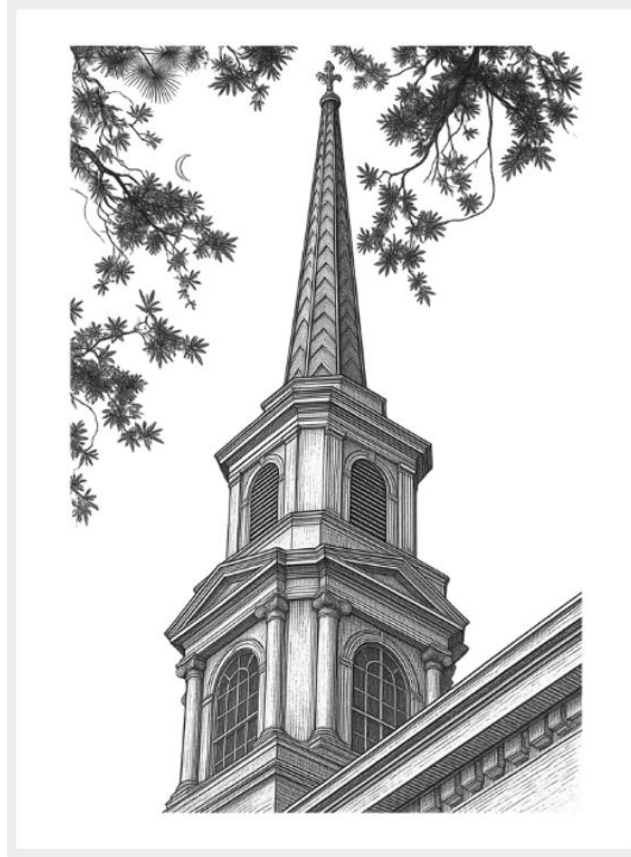


Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Order of Service for the Worship of God

August 16, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

THE GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see You

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my *ransom*.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful

Arr. Young

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Diana Quinlan

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, you called us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness.
In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

**Many: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.
In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**

**All: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!
In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2) All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, there are far too many times when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' 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

Come Thou Fount

Arr. D. DeGrado

***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

In My Life

1) In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.

2) In our song, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord,
be glorified today.

3) In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.

4) In your world, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
be glorified today.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40:1-3, Matthew 16:1-12

SERMON

Sign of The Times

Brian Mitchell

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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**

Arr. D. DeGrado

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1) My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2) When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3) His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4) When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Christ Alone

Arr. D. DeGrado

Duty Elders for August

Greg Scott
Michael Sullivan
Celia Green

Liturgist:

Diana Quinlan

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Deborah DeGrado

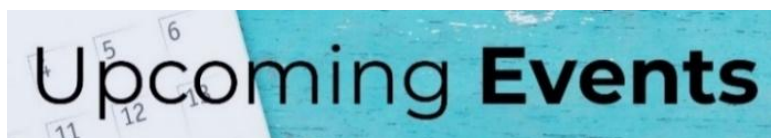
Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance August 9, 2026

In Person: 73; 1st Time: 0; Online: 38

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to the Glory of God.



August 16, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sun. School – Coleman Rm.

11:00 am – Donuts & Coffee – Benz Hall

August 17, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

6:30 PM – BUNCO – Doris York's home

August 18, Tuesday

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Coleman Rm

August 19, Wednesday

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

August 21, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

August 23, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Back to School Bash - Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sun. School – Coleman Rm.

11:00 am – Luncheon – Benz Hall



“Feeding at Family Promise will be Sept 6-12th”

Those willing to cook and those not able to cook can all participate. Contributions are greatly appreciated to get the basics stocked for the week and any and all help with meals. Every meal we provide allows Family Promise to use more of their funding to get and keep families in stable housing. We will not know how many are in residence until closer to September 6. All donations need to be marked FAMILY PROMISE.

End of Announcements