



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's Mind ♦ Loving with Christ's Heart ♦ Serving with Christ's Hands

A Message from Pastor Joy



Dear Lakewood Family,

If you have ever tried to communicate with someone who speaks a language that you do not know, you know how difficult it is. You might manage to convey some basic concept with the use of hand gestures, but without language and understanding it is impossible to really get to know a person or develop a relationship with them. In John 1:14 we read these words. "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." When God put on flesh and visited us in the person of Jesus, it was God's way of speaking to us in our language. God did it so that we could understand who God really is and have a real and personal relationship with God. Without the Incarnation, we can look around at the beauty of Creation and we can see evidence of the reality of love, but we can only speculate about the Source of the good that we see in the world. It is like trying to understand hand gestures that give us a basic idea of something but not the full picture. With the Incarnation, God reveals the fullness of who God is and true intimacy with our Creator is made possible.

As we anticipate Jesus's birth during Advent and celebrate God is coming to us on Christmas, may we remember that God is not distant or hidden from us.

God has drawn near to us, and God wants to be known. If we seek God, we will surely find God during this season and always.

May you experience the blessing of all the gifts that God has given to us in Christ,
Pastor Joy

December Newsletter

Holiday Happenings

November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent with lighting of Hope Candle and Troopers to perform.

December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent with lighting of the Peace Candle and Troopers to perform.

December 5 - Florida Women's Chorale and Gainesville Brass, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

December 8 - Victorian Christmas with a presentation by Harolyn Sharp, at 6:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. A Victorian dessert will be served. It will be tea (or coffee) and scones with clotted cream and jam.

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent with lighting of the Joy Candle and Troopers to perform.

December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent with lighting of the Love Candle, Christmas Music Service with the LPC Chancel Choir & Jazz Ensemble.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services with Family Service at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Live Nativity and a Blended Service at 7:00p.m.

December 26 - 1st Sunday of Christmas with the Troopers to perform, and a Festival of Carols.



December
2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE : 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Nurse – Open in Benz Hall during Worship
Children's Sunday School : 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Children's Church: During Worship (not on Communion Sundays)
Adult Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Music Notes

As December begins, I am excited about our Christmas Program on December 19th. The LPC Chancel Choir is working hard on the music, and it will be spectacular. Along with the choir, the LPC Jazz ensemble will also be performing. I hope you will join us for this great day of music.

Just a reminder that the North Florida Women's Chorale along with the Gainesville Brass will present their concert in our Sanctuary on December 5th at 4:00 p.m. Please come out and support this wonder group of musicians.

If you are interested in learning more about our music programs at Lakewood, please reach out to me. We need all voices and prefer you to have experience singing in a church choir.

Thanks to all those that are participating and support us here at Lakewood. I am looking forward to the upcoming season of beautiful music!

In love and appreciation,
Tony

LPC Troopers

Our Troopers will be performing the Series ***A Word from The Not Quite Prime-Time Angels*** on Sundays during advent. The "angels" will deliver messages each week about Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for us to contemplate during the holidays.

December Little Women

The Little Women will meet on Friday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Details to follow!



Youth Group

Dec 5th - No Youth Group.

Dec 12th - SWEET PETE'S PRIVATE CANDY CANE CLASS. This is a youth and family event. We are scheduled at Sweet Pete's at 1:00 pm. **This is an RSVP only event.** We watch them make Candy Canes, and then make and shape our own to take home. RSVP if you would like to be part of this event.

Dec 18th/19th - YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS LOCK IN. Our lock in returns this year! We will have all the usual fun: Gift exchange, trip to see lights, midnight devotion, Christmas movies and games, snacks. This year we will have our Youth Group T Shirt available. Cost is \$10 and includes the shirt and pizza.

Dec 22 – Youth Trip to Zoo Lights. You must RSVP by December 12 so tickets can be purchased in advance (as they expect it will be sold out). The cost is \$15 for Zoo members and \$25 for non-members.

Dec 24 – Live Nativity @ 5:00 p.m. service.

Dec 26 – Serve in Worship and Christmas Holiday Lunch and Movie Trip.

A Thank You

Alan and Doris York would like to thank their church family for all the love, prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during Doris' recent bout of illness. They are still waiting for a confirmed diagnosis. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Youth Sunday School Program:

Youth Sunday School (Sunday's Cool): Held in the Youth Hut 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: Sunday School for elementary age children will be held in the "Penguin" preschool classroom from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

December Birthdays

Hanna Marsh, 12/2	Brennan Mitchell, 12/2
Brian Mitchell, 12/2	Christine Jenkins, 12/3
Connor Phillips, 12/3	Hannah Pound, 12/3
Fran Harris, 12/5	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	Mary Tillman, 12/12
Payton Ebanks, 12/13	Carrie Franklin, 12/13
Roger Bull, 12/14	Steve Matheson, 12/15
Cathy Sorensen, 12/15	Joe Woodlief, 12/15
Cathy Harris, 12/16	Richard Tozser, 12/16
Rob Andreasen, 12/17	Ron Kalapp, 12/17
Barbara Travis, 12/18	Jeremy Lucarelli, 12/19
Patrick Smith, 12/19	George Barnwell, 12/20
Jason Pratt, 12/23	Beau Southwood, 12/23
Jim Estes, 12/25	Chris Lawrence, 12/27
Barb Matheson, 12/27	Ginny Sherrill, 12/27
Nancy Wheeler, 12/27	Owen Southwood, 12/28
Sean McCall, 12/28	Christine Choi, 12/29
Kassidy Graves, 12/29	Frank Pursley, 12/30
Katie Ross, 12/30	Byron Ruland, 12/30
Doreen Pratt, 12/31	Beth Randall, 12/31

December Anniversaries

Natalie & Andy Choate, 12/2
Cathy & Fred Harris, 12/17
Meg & David Sheffield, 12/17
Carol & Ron Kalapp, 12/28
Lori & Andy Patterson, 12/28

We thank God for you! If your special day was missed, help us update our records by e-mailing [Sara Maguire at sara@lpcjax.org](mailto:sara@lpcjax.org).



North Florida
WOMEN'S CHORALE

Kerry Fradley, Director

Gainesville Brass Quintet
 Joseph Jamerson, Director

JUBILATE!

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 4 p.m.
 Lakewood Presbyterