

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 15, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

In the Bleak Midwinter

1) In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2) Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

3) Angels and archangels
may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

4) What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)
We the Kingdom

1) Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight.

2) Light of the World from the beginning

The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory, You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us.

Chorus:

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

3) Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

4) Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forevermore.

Prelude

Intermezzo (from "Cavalleria Rusticana")

Pietro Mascagni

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Frances Hallett, Liturgist

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

People: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!

***Hymn of Praise**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you have provided the true light, the light of salvation through your Son, and yet we persist in living in darkness. We would trumpet our own accomplishments rather than yours. We cloak ourselves in our transgressions rather than clothing ourselves in Christ. We shield your light and love from those who have not yet seen you. Free us from the darkness. Help us to live in the light of your glory and freely proclaim the risen Christ. 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 Children's Time

Brian Mitchell

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Look at the World
LPC Chancel Choir

John Rutter

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

John 1:29-42

Sermon

Come and See

Rev Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Ordination & Installation of New Elders

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1) Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

2) Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Introduction - Choral (from "Suite Gothique")

Léon Boëllmann

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for January:

Nancy Carlton
Sara Maguire
Frank Wood
Bunny George
Frances Hallett

Liturgist:

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist:

Carl Marucci

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

The floral arrangement in the chancel is given to the glory of God.



Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 1/15

- Reception for incoming Session in Benz Hall following morning worship

Monday, 1/16

- LPC Office closed in observance of MLK Day
- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Tuesday, 1/17

- 1 pm - Handbells 101 in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 1/18

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

Friday, 1/20 - Saturday, 1/21

- Elder Retreat

Monday, 1/23

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall



Tuesday, 1/24

- 1:30 pm - Handbell Practice in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 1/25

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

Monday 1/30

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Tuesday, 1/31

- 1:30 pm - Handbell Practice in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 2/1

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

Saturday, 2/4

- Sweetheart Dinner

Monday, 2/6

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Tuesday, 2/7

- 1:30 pm - Handbell Practice in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 2/8

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

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