



This Week @ LPC

Service Time

Sunday Worship - 10 am

Sunday School

Children & Youth - 10:30 am | Adults - 11:00 am

Weekly News & Announcements

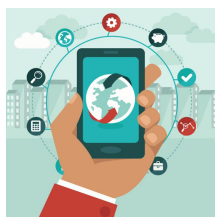
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Keeping You in **Prayer**

Mary Abboud

The Family of Lance Taylor

Our Church Leaders
Service Men & Women
First Responders
Medical Personnel
Government Leaders



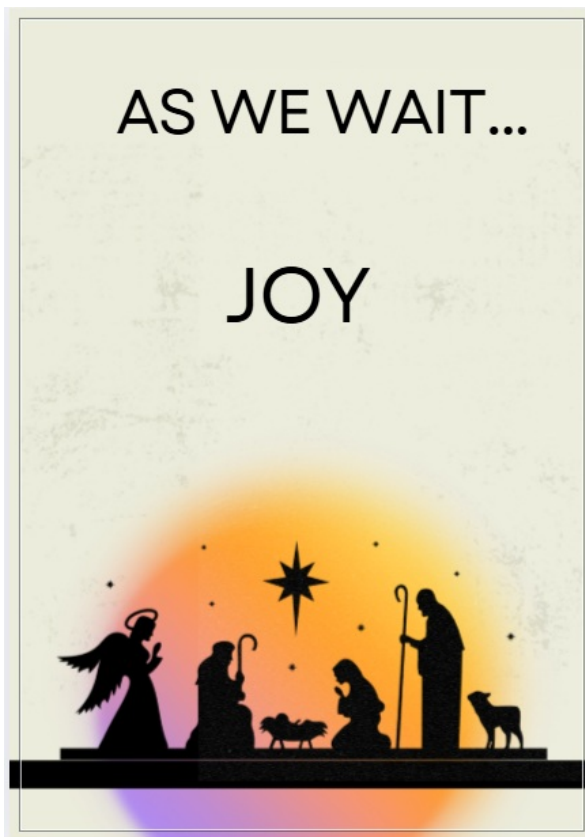
Updated LPC Member Directory

If you would like the updated LPC **Member Directory** please contact the church office: (904) 733-8055 or click button below: info@lpcjax.org to send an email

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AS WE WAIT...

JOY



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Please join us this Sunday as Pastor Joy Laughridge preaches from **Zephaniah** and John in her sermon entitled:

As We Wait, God is With Us

Click the button below to watch online or to download the Order of Worship.

[Order of Worship](#)

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This **Week** at Lakewood

Upcoming **Events**

December 14, Sunday

11:00 am – Grace Patrol – Coleman Room

December 15, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

6:30 pm – BUNCO Night – Barbara Body's home

December 16, Tuesday

6:30 pm – Session Meeting – Coleman Room

December 17, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Wed. Night Dinner –

Menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, Glazed carrots, Broccoli salad, Gingerbread cake with lemon glaze | LPC

Troupers - Celebrate Advent | \$6 per adult, children 6 and under, free

7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

December 19, Friday

LPP last day before Christmas break

7:00 pm – Bold City Brass Christmas Concert

Free concert – Sanctuary – Bring friends!

8:00 pm – Reception – free – Benz Hall

December 20, Saturday

10:30 am – UCOM Breakfast with Santa | Photos, Breakfast, Toy Giveaway - Benz Hall

Families RSVP to Aidan Mitchell aidan@ucomjax.org or call 904.396.2401

6:00 pm – LPC Youth Lock-In – Benz Hall

December 21, Sunday

10:00 am - Lessons & Carols Service - Sanctuary

December 22, Monday

9:00 am - Christmas VBS at Lakewood - Meet Bible Buddies and discover Jesus as our True North - Alaskan Adventure themed VBS for kids on winter break. RSVP at <https://vbspro.events/p/65073d> or contact Lenora Wilson 904.477.0855



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Roger Bull	12.14	David and Meg Sheffield	12.17
Steve Matheson	12.15		
Cathy Sorensen	12.15		
Robby Andreasen	12.17		
Ron Kalapp	12.17		
Jeremy Lucarelli	12.19		
Patrick Smith	12.19		
George Barnwell	12.20		

For the week of December 14 - 20



This year during Advent, I have been reading from *Anne Neilson's Christmas Angels: Devotions and Art of Hope and Joy for the Advent Season*. The first week I grasped on to this simple sentence. *If you seek God during this Advent season, you will find him.* Too many times, I *think about* seeking God during advent, and I *mean* to seek God during advent, but when it comes down to it, I don't ever get around to *doing* the seeking. Too many other things get in the way. This year when I read that sentence, I was challenged to make it a point to really *do* the seeking, and I can say that Anne Neilson was right. As I have been seeking, I have been finding God who has been with me all along. Sometimes I feel like God is distant and my faith feels weak. I'm sure you have times like this in your own lives, too. Times of spiritual doubt and dryness are part of the journey, but even though we pass through them, we don't have to stay stuck in them.

Christmas is the time when we remember that **God is with us**. There is never a time when we are alone or when God is inaccessible to us, but there are times when we don't draw near, and we don't pay attention, and we don't actively participate in our relationship with God. Sometimes the distance that we feel isn't because God has moved but because we have. The Holy Spirit sparked something in me when I read that line in my devotional, and I share this with you in the hopes that the Spirit might spark something in any of you who may be feeling dry or distant. If you seek God, during this Advent season or anytime, you *will* find God. I believe this is true, and Christmas confirms it! God *wants* to be found. It is why God became flesh and came to us. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we all do everything we can to draw near to the One who has drawn near to us.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Joy



Dear LPC Family,

I just wanted to express my thanks for both the thoughtful card and the many prayers I received. At Lakewood Presbyterian, not only have I found a wonderful place of worship, but also a connection to a church family and friendships to cherish. I am grateful for all the support, outreach, and I look forward to returning soon. God is good and I am blessed!!

Martha Land Casale



The CARE Ministry has received more Christmas cards than needed. A box of those cards has been placed in the session room. Please feel free to take them for your personal use.



*A note from
Music Director Joshua*

Joshua describes for us the tradition of a Lessons & Carols worship service - and how the scriptures and songs can help us feel closer to the mystery and majesty of Christ's coming into the world.

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Wednesday Night Dinner

December 17, 2025 @ 6pm

Benz Hall



Menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Salad,
Gingerbread Cake with Lemon Glaze

LPC Troupers Celebrate Advent

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



Lakewood Presbyterian Music Series

Free Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19th

@ 7:00 pm

LPC Sanctuary



*Enjoy the Sounds of the
Season!*



Lakewood Presbyterian Music Series

Chancel Choir

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 21st @ 10 am

LPC Sanctuary



Walking the Mourner's Path Workshop

January 22 to March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
Register by January 1, 2026
email info@lpcjax.org or call
904.733.8055

Flower Dedications in 2026

We have January covered, but there are dates in February and beyond. Call the church office for more information, and to reserve your dedication date.



ATTENTION LPC MEMBERS:

Want to Register for an Event?

- Sign up on the Friendship Pad
- Call the Church Office 904-733-8055
- Register at *Registration Events* on Realm

If you **would like an invitation to set up a Realm Connect account** (to view the online directory, your giving records, & more), please **click the button below** or call the church office, 904-733-8055.



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