



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands



A Message From Terry

DEAR FAMILY CALLED LPC,

This season of Advent, our sermons and scripture passages will take us to the places Jesus, Mary and Joseph travelled. As you prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child, let me share with you some of the places we will go in worship:

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

How Silently, How Silently, The Wondrous Gift is Giv'n! - Bethlehem

Micah 2:2-5a & Matthew 2:1-6

December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Egypt...

Matthew 2:7-15

December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

What Happens in Jerusalem, Stays in Jerusalem! – Jerusalem

Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 2:16-21 & Luke 2:21-35; 41-52

* December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent

No sermon; Chancel Choir presentation – Magnificat

December 24 – Christmas Eve

A Christmas Journey: Bringing Heaven Here!

Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

* December 25 – Nativity of Jesus Christ/
Christmas Day

No Place Like Home For The Holidays! – Nazareth

Matthew 2:19-23

*Don't forget that there will only be one service of worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1.

Other December events include:

- 2 Little Women Regressive Dinner
- 3 Gingerbread Workshop
- 7 Children's Choirs present Hooray for Baby Jesus!
- 8 Lakewood Preschool children sing for PEPS
- 7-11 Preschool Scholastic Book Fair
- 11 Concert featuring Rodney Cleveland and the First Coast Ringers
- 15 Preschool Christmas Nativity Program
- 16 Youth Christmas Lock-in
- 17 Young Adult Festival of Sweaters at Katie's
- 19 Music Ministry performs at San Jose Manor
- Youth assemble food baskets at U.C.O.M.
- 21 Wednesday dinner and caroling
- 24 College & Early Career Reception
- 5:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Eve Worship Service and Live Nativity following the service
- 11:00 p.m. – Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Handbells and Choir

WITH LOVE,

Terry

December
2011

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Sunday Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for Adults & Children
- 10:30 Fellowship Time in Benz Hall
- 11:00 Sunday Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our deadline for item submission is the 15th of the month. Email Lori@lpcjax.org or place articles in the newsletter mailbox located in the church office. Please include your name when submitting an article. Articles may be edited for content and length.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

Magnificat!

We remember the story told in Luke 1: 40-55, when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with the future John the Baptist. After Mary greets Elizabeth, the child moves within Elizabeth's womb. When Elizabeth praises Mary for her faith, Mary sings what is now known as the Magnificat in response.

Since the Middle Ages, composers have found inspiration in Mary's words of joy and thanksgiving, which also are our expressions of thankfulness for the great things God has done and will continue to do.

Throughout the season of Advent, we will present various anthems, solos and organ pieces based on Mary's song. But the major presentation of a Magnificat will be on Dec. 18 at our 10 a.m. worship service. (That's right, only one worship service that day – mark your calendars!) That day, our Chancel, Children's and Handbell choirs will present a service of music centered on the themes of Advent and Christmas. Two highlights of the service will be the Chancel Choir's presentation of Mark Hayes' Magnificat and Gustav Holst's Christmas Day, both accompanied by Chamber Orchestra. Our guest organist/pianist will be Tony Testino, former organist and music director at LPC.

So invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to join us this Advent season, but particularly for our one musical service of worship at 10 a.m. on December 18.

Serving at the Homeless Center

LPC is schedule to prepare and serve dinner at the I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless on Friday, December 2. We will meet at the center at 3:00 p.m. to begin the preparations for dinner. If you cannot be there by 3:00, we also need volunteers who would like to help serve the dinner. If you are interested in helping with this Ministry, please sign up on the poster that is located in the Narthex. **Did you know.....**



Since 1995, Sulzbacher Center has grown to become a center of services for the homeless in downtown Jacksonville. They took their name and their inspiration from a man who exhibited extraordinary civic leadership and concern for the homeless. I.M. Sulzbacher combined a successful business career with selfless dedication to the Jacksonville community. He took the lead in raising money and set the high standards for the center that now bears his name and although he passed away in 2001, his spirit of giving and his dedication to the homeless lives on at the Sulzbacher Center.

