

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

August 30, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

THE GATHERING

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Part 1 (Men)

You are holy; you are mighty;
you are worthy, worthy of praise.
I will follow; I will listen;
I will love you all of my days.
I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.
I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.
You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for you.

Part 2 (Women)

You are holy; you are mighty;
you are worthy, worthy of praise.
I will follow; I will listen;
I will love you all of my days.
You are Lord of lords; you are King of kings;
you are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You're Emmanuel; you're the great I am;
you're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb.
You're the living God; you're my saving grace;

you will reign forever; you are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for you.

In Christ Alone

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Arr. DeGrado

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

George Matthews

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.
Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.
Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: Jesus says, "Deny yourselves. Take up your cross."

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: Jesus says, "Follow me."

All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory

1) God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3) Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4) Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way.

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 Down, O Love Divine

Vaughn Williams
Arr. Joel Raney
LPC Chancel Choir

***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

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1) Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2) God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3) All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

4) Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Jesus Saves

Brian Mitchell

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – What is the Gospel**

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what God promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given us the only Son and in him reconciliation with our Creator, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life. Amen.

Excerpt from the Second Helvetic Confession of 1566. (Section 5.089)

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**

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Saves

Arr. DeGrado

Duty Elders for August

Greg Scott
Michael Sullivan
Celia Green

Liturgist:

George Matthews

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 23, 2026

In Person: 100; 1st Time: 3; Online: 21

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Gina Coarsey** in honor of **Jim Coarsey**, to honor his birthday on August 29th.

Upcoming Events

August 30, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

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

August 31, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

5:30 pm – LPP Open House - Classrooms

September 1, Tuesday

10:00 am – PW Coordinating Team – Coleman Room

6:00 pm – All Ministry Meeting - Sanctuary

6:30 pm – CARE Ministry – Benz Hall

6:30 pm – CELEBRATE Ministry – Session Room

6:30 pm – LEARN Ministry – Brian's Office

6:30 pm – SERVE Ministry – Coleman Room

6:30 pm – STEWARD Ministry – Joy's Office

September 2, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner – *White Elephant Bingo* – Benz Hall

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

September 4, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

September 5, Saturday

9:00 am – LPC Men's Breakfast – Coleman Rm

September 6, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

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



WE HAVE AN URGANT NEED FOR FOOD!
Together, we are feeding more neighbors than ever!

Please consider:

- Shop BOGO and share half with UCOM
- Clean your pantry and donate your surplus
- Donate items that stretch meals like sauces & spices
- **Donate \$\$** so UCOM can bulk purchase food

Email Sara@ucomjax.org with any questions or ideas!



"Feeding at Family Promise will be Sept 6-12"

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

Thank you for the commitments we have received for meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Available days are Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. Pizza night would be easy and enjoyed for Friday or Saturday night.

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**.

End of Announcements

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