

# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 9, 2022

10:00am

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### *Preparation for Worship*

**Prelude**

Stephen Fennell

**Welcome and Announcements**

*(PLEASE sign the Friendship Pads and "pass-it-on")*

**Prayer of Invocation**

Come, O God, and be present with us today in your holy Word. Let it speak to us as we worship, as a living, piercing, judging, dividing, and uniting instrument of your glory. Give us a heart that waits upon you for guidance and direction. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We are God's beloved people!

**People: Called to lives of kindness, humility, and compassion!**

Leader: God seeks to clothe us with love and to bind us together in harmony.

**People: God desires that we bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgives.**

Leader: We are God's beloved people!

**People: Called to lives of peace and patience; called to live with grateful hearts.**

**All: We worship the God who calls us beloved!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
(vs. 1, 3, & 5)

Hymn #463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, you know that we have sinned. You know that we have hurt each other, been unkind and thought only of ourselves. You have given us such grace and mercy; help us to extend the same to our brothers and sisters. Free us from holding grudges, from gossip and from passing judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us walk with each other toward forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, gracious God. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us. Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen ... Amen.



**The Children's Time**

Meg Sheffield

***The Act of Offering***

**Offertory**

*The Gift of Love*  
Kimberly Fishman, Soloist

Arr. Hal Hobson

**\*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**

Colossians 3:12-17

**Sermon**

*My Relationship with  
Church Family*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**Response of God's People  
Hymn of Commitment**

Hymn #265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

***Blessing and Benediction***

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Stephen Fennell

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**\*Indicates Congregation Standing**

**The Floral Arrangement** in the Chancel this morning is given by Meg and David Sheffield to the Glory of God and in hopeful anticipation of a healthy and safe 2022.