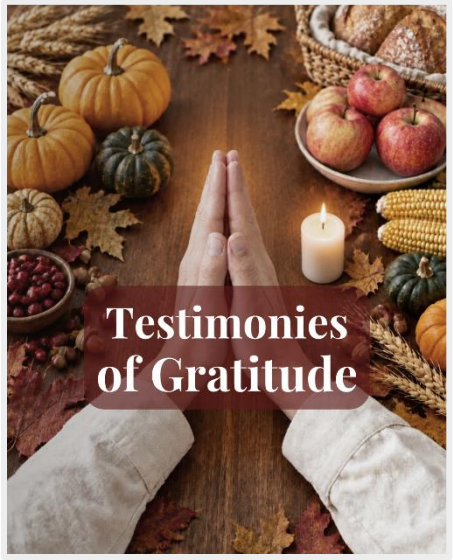
Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 8, 2026 10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Gathering

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing (Shout to the Lord)

1) Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak;
in your brokenness, complete.

2) Rise up, women of the truth.
Stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power
of our awesome King of love.

3) Rise up, church, with broken wings;
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high;
by God's grace again we'll fly.

Chorus:
Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Bridge:
We've been through fire;
we've been through rain;

we've been refined by the power of your name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you.
You've burned this truth on our lips.

Give Us Clean Hands Charlie Hall

Verse:
We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus:
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
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And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
Let All Things Now Living Arr. Degrado

Prayer of Invocation Tom Vermilya

***Responsive Call to Worship**
Leader: We lift our eyes to the hills, seeking the One who is our help.
People: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Leader: God watches over us, guiding our steps and keeping us in every season of life.
People: God is our keeper, our shelter, and our constant companion.
Leader: Whether we go out or come in, God is with us.
People: Let us worship the God who watches over us and never leaves us.
Amen.

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**

Lord, we confess that we are like sheep that go astray. Instead of staying near and listening to your voice, we are prone to wander off into dark and dangerous places. We can be foolish and stubborn, and we ask for your forgiveness for the harm we cause to ourselves and others when we rebel against you. We are grateful that you never give up on us, but pursue us with a desire to show mercy. Help us to walk in the freedom and newness of life that you make available to us through your death and resurrection. In your name we pray.
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
"Autumn Carol" — Russell Schulz-Widmar
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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.

3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 40: 1-4, 9-10
NEW TESTAMMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 1-7

Sermon *Testimony of Gratitude* Mary Arone

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Affirmation of Faith, The Apostle's 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 Thanksgiving 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**
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Postlude
Rejoice the Lord is King Arr. Young



Note from Brian
Lakewood will have a team at the Crop Walk this Sunday which will be held this year at Westminster Woods. Our youth group will walk to represent LPC. You are welcome to join the group. We will leave the church in the van at 12.40 to get there. Registration begins at 1pm with the walk at 1:30pm.
If you would prefer to sponsor or support the group by donating to the Crop Walk, (a portion goes to UCOM), please give to the church and state it is for Crop Walk.

November 8, Sunday
7:30 am – 12:30 pm – Blood Mobile – Sanctuary Parking Lot
10:00 am – Worship
11:00 am – Congregational Meeting – to Elect New Elders
11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm
11:00 am - Mission Fair – Benz Hall
1:30 pm - Crop Walk - Westminster Woods on Julington Creek 25 State Road 13 - 32259
6:00 pm – LPC Youth – Youth Hut

November 9, Monday
4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
6:00 pm - Parent Support Group- Youth Hut

November 10, Tuesday
10:00 am – PW Bible Study – Coleman Rm

November 11, Wednesday
LPC Office Closed – Veterans Day
1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

November 12, Thursday
6:00pm - Lakewood Association Meeting

November 13, Friday
10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut
6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

November 14, Saturday
9:00 am - LPC Bag Ladies - Benz Hall

November 15, 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:	Tom Vermilya
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 1, 2026 In Person: 95; 1st Time: 0; Online: 35

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated by **Judy Phillips** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Charlie Phillips**

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.





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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