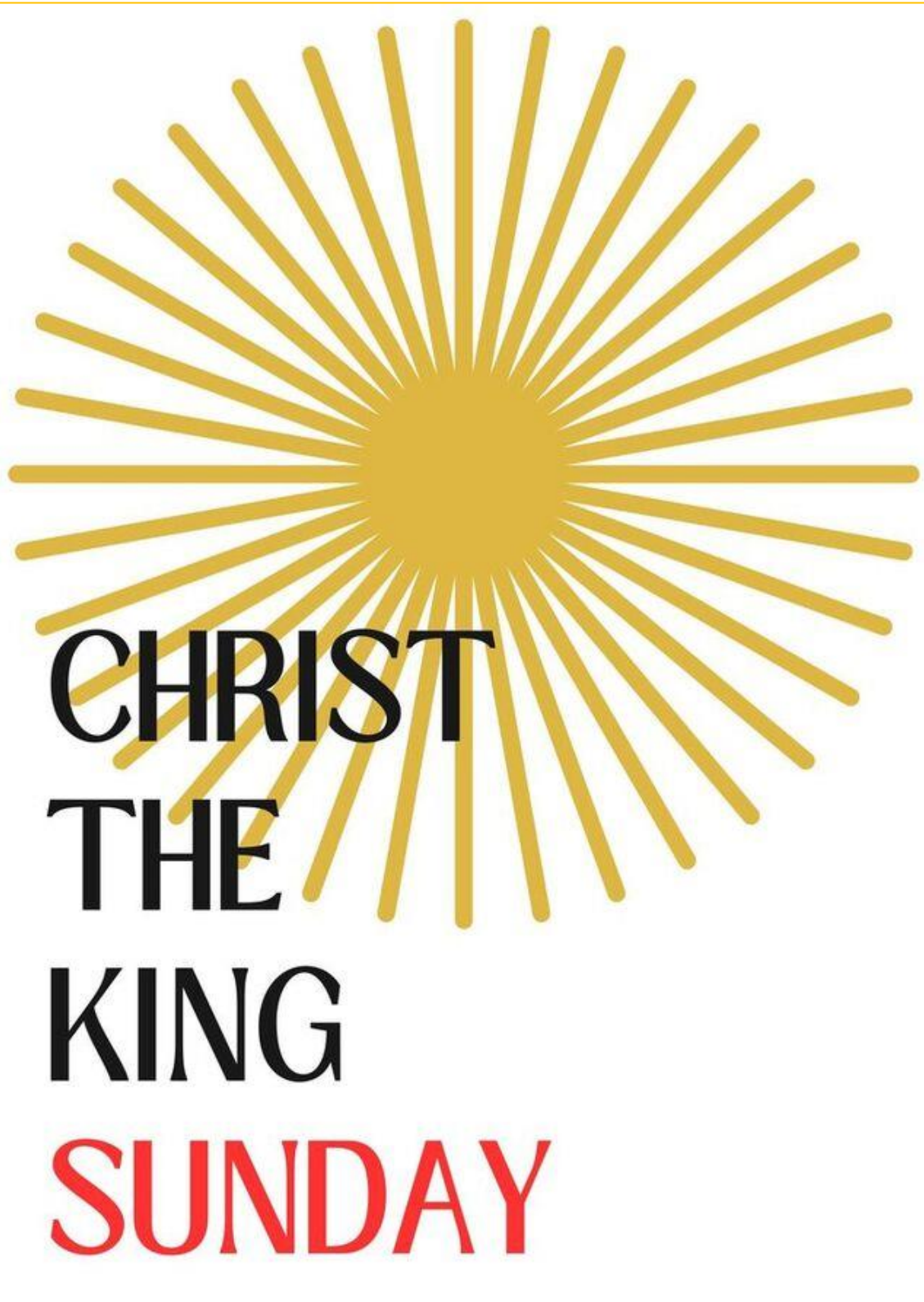
Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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

Prelude

He is Exalted

Twila Paris

Prayer of Invocation

Diana Balow

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: God has looked favorably on all of God's people and has redeemed all of creation.

People: God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.

Leader: We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise**

Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above

1) Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2) What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3) The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4) Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, We confess that too often we, like those around the cross, do not understand the ways of your love. We fail to see your presence in the suffering of others. We close our eyes to injustice and raise our voices in judgment rather than mercy. We cling to power and pride rather than following the humility of your Son. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have acted without understanding, for the words we have spoken in haste, and for the hearts we have hardened. Give us the grace to see your kingdom in the midst of the world's confusion, and to live in the hope of your mercy.

***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

Aria on Kingsfold

David P. Dahl

***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 PreparationWere You There (1st and 2nd stanzas)*

1) Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

2) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 22:33-43

Sermon*They Know Not What They're Doing*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*****Hymn of Commitment***Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1) Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2) Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3) Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

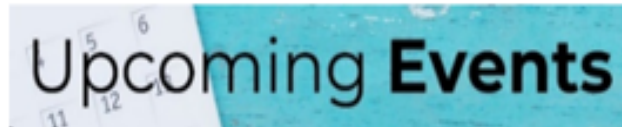
4) Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More (Engleberg) David Cherwien



November 23, Sunday

- 11:00 pm – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room
- 6:00 pm – ALPHA Group – Benz Hall

November 24, Monday

- LPP Closed for Thanksgiving Week
- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

November 25, Tuesday

- 7:00 pm – JOY Circle Study – Coleman Room.

November 26, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- No Praise Band or Choir Practice – on break

November 27, Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving – LPC Office closed Thursday and Friday

- 11:30 am – Thanksgiving Dinner – Benz Hall
Hosted by the Balow Family. Please bring a side dish.

November 28, Friday

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

Duty Elders for November

Greg Scott
David Sheffield
Katherine Bossuot

Liturgist:

Diana Balow

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Guest Organist:

Nancy Goodrich

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance November 16, 2025

In Person: 98; 1st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 43

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.



UCOM Turkey Fund



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 Thanksgiving, 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!**



Walking the Mourner's Path Workshop

January 22 to March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Register by January 1, 2026

email info@lpcjax.org or call

904.733.8055

More Announcements, next page



Lakewood Presbyterian Church Music Series

Free Christmas Concert

River City Ringers

"A Very Merry Extravaganza"

Sunday, December 7th @ 4:00 pm
LPC Sanctuary