

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE



Preparation for Worship

Prelude *The Little Drummer Boy*

Aidan Mitchell, Brennan Mitchell, Dan Pratt

Welcome & Worship Instructions

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Arnie Blevins, Kevin and Oliver Blevins

Unison Prayer

Holy God, on this night of wonder, we give thanks for the gift of your Son. Shine your light into our hearts and into all the world. Make us bearers of your hope, your peace, your joy, and your love. May the light of Christ guide our steps as we follow him into the world you so dearly love. Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell with us. Amen.

Carol of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1,3, & 4)

1) O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2) True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

3) Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4) Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Litany and Affirmation of Christmas Eve

Kat Bossuot

One: The joy of discovery...that moment when hope and expectation were gloriously met by the illumination of one bright star.

All: We cannot imagine what words were spoken by visitors or if first impressions left them somewhat confused.

One: Messiah, Savior, a King...born in the barest of palaces.

All: Yet they saw and fell down on their knees in adoration.

One: They saw Jesus and knew whom they had met.

All: As we meet around the crib, candles and advent wreath, draw us into that stable in our imagination.

One: In the quiet moments of worship this Christmas Eve, that brief oasis from the bustle of the world, bring alive to us...

All: The smell of the hay, the sound of the animals, the cry of a baby.

One: Draw us close to our Savior, Messiah and King as we bring not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense,

All: But the gift of our lives; The only real offering we can bring.

Gift of Song

Mary Did You Know
LPC Praise Band

The Christmas Story in Word & Song

LUKE 1:26-38 THE ANNUNCIATION

Fulton Woodlief

SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

1) Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2) Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

LUKE 2:1-7 OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

Brennan Mitchell

SONG

Away in a Manger

1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2) The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

LUKE 2:8-20 SHEPHERDS & ANGELS REJOICE

William Travis

SONG *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1) While shepherds kept their watching o'er
silent flocks by night, behold, throughout
the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)
- 2) The shepherds feared and trembled when lo!
above the earth rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)
- 3) Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

MATTHEW 2:1-6 THE WISE MEN VISIT

Aidan Mitchell

SONG *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

- 1) We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
- 2) O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Christmas Eve Offering

O Come All You Unfaithful

Joshua & Hannah Mazur

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

Christ is born Christ is born
Christ is born for you

O come bitter and broken

Come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done
He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has done

Christmas Eve Play: The Search for the Manger of Christ

(At the direction of our narrators, Meg Sheffield and Brian Mitchell, the children will become the characters in our Nativity and remain positioned during the singing and candle lighting.)

The Closing Carol & Candle Lighting

Silent Night

1) Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, All is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so Tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2) Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

3) Silent night, Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth,
Jesus Lord at thy birth.

4) Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is here,
Jesus the Savior is here!

Benediction

Postlude

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Duty Elders for December:

Lisa Wetzel
Diana Balow
Arnie Blevins

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 December 21, 2025


In Person: 118; 1st Time Visitors: 4 ; Online: 26

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


Nativity Cast

Mary	Kat Balow
Joseph	Ti-yon Perry Hooker
Shepherds	Vanessa Laughridge, Virginia Laughridge, Connor Balow, Aidan Mentler
Wise Men	Brianna Bianchi, Alexis Bianchi, Aeira (Peaches) Perry Hooker, Thomas Scott
Angels	Travis Woodlief, Jacob Balow, Katie Ross

Whether you're visiting for the first time or exploring more about who we are, we are so glad you're here with us. At Lakewood we are a church family committed to living out Christ's love in everything we do. We believe that every person is uniquely made in the image of God and has a special place in His Kingdom. Our church is a space where people from all walks of life can come together to worship, grow, and serve. From our vibrant worship services to our outreach programs and ministries for all ages, there's a place for you at Lakewood! Visit our website at www.lpcjax.org to learn more.



**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



1st Sunday Luncheon
January 4, 2025 @ 11 am
Benz Hall
Free to All. Donations Welcomed.

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Upcoming Events

December 28, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room

December 31, Wednesday, New Year's Eve

- 12:00 pm – LPC Office closing early
- New Year's Blessings to Everyone

January 1, Thursday, New Year's Day

- Happy New Year!

January 2, Friday

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

January 4, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – 1st Sunday-of-the-Month
Lunch – Benz Hall - Donations appreciated

January 5, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

January 6, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – PW Coord. Team – Coleman Rm
- 1:00 pm – CARE Ministry- Member – Session Rm
- 6:00 pm – CELEBRATE Ministry – Session Rm
- 6:00 pm – SERVE Ministry – Coleman Rm

January 7, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Wed. Night Dinner – Benz Hall
Menu: TBA, \$6 for adults, Free for kids 10 and under.
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Please take home your Poinsettias after tonight's service. Thank you.