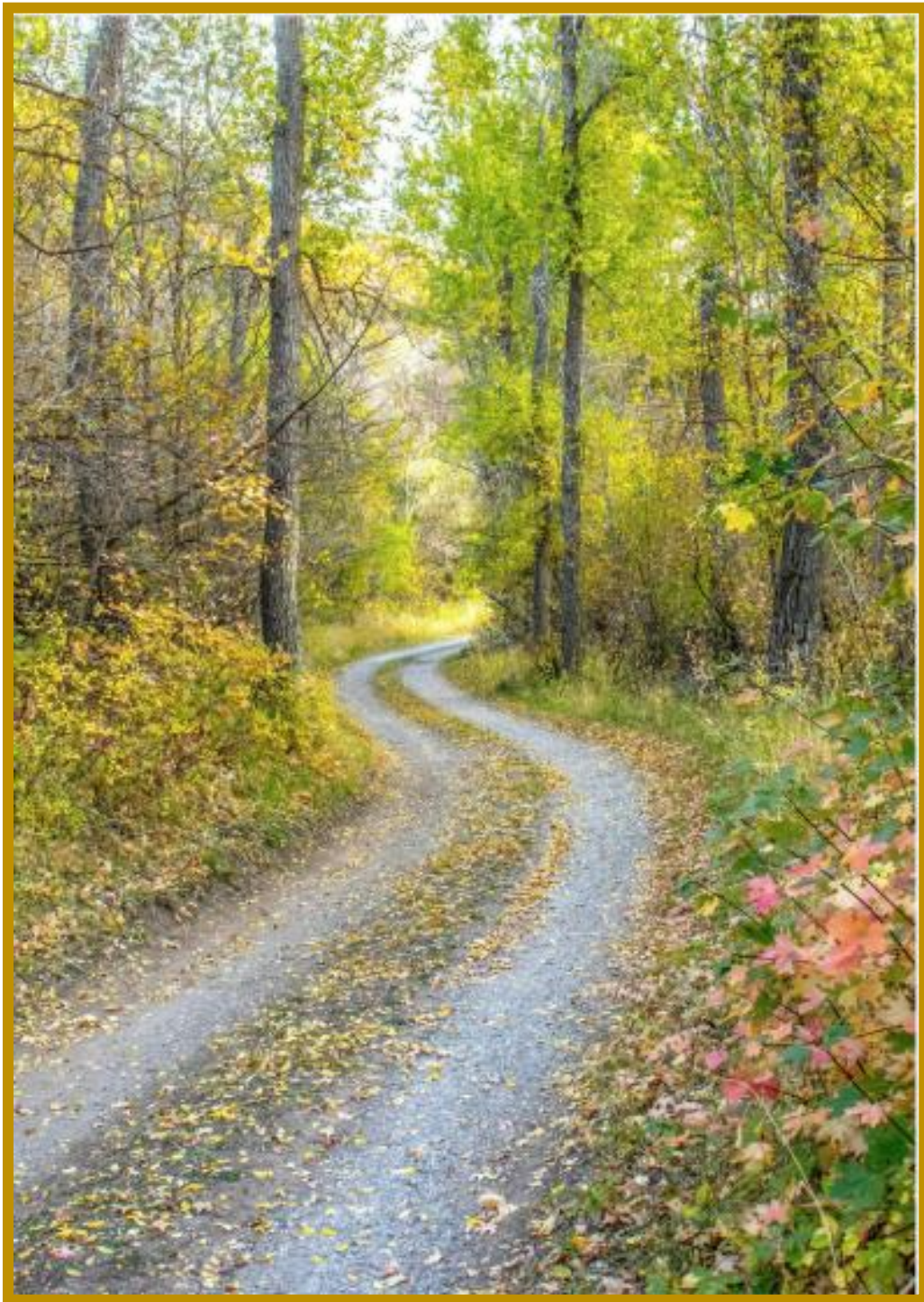


Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 14, 2025

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

Good Good Father

Chris Tomlin

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone [Refrain]

[Refrain]

You're a Good Good Father, It's who You are...
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am...

