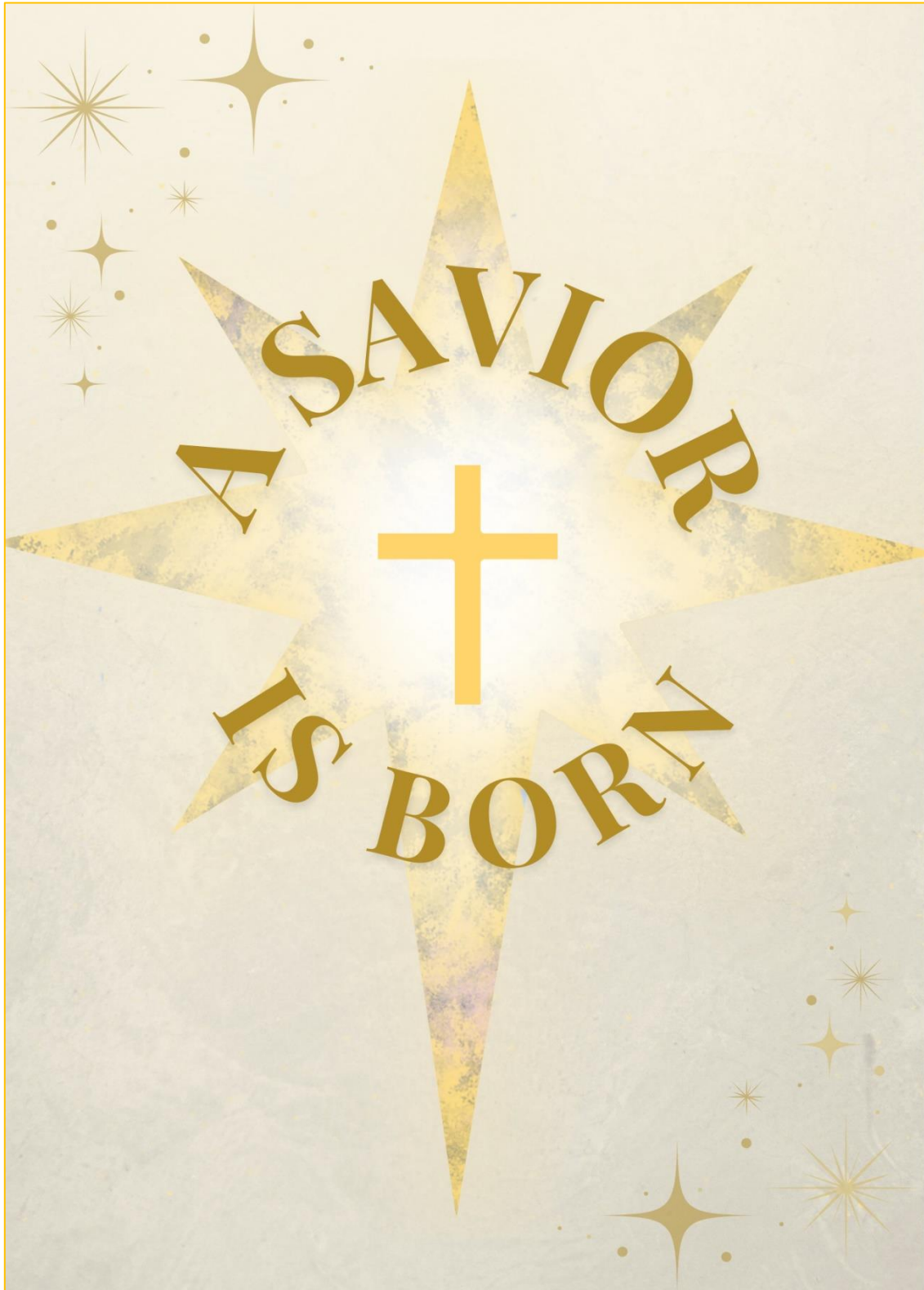


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 28, 2025

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude

Joshua Mazur, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it on.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Marci Edwards

Maker of the universe, all creation sings your praise, for all things exist for you and through you. We come to you this day with our joys and sorrows, our victories and struggles, our minds and souls, our flesh and bones, with everything we are. We sing to you this day, joining the whispering winds and the clapping leaves in their song of love. Amen.

***Singing of Carols**

Joy to the World

(1st and 3rd stanzas)

1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

3) No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1) Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2) Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(1st and 2nd stanzas)

1) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, with great joy we give thanks to you for giving us a Savior who has shared in our humanity but without sharing in our sin. We admit that we have failed to live as you intend for us to live. We have followed our selfish instincts when it was right to put others first. We are motivated too much and too often by fear rather than the perfect love that casts out fear. We confess our need for the Savior that you have given and for the forgiveness that comes to us through him. Have mercy on us. 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

Joshua Mazur

***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

Written by Linda Allen

Scripture

Hebrews 2:10-18

Sermon

A Savior is Born!

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Affirmation of Faith

From the Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Joy to the World (2nd and 4th stanzas)

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Joshua Mazur

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



Upcoming Events

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

January 8, Thursday

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association – Coleman Room

January 9, Friday

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

January 10, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall

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Duty Elders for December

Lisa Wetzel
Diana Balow
Arnie Blevins

Liturgist:

Marci Edwards

Senior Pastor:

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Director of Music & Organist

Parish Associate:

Rev. Joy Laughridge
Brian Mitchell
Joshua L. Mazur
Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance December 21, 2025

In Person: 118; 1st Time Visitors: 4 ; Online: 23

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lisa Wetzel**
"in gratitude for the generosity of time and caring of our church family."



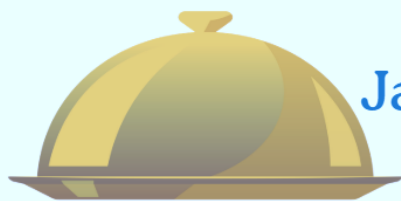
Walking the Mourner's Path Workshop

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.