

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

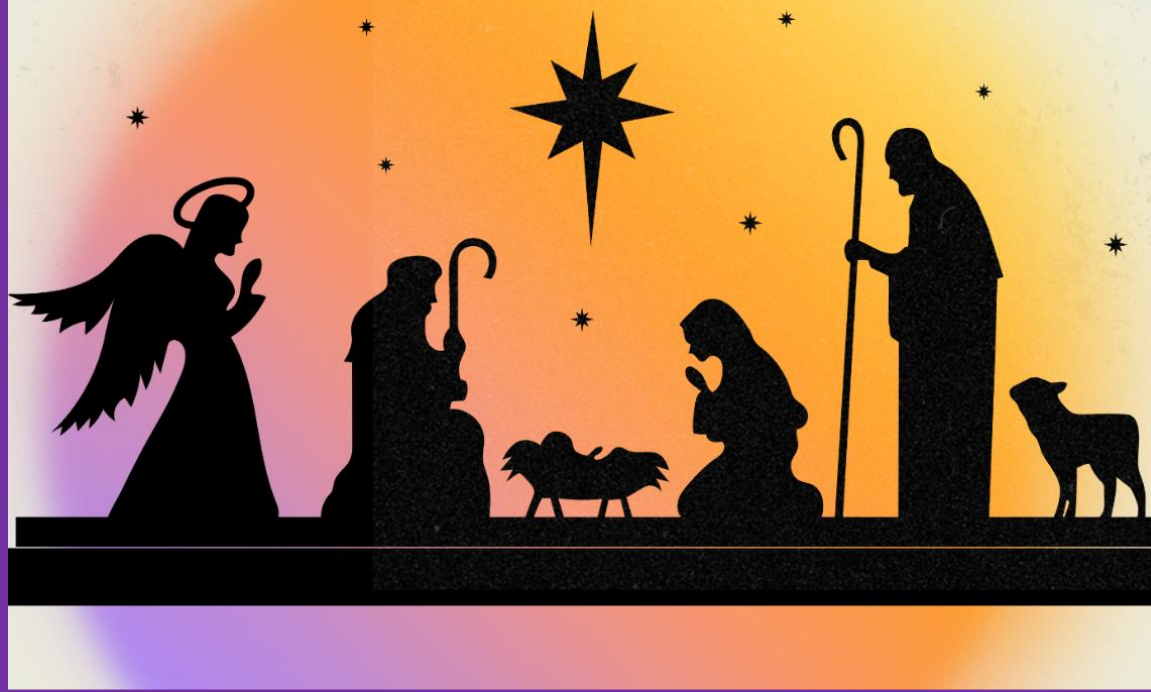
Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE



Preparation for Worship

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

Pre-Service Music

Christmas Prelude
Sing We Now of Christmas
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
LPC Handbell Quintet

J. L. Mazur
arr. Joel Raney
arr. Albert Zabel

Lighting of the Christ Candles – The Christ Candle

George Matthews

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

Opening Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

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!

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LPC Chancel Choir

The Greatest Story Ever Told in Word and Song

The Prophetic Vision

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymn #129

The Birth

Luke 2:1-7

Carol

Still, Still, Still

Hymn #124

The Shepherds & Angel

Luke 2:8-20

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn #113

The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-11

Carol

As We Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #150

The Christmas Offering

The Coventry Carol

LPC Handbell Quintet

Prayer of Illumination

The Christmas Message

Rev. Joy Laughridge

The Gift of Song

O Holy Night

LPC Chancel Choir

The Closing Carol and Candle Lighting

Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night
Silent Night
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.

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!

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.

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

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!

Duty Elders for Christmas Eve	Bill Edwards Kathy Rossi-Allen
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; 1 st 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 Joseph Shepherds Wise Men Angels	Kat Balow Ti-yon Perry Hooker Vanessa Laughridge, Virginia Laughridge, Connor Balow, Aidan Mentler Brianna Bianchi, Alexis Bianchi, Aeira (Peaches) Perry Hooker, Thomas Scott Travis Woodlief, Jacob Balow, Katie Ross
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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

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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.