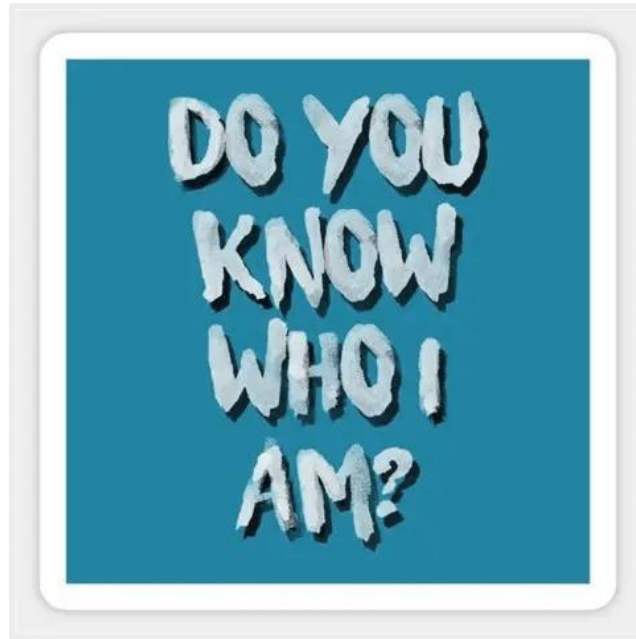


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

August 23, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

THE GATHERING

In The Secret
Andy Park

1) In the secret in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret in the quiet hour
I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus
I want to know You
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

2) I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward
Pushing every hindrance aside
Out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

Great Are You Lord - Jason Ingram

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing -

Gordon Young
LPC Chancel Choir

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Meg Sheffield

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Calling all children of the living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Many: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

One: The good news is proclaimed in God's words. And also with crayons, silly songs, snacks and rest time.

Many: Let us worship together, every generation.

One: We may still feel uncertain, but we come together seeking God's peace in the beautiful community.

Many: Let us worship together, united in Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

1) Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain
Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain).

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

There are far too many times, O Lord, 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. As we begin our Fall schedule on this Rally Day, forgive us for the times that we have not turned our young people toward your love, the times we have neglected to live a life of love and grace as an example to them. Allow each of us opportunities to draw our young people and all people closer to you and to your son Christ our savior. We offer our prayers in His holy name. 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

Cantabile in F Major

Guilmant

***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

Blessing of the Backpacks, Commissioning of Teachers

Brian Mitchel

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus Loves Me #188

1) Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2) Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16-13-20

SERMON

Do You Know Who I Am?

Brian Mitchell

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 1 Timothy 3:16**

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. 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

Take My Life

1) Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2) Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3) Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4) Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5) Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6) Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Kremser'

G. Young

Duty Elders for August

Greg Scott
Michael Sullivan
Celia Green

Liturgist:

Meg Sheffield

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 16, 2026

In Person: 85; 1st Time: 0; Online: 24

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Ann Snow** in memory of her mother, **Mabel Snow**, to honor her birthday on August 24th.

Upcoming Events

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

August 24, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

August 26, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Handbell Beginner Workshop - Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

August 28, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

August 23, Sunday

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

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

LPC is feeding families 2 meals a day for 7 days at Family Promise.

If you would like to volunteer to prepare a home-cooked meal, examples of meals that we have found work well and the families enjoy are Taco Night or Italian Night.

Contributions to takeout meals are appreciated and used for meals such as Breakfast for Dinner, Rotisserie Chicken, Barbeque, or Pizza.

**James and Vickie Robinson are happy to coordinate pickup and delivery.
Contact Vickie at 904-382-8696.**

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.

Did you know LPC contributed to 80 backpacks that Family Promise delivered to school children in need?



End of Announcements

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