

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 2, 2022

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Come! Live in the Light
(vs 1 & 3)

Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love

Refrain

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Lisa Wetzel, Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs;

People: Let us sing to God with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Leader: Let everything we do or say be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

People: Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

***Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,

that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we want our faith to grow but we admit that we don't always welcome the faith-growing opportunities that come to us. We'd rather know than trust. We'd rather take the way we know than the way that involves risk and sacrifice. We'd rather follow our impulses than obey Jesus's word. Lord, have mercy on us. Remove our fears and excuses and help us to embrace everything that would increase our faith in you. 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

My Offering
LPC Chancel Choir

Tina English

***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

Luke 17:5-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon

Increase Our Faith

Rev. Joy Laughridge

The Word of God Proclaimed in Sacrament

Hymn of Preparation

Let Us Break Bread Together
(vs 1 & 2)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith*

We believe in God,
Creator of the universe,
Giver of every good gift,
Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,
who commanded us to care for those in need,
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,

in a spirit of love and joy.
We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's,
caretakers of God's home.
We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.
We believe that God has great things in store for us,
for it is in giving that we receive.

**This Affirmation of Faith was written by Allen and Sara Ewing-Merrill and posted on their blog
forewardonthejourney.blogspot.com, November 20, 2007.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Commitment**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)*

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Mary Holladay

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for October:

Bunny George

Tom Vermilya

Nancy Carlton

Liturgist:

Lisa Wetzel

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Interim Director of Music:

Mary Holladay

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Martha Valent in honor of her granddaughters Riley and Mary Parker, who have October birthdays.



Lakewood Presbyterian Church



Sunday, 10/2

- Coffee & Conversations w/Grounds of Grace immediately following the service

Monday, 10/3

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Wednesday, 10/12

- 6 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner - Chili Cookoff in Benz Hall

Sunday, 10/16

- Stewardship luncheon in Benz Hall immediately following the service

Saturday, 10/22

- 10 am - Evangelism & Church Growth door hanger distribution to our neighbors. Come take a walk and spread the Good News about Jesus and LPC, a place where ALL can Belong, Learn & Grow, and Connect with God. We will organize in the LPC parking lot at 10:00. For more information, please contact Michael Sullivan at 904-248-1703 or mtsullivan@bellsouth.net.

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LPC FAITHFULNESS REPORT
LPC JUNE 30, 2022 YTD (preliminary)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES*	\$272,250	\$285,530	\$13,280
EXPENSES	\$267,351	\$274,515	(\$7,164)
INCOME	\$4,898	\$11,015	\$6117

	Available	Notes
Window Replacement Fund	\$32,000	
Irrigation & Landscaping Fund	\$21,000	If not needed for windows
Designated Capital Reserves	\$16,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot resurfacing • Exterior door replacement
Undesignated Capital Reserves	\$13,500	

- The Finance Ministry