

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

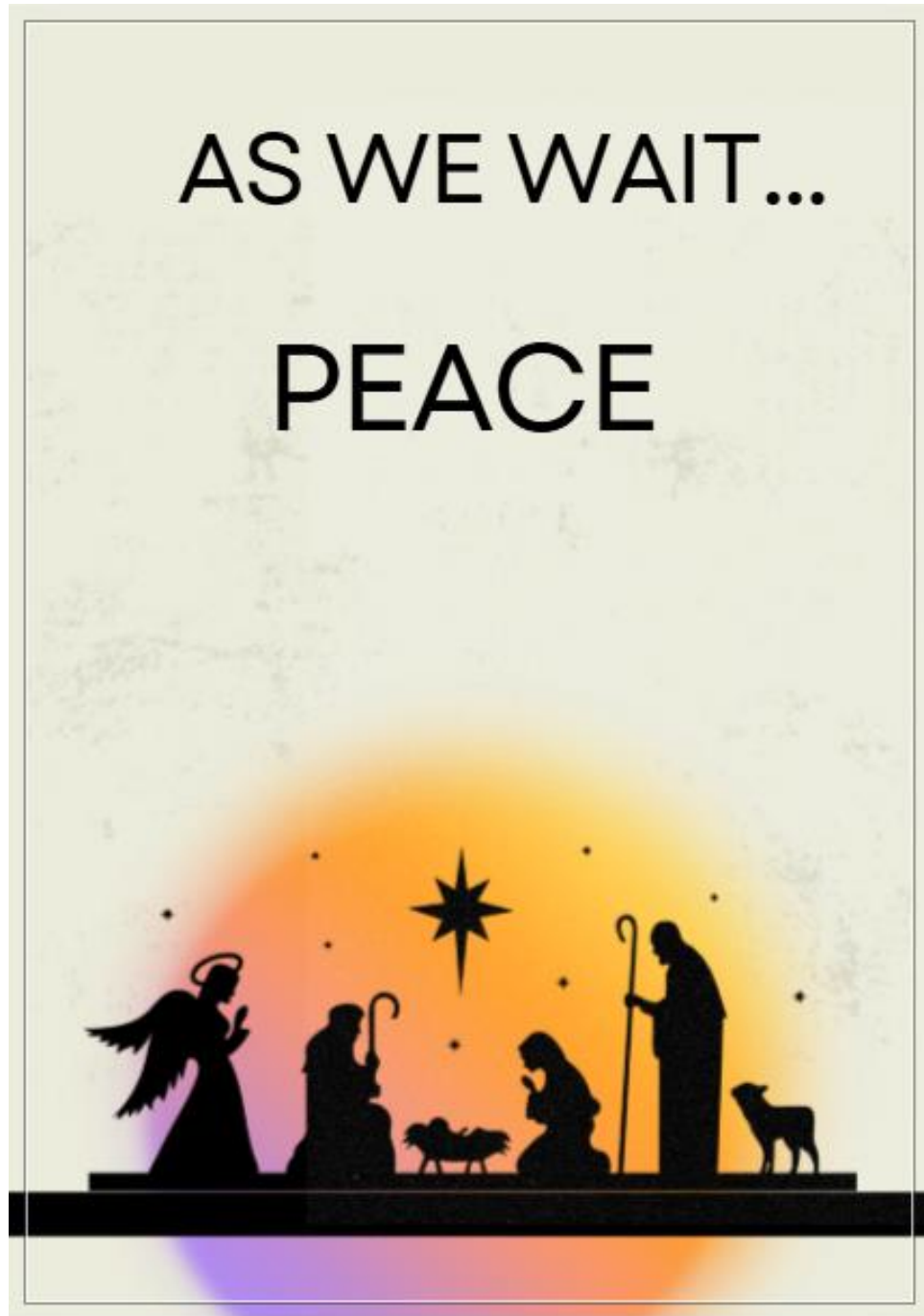
December 7, 2025

Communion Sunday

10:00 am

AS WE WAIT...

PEACE



Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

Here I am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor [Refrain]

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Christmas Selections LPC Bell Choir
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
A Winter's Night, So Deep
Still, Still, Still
Carol of the Bells

arr. Jason Krug
arr. Brenda Austin
arr. Eric Timerding
arr. Arnold Sherman

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

David and Simone Barr Family

Choral Response

***Unison Prayer**

God of peace, calm our hearts and quiet our fears. Help us trust your mercy and join your work of healing in the world. Fill us with your peace, that we may live boldly and love generously. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1) Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2) Born thy people to deliver,

born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of peace, we confess that we are anxious and afraid in a world that feels anything but peaceful. We forget your mercy and doubt your power to turn the world around. We confess that we are not always willing to be used by you or to do what you ask of us. Like Mary, teach us to trust your promises, to say “yes” to your call, and to rest in the peace you give. Forgive us, renew us, and make us ready for the world you are bringing. 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

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
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

Troupers Play

Theme: Peace

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10 and Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

As We Wait God Gives Us Peace

Rev. Joy Laughridge

***Communion Hymn**

Now the Silence

Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling
Now the plea

Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body
Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now
Now
Now

The Word Proclaimed in Sacrament

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Commitment**

O For a World

1) O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2) O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

3) We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

4) The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

5) O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Mazur

Duty Elders for December

Lisa Wetzel
Diana Balow
Arnie Blevins

Liturgist:

Cathy Barnwell

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist

Joshua L. Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance November 30, 2025

In Person: 88; 1st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 27

The poinsettias in the chancel are given by LPC members to honor or remember their loved ones..

**December 7, Sunday**

- 11:00 am – 1st Sunday Luncheon - **free to all**
Menu: Deconstructed Chicken Cordon Bleu with noodles, Green Bean Almondine, and Dessert
Donations welcomed.
- 4:00 pm – River City Ringers – **Free concert**
“A Very Merry Extravaganza” – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – ALPHA Group – Benz Hall

December 8 Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

December 9, Tuesday

- 11:00 am – PW Christmas Brunch – Sandra Farhat's home

December 10, Wednesday

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

December 12, Friday

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

December 13, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies-Benz Hall

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