“When you better the lives of others, you better your own life.” I.M. Sulzbacher

Gingerbread Workshop

Our 5th Annual Gingerbread Workshop is fast approaching, December 3, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. Call the church office at 733-8055 to reserve your house. This workshop is for all ages, however, children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. We ask that you bring a bag of candy to share (for decorating) and a \$7.00 donation to cover the cost of the house.



Gingerbread Workshop

Preschool Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars for Lakewood Preschool's Biennial Book Fair to be held December 6-9 (Tuesday-Friday) and we will be open especially for Lakewood church members Wednesday, December 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Books for all ages are available. Come browse, enjoy and support our church preschool.



Christmas Joy Offering

Lakewood will collect the [Christmas Joy Offering](#) on Sunday, December 11. This special offering supports scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges, helping students develop their gifts and find their callings. The Offering also assists families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. New this year are alternative ways of giving, including text giving. Simply text JOY to 20222 to contribute \$10.00 to the fund. [Contact Lori Appenfelder](#) if you have any questions.



NEW MEMBER

Trey Southwood
4066 Ferrara St. 32217
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Joined October 31, 2011

(NO PHOTO AVAILABLE)

Have you noticed anything different about the newsletter?

Beginning November, 2011, the minutes from the Session meeting will be copied separately and placed in the Narthex. Pick up a copy and learn about all the work that is done at Lakewood by our dedicated Session members.

Also beginning November 2011, the calendar will be printed as a separate page and placed on the table in the Narthex.

The Youth Group at Lakewood

LPC Youth Ministry has a new Sunday schedule for the 2011-2012 school year:

Middle School (6th-8th grades) – Fellowship! (Lunch & Fellowship) – 12:00-1:30 / Music 1:30-2:00

High School (9th-12th grades) – Music 5:30-6:00 / Dinner & Youth Group – 6:00-8:00

Once per month, the 2nd Sunday of each month, the MS & HS youth will help in worship with ushering and liturgy, and then gather MS & HS together for an activity or outing.

Youth Schedule for December:

- Dec 4 Regular schedule.
- Dec 11 Help in worship. All youth lunch event.
- Dec 18 Regular schedule.
- Dec 24 Live Nativity!
- Dec 25 EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US! (No meetings.)

For information about Youth Group activities, [contact Pastor Katie](#) at 733.8055.

Young Disciples

These K-3rd graders meet following The Children's Time during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

- Dec 4 TBD
- Dec 11 TBD
- Dec 18 Stay in worship/
Choir Cantata.
- Dec 25 Stay in worship.

If you have questions, contact:

- Andy Patterson 646-2938
- Doris York 993-2117

PEPS

This is the season for joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate our Christmas party a little early. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 8, for our meeting so we can enjoy the joyous voices of our preschool cherubs as they sing Christmas songs for us. The party will begin at 11:00 a.m. The price of your meal will be a covered dish for lunch, so plan to prepare one of your favorite recipes and join us to help us spread a little joy this Christmas. Your reservations will help Dennis know how many tables and chairs to set up. Please let us know by noon on Monday, December 5, if you plan to attend.

Help LPC "BE GREEN"!

To receive your newsletter by e-mail, contact Lori@lpcjax.org, and you'll receive the full color version of the LPC Herald each month.

New P.W. Night Circle

Presbyterian Women are starting a night circle. Lynn Holmes has volunteered to chair, with Roberta Davis as co-chair. This is a great way to meet and make friends, have a Bible study and social time. The group will meet the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning January 5. A crock pot meal will be provided to eat while we study our lesson. Please call Lynn at 223-3409, or 524-2134.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

As we turn our calendar page to December, the excitement here at the Preschool begins to build. Although only in session for two weeks, the activities are numerous and the anticipation for Christmas Day, the birth of Jesus and all it represents, are so wondrous. All of our classes will share in decorating the preschool, as well as each child will be creating "holiday surprises" that will be treasured for years to come.

