

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 21, 2025

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

Jesus At The Center

Isreal Houghton

Jesus at the center of it all, Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It will always be it's always been You Jesus, Jesus

And nothing else matters
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus You're the center
Ev'rything revolves around You Jesus You

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It will always be it's always been You Jesus Jesus

From my heart to the heavens Jesus be the center
It's all about You yes it's all about You
From my heart to the heavens Jesus be the center
It's all about You yes it's all about You (Jesus)

Jesus be the center of Your church
Jesus be the center of Your church
And ev'ry knee will bow
And ev'ry tongue shall confess You

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Meg Sheffield

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. *Description of CELEBRATE Ministry on back of bulletin.

Prelude

Fantasy on "We Are One in the Spirit"

arr. Mazur

***Prayer of Invocation**

Diana Quinlan

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

People: we come to worship God.

Leader: In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

People: we come to worship God.

Leader: In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

All: let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1) From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2) In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3) Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion. We seek your forgiveness through Christ's intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your holy Word. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us.

***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

***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**

We Are One in the Spirit

1) We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2) We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3) We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

Scripture

Psalm 133 and Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon

One in the Lord

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed is the most ecumenical of creeds. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) joins with Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and most Protestant churches in affirming it.

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.

Response of God's People

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

O Christ, the Great Foundation

1) O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

2) Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited;
by grace we make you known.

3) Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

4) This is the moment glorious
when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation,
the glory of all things

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation

arr. Mazur

Duty Elders for September

Will Dickey
Virginia Catherine Laughridge
Kathy Rossi-Allen

Liturgist:

Diana Quinlan

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist:

Joshua Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance September 14, 2025

In Person: 103; 1st Time Visitors: 0 ; Online: 46

The flowers in the Chancel are given today by
Don & Katherine Foster in honor & celebration of their son Seth's 35th birthday.

**September 21, Sunday**

- 12:00 pm – LPC & Family Promise at The Alhambra
Meet & Greet, Meal, and Play

September 22, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

September 23, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – PW Coordinating Team – Regular Session – Coleman Room
- 7:00 pm – JOY Circle Evening Bible Study – Coleman Room

September 24, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

September 26, Friday

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

September 28, Sunday

- 7:00 pm – **Bold City Brass Concert** – Sanctuary
Free community concert – bring friends!

CELEBRATE Ministry (Worship)

The CELEBRATE Ministry is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all aspects of worship, ensuring that each service is meaningful and spiritually enriching. This ministry is led by two to three elders and it manages the preparation of the worship space, the elements of worship, and the technology required for both in-person and online services.

Key responsibilities include:

- **Worship Services:** Planning and coordinating regular worship services and special services (e.g., Service of Wholeness, Service of Thanks, Blessing of the Animals).
- **Worship Space and Elements:** Ensuring the appropriate setup of the worship space and the necessary elements for each service.
- **Technology and Online Worship:** Overseeing the production and delivery of online worship services, including technology setup and live-streaming.
- **Acolytes:** Managing the scheduling and training of acolytes to assist in worship.
- **Visitor Connections and Follow-up:** Welcoming and connecting visitors to the church, including follow-up communication to foster relationships.

The CELEBRATE Ministry seeks to create worship experiences that honor God and build a strong sense of community among members and visitors alike.

Special rate for Chair Yoga in October - \$15 for the month; \$5 per class. See Lisa Wetzel for more information.