

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 28, 2025

10:00 am



Preparation for Worship

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

The Gathering

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

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

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Speaker

Tom Bayer

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 SERVE Ministry on back of bulletin.

Prelude

From Depths of Woe I Call to Thee

Kenneth Hill

Prayer of Invocation

Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: In the midst of comfort and in the midst of struggle,

People: God's promises reach beyond what we see today.

Leader: When the present moment feels too heavy,

People: God's future breaks in with hope.

Leader: When the present moment feels too easy,

People: God's Spirit wakes us to love and justice.

Leader: Come, people of God,

People: Let us worship the One who calls us to live with faith today, trusting the hope of tomorrow.

***Hymn of Praise**

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1) I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2) Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3) Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

4) Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5) Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we admit that we are often shortsighted. When life goes well, we are tempted to turn inward, ignoring the needs of our neighbors. When life is hard, we forget Your promises and lose sight of hope. Forgive us, Lord. Lift our eyes to see Your kingdom at work among us. Teach us to trust Your future more than our fears. Strengthen us to act with faith, courage, and love today— that our lives may bear witness to Christ our Savior.

***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

It is Well With My Soul
Pianist: Lisa Wetzel

Jerry Ray

***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**

Seek Ye First

1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

2) Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

3) You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture

Jeremiah 32:1-15 and Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

What We See and What We Don't See

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We confess the Apostles' Creed to affirm our unity in Christ—joining our voices with one another and with the church across the world and throughout history.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Come, Live in the Light!

1) Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2) Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more. (Refrain)

3) Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love. (Refrain)

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

CWMN RHONNDA

Hal Hopson

Duty Elders for September	Will Dickey Virginia Catherine Laughridge Kathy Rossi-Allen
Liturgist:	Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Joy Laughridge
Director of Youth & Christian Education:	Brian Mitchell
Director of Music & Organist:	Joshua Mazur
Guest Organist:	Nancy Goodrich
Parish Associate:	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
Attendance September 21, 2025	In Person: 96; 1 st Time Visitors: 1 ; Online: 21
The flowers in the Chancel are given today by Lynn DeLoatch "In honor of all the dear people who have gone before and have been an important part of my life at LPC."	

Upcoming Events

September 28, Sunday

- 7:00 pm – FREE Concert – Bold City Brass
in LPC Sanctuary

September 29, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

October 1, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner – Benz Hall
“LPC Remembers” – Memorabilia & Stories
Menu: Recipes from old LPC Cookbooks
- 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

October 3, Friday

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

October 5, Sunday

- 11:15 am – Stewardship Bruncheon – Benz Hall
- 5:00 pm – ALPHA Group – Benz Hall

SERVE Ministry (Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism)

The SERVE Ministry leads the church's efforts to share Christ's love beyond its walls, both locally and globally. This ministry is led by two to four elders and it oversees programs and activities that foster community engagement, support mission partners, and promote outreach and evangelism.

Key responsibilities include:

- **Community Outreach and Engagement:** Organizing events such as Trunk or Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt to build relationships with the local community.
- **Mission Partnerships:** Collaborating with mission partners like UCOM, iCare, and Sulzbacher to support their initiatives and serve those in need.
- **Mission Trips:** Promoting, planning, and supporting mission trips to provide hands-on opportunities for service and faith-sharing.
- **Exploring New Opportunities:** Identifying and pursuing additional ways to engage and serve the community.
- **Lakewood Presbyterian Preschool:** LPP provides a quality, Christ-centered preschool education in a loving environment. An elder from the Session serves on the LPP Board, which includes parents, teachers, and church members. The board meets monthly and reports to the Session. The preschool operates under the leadership of the director, who is a member of the LPC staff. LPP is one of the most significant ways the church connects with and serves the community.

The SERVE Ministry is committed to extending the reach of the church's mission, empowering members to live out their faith in service to others.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, OCT. 12 AFTER WORSHIP – The Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately following worship on Oct. 12 for the purpose of electing new elders. The nominating committee is still working to confirm their list of nominees.

GIVING STATEMENTS – Year-to-date giving statements were sent out last week by email. Paper statements are available in the Narthex for those we were unable to email. If you did not receive an email and do not see a paper statement with your name on it, please contact the office.



Wednesday Night Dinner

October 1st @ 6 pm
Benz Hall

Bring your Memories
Stories & Memorabilia



Menu: Recipes from LPC Cookbooks past

RSVP on Realm or call the church office

Cost: \$6.00 per meal

Kids under 6 eat free

Free Nursery provided for children 6 yrs & under

Call 904.733.8055 to reserve

Stewardship Bruncheon

The Sunday
Lunch



October 5th @ 11:15 am

Menu: Publix Chicken,
Potato and Pasta Salads, Coleslaw, Dessert