On Thursday, December 8, we will have our "All Aboard The Polar Express" Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a fun evening of crafts, storytelling, a photo op with Santa, ending with cookies and milk. P.J.'s are the dress for the children (you, too!) this evening. Call the preschool office if you would like to join us with your grandchild. At noon on December 8, our 3's and 4's will be singing at the PEPS holiday luncheon. This is always a treat for us to perform our favorite holiday songs for such a special group.

On Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m., we invite everyone to our Candlelight Christmas Program in the Church Sanctuary. Our 2's and 3's will delight you with unusual and traditional Christmas songs and our 4's will present the Christmas Nativity in story. After the performance, please join us in Benz Hall for refreshments. As in previous years, we will end our week with "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebrations in the classrooms. Our Outreach project for U.C.O.M. includes collecting non-perishable food items, small gift items for men, women and children, infant needs and gift cards in small amounts from local stores. We will also be making holiday cards and placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients. As I said, it will be a busy but blessed month! From our preschool staff to all of you...may the peace and joy of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year.

2011 Contributions to LPC

Remember that any monetary donations to the church must be received in the office by noon on December 30, or postmarked by December 31 at the latest, if you want them credited to your 2011 giving statement. If you are uncertain of your pledge status, please email Meg Sheffield at sheff4@comcast.net for an update.

Pledge envelopes will be available in the Narthex starting December 11. Please help us save postage by picking up your envelopes at the church, if possible.

Little Women Circle

The Little Women Circle wants to start the holidays off with a BANG!!! We will meet on Friday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. for a Regressive Dinner (dessert first!) We will be going to different houses for different parts of our evening. [RSVP to the church office](#) by Thursday, December 1, so we can get an accurate count for the meal.

Pictorial Directory

What? You missed having your photo taken for the new pictorial directory? Don't fret! You may submit a digital photo of you/your family for publication in the directory. But please keep in mind:

- Your photo may be cropped to fit space requirements.
- The whole purpose behind the pictorial directory is so that new and current members can put names and faces together – so we need to be able to see your face in your photo! "Head and shoulder" shots are best, no sunglasses, hats, etc.
- We cannot use photos that were taken professionally and are copyrighted.
- When submitting the photo, please list in your accompanying e-mail the names of those pictures so they can be properly identified in the directory.

Digital photos should be emailed to Kathy VanderVliet at kvander@bellsouth.net no later than Monday, December 19. Should you have any questions, please contact Kathy by email, or phone her at 654-5778.

To my wonderful church family:
 Thanks to those of you who sent cards to cheer me up, phone calls, awesome meals, or even a greeting at a church activity. The past 3 months have been challenging to say the least, but with God's love & guidance I have conquered those challenges & feel stronger each day. I am blessed. Love, Lori Overstreet



Dear Friends,
 Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls & visits. Ron & I appreciate all you've done. Together Ron & I are tackling Carol's cancer diagnosis with positive feelings. We hope this new chemo treatment is kinder on the body than the last. We hope this part of life will be cancer free as we approach our 55th wedding anniversary. Love, The Kalapp's

Thank you to our Church family for so much love and booties for Baby Luke. Love, Lorie, Skip and Luke Paylor

The Turkey Fund's head turkey THANKS ALL OF YOU for your phenomenal response to LPC's BEST YEAR EVER in helping needy folks at Thanksgiving time! Outreach Ministry set a goal of \$1,000 and YOU responded by contributing \$6,131! Outreach is still in shock and the Head Turkey is speechless and humbled. Thank you for being open to this need. God is surely working in your life and your heart, and so many folks will be blessed by you. Happy Thanksgiving! With much love from the Head Turkey, Barb Matheson

November 13 was an absolute great day with 31 individuals registered to donate on the Bloodmobile, including three first time donors! We are so proud that our youth and youth directors are joining us in this Outreach Ministry to give their Gift of Life. What a wonderful example they are setting; and a blessing to know that each donation will save up to three lives. Thank you all for your continued support of the LPC Blood Bank and The Blood Alliance. This was the last blood drive for 2011, and I want to thank each and every one who participated by donating blood on the Bloodmobile and at the various centers. Your donations make the Lakewood Presbyterian Church a vital part of the The Blood Alliance's community of blood donors. On behalf of the LPC Blood Bank Committee, blessings and thanksgiving for all you have done this year. Barbara Jump, Blood Bank Coordinator

