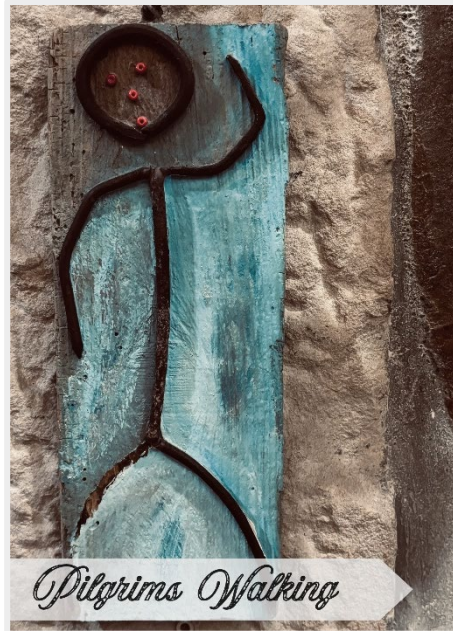


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 6, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

THE GATHERING

Change My Heart Oh God

Eddie Espinosa

Chorus:

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

Verse:

You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray

The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus

I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"O Worship the King with Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

Arr. Weekly and Argonbright
Pianists – Lisa Wetzell and Deborah DeGrado

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kay Taylor

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are pilgrims on the way.

People: Called by God, we have begun the journey

Leader: We do not know all that lies ahead.

People: But we know the One who goes before us.

Leader: When the road is easy, we will give thanks.

When the road is difficult, we will persevere.

People: When we are weary, we will receive grace.

When we lose our way, we will trust God to lead us.

Leader: We will walk with Christ and with one another.

People: One step at a time, one day at a time,

we will follow Jesus

Leader: Come, pilgrims. The way is before us.

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

(1st, 3rd, and 4th stanzas)

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

3 Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4 You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.

We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, we confess that we are often dissatisfied with the choices we make. We do what feels easiest or most appealing in the moment, but something tells us that there is another way—a better way—and that we might find it if we listened to the voice calling us to go a different way. Jesus is the Way, and his is the voice that calls us to a new and better way. It takes faith and courage to listen and follow, and sometimes we are faithless and afraid. Have mercy on us, Lord! Give us a deeper hunger for the new life that Jesus offers, and when we hear his voice, give us courage and the will to follow him. 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

Lord of the Dance

Elder Joseph Blackett
Arr. John Ferguson/
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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-5, Mark 10:17-27

SERMON

The First Step

Joy Laughridge

THE PILGRIM'S PRAYER (revised)

In Unison

**O God,
Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our refuge on the Way,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,**

**Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance
We may arrive safe and sound
At the end of the Road
Enriched with grace and virtue
And filled with joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread
1 Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

2 Here share with us, in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED IN SACRAMENT

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Will you Come and Follow Me (1st, 2nd, and 5th stanzas)

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Arr. Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

Duty Elders for September

Arnie Blevins
Kathy Rossi-Allen
Harolyn Sharpe

Liturgist:

Kay Taylor

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Deborah DeGrado

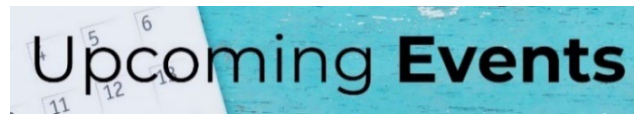
Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance August 30, 2026

In Person: 93; 1st Time: 0; Online: 33

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Lee and Ann Sory Meadows** in celebration of their anniversary and 60 years of bliss .

**September 7, Monday**

HAPPY LABOR DAY

LPC and LPP Offices closed – School Closed

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

September 8, Tuesday

10:00 am – Esther Circle – Coleman Rm

September 9, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

September 10, Thursday

6:00 pm – Lakewood Association Meeting – Coleman Rm

September 11, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

September 12, Saturday

9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall

2:00 pm – Annual Aggie Stack/Tony Testino Old Time Music Jam – Benz Hall

September 13, Sunday

7:30 am – 12:30 pm – Bloodmobile – Front Parking Lot

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm



UCOM FOOD DRIVE



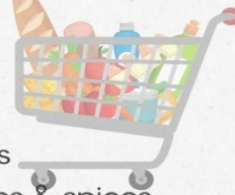
WE HAVE AN URGANT NEED FOR FOOD!

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.

Only 2 days left that need meals - Sunday and Tuesday for 7 people. There are 2 families ranging from a 3 year old to a grandmother.

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 or Fried Chicken. James and Vickie Robinson are happy to coordinate pickup and delivery. 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.

Contact Vickie at 904-382-8696.

All donations need to be marked **FAMILY PROMISE.**

End of Announcements

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