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word [Refrain]

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love [Refrain]

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Doris York

What difference do your financial gifts and pledges make? How is God forming disciples and touching lives through LPC? For the next few weeks our stewardship speakers will be sharing stories that reveal how God turns money into ministry. *CARE Ministry featured on the back of bulletin.

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
LPC Bell Choir

arr. Maggs

***Prayer of Invocation**

Harolyn Sharpe

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain

People: the pain of losing something precious.

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy

People: the joy of finding what was lost.

Leader: We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth, words of power, words of love.

People: Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

***Hymn of Praise**

To God be the Glory

1) To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

2) Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Praise be unto you, God of mercy and might, and to your only begotten, our Savior Christ Jesus.
In spite of our sin, Christ calls us to ministry. Christ is patient and loving, reflecting your nature.
We dishonor your name and persecute our neighbors; we are not deserving of the trust you place in
us. We confess our wrong-doing and plead your forgiveness. Through Christ, accept us and cleanse us
of all sin.**

***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

Down In the River to Pray

arr. 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

Hymn of PreparationSoftly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

1) Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2) Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

3) O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

Scripture

Exodus 32:7-14 and Luke 15:1-10

Sermon*Prone to Wander, Prone to Search*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*****Hymn of Commitment***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer;
 hither by thy help I'm come;
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
 safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 wandering from the fold of God;
 he, to rescue me from danger,
 interposed his precious blood.

3) O to grace how great a debtor
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart; O take and seal it;
 seal it for thy courts above.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fantasy on NETTLETON

arr. Joshua L. Mazur

Duty Elders for September

Bob Dahl
 Virginia Catherine Laughridge
 Kathy Rossi-Allen

Liturgist:

Harolyn Sharpe

Senior Pastor:

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Director of Music & Organist:

Parish Associate:

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

Attendance September 7, 2025

In Person: 101; 1st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 32

The flowers in the Chancel are given today by
Richie & Kathy Saig, in memory of Richard, and to the Glory of God.



September 15, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – BUNCO – Sandra Farhat's home

September 16, Tuesday

- 6:00 pm – Lakewood Association Meeting
Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – LPP Open House for Session
- 7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Coleman Room

September 17, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner – Benz Hall
Special Guest: Will Dickey, showing a slide-show of *The Wonders of Northeast Florida*
Menu: Italian Night, spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert
- 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

September 19, Friday

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

Did You Know? **Sunday, September 21st** is National “Come Back to Church Sunday”.

This is a nationwide movement for churches to invite community members who have been away, or invite those who are new to the community.

CARE Ministry (Member Care and Fellowship)

The CARE Ministry focuses on fostering a supportive and connected church community by coordinating activities that nurture fellowship and provide care for church members. This ministry is led by two to four elders and it oversees programs and initiatives that address members' spiritual, emotional, and practical needs, helping to strengthen bonds within the congregation.

Key responsibilities include:

- **Fellowship Activities:** Organizing meals, luncheons, and churchwide events to promote community and connection.
- **Hospitality:** Welcoming new members and guests, creating a warm and inclusive environment within the church.
- **Grief Support:** Providing ministry to those navigating loss or hardship.
- **Home Communion and Visitation:** Coordinating care for homebound members to ensure their continued connection with the church.
- **Care Calendar:** Managing schedules for meals, visits, or other assistance during life transitions or challenges.

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Faithfulness Report
As of August 31st, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income*	\$ 411,380	\$ 401,428	\$ 9,952
Expenses	394,530	400,399	5,869
Net Income	16,850	\$ 1,029	\$ 15,821

**Prior year Prepaid pledges are being amortized each month*

Note: Income is over budget due to a one-time nonpledged gift to LPC
Pledged Income is under budget by \$31,400.00

Contributions to Restricted Funds

Month	Year to date
\$ 9,041	\$ 69,015