Please note these changes:
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 32257-5312
 Connie Darner
 Ext. 8111

WN @ LPC
(Wednesday Night @ LPC)
 Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. Our program follows dinner around 6:30 p.m.
December Theme: Cups of Cheer
 © 7 Hooray for Baby Jesus! The children will present this musical under the direction of Rodney Cleveland and Lenora Wilson.
 14 A Victorian Christmas Party. Harolyn Sharpe (in period costume) will present a monologue describing the Victorian Era. We'll dine in true Victorian fashion with "butlers" serving a traditional dinner (family style).
 21 We will create and share Christmas Cheer as we go caroling to local assisted living and nursing homes.
 Dinners will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

Sanctuary Flower Calendar
 \$40.00 First Sunday/\$55.00 All other Sundays

Dec 4	Katie Seay
Dec 11	A D V E N T
Dec 18	A D V E N T
Dec 25	POINSETTIAS

The 2012 Flower Calendar is now posted in the Narthex. Sign up now before your special date is taken! [Contact Lori Appenfelder](#) with questions, or to see if your date is available.



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Our Staff

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Terence A. Lucarelli
Senior Pastor

Katherine C. Robb
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Youth and Young Adults

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Rodney L. Cleveland
Minister of Music

Gail Baker
Preschool Director

Suzanne Deaton
Office Administrator

Lori Appenfelder
Church Office/Newsletter

Dennis Ice
Maintenance Supervisor

Birthdays

Michele Muskus, 12/2
Christine Gingrich, 12/3
Liz Perez, 12/3
Hannah Pound, 12/3
Jo Bahn, 12/4
Jo Ann Paylor, 12/5
Kim Fleming, 12/6
Madison Lee, 12/7
Lee Meadows, 12/7
Nancy Carlton, 12/8
Freddie Sherrill, 12/8
Michael Farhat, 12/9
Jackson Spencer, 12/11
Mary Tillman, 12/12
Kathy Williams, 12/12
Payton Ebanks, 12/13

Carrie Franklin, 12/13
Debbie Haug, 12/13
Jennifer Matthews, 12/13
Roger Bull, 12/14
Steve Matheson, 12/15
Cathy Sorensen, 12/15
Julia Towson, 12/15
Joe Woodlief, 12/15
Robby Andreasen, 12/17
Ron Kalapp, 12/17
Barbara Travis, 12/18
Dottie Decker, 12/19
Jeremy Lucarelli, 12/19
Patrick Smith, 12/19
George Barnwell, 12/20
Sue Donahue, 12/20
Atinuke Ogunsan, 12/21
Courtney Momberg, 12/23

Jason Pratt, 12/23
Beaumont Southwood, 12/23
Jim Estes, 12/25
Deborah Davis, 12/27
Joan DeParle, 12/27
Chris Lawrence, 12/27
Barbara Matheson, 12/27
Ginny Sherrill, 12/27
Nancy Wheeler, 12/27
Sean McCall, 12/28
Mike O'Brien, 12/28
Christine Choi, 12/29
Bailey Darner, 12/29
Terry Lucarelli, 12/29
Frank Pursley, 12/30

Byron Ruland, 12/30
Nita Burger, 12/31
Beth King, 12/31
Doreen Pratt, 12/31

Anniversaries

Meg & David Sheffield, 12/17
Katie & Chris Seay, 12/23
Catie & Dick Wallace, 12/23
Peggy & Don Rawlins, 12/24
Carol & Ron Kalapp, 12/28
Lori & Andy Patterson, 12/28
Sue & Don Spencer, 12/28
Anne & Dana Jewell 12/31

We thank God for you! If your information is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at Lori@lpcjax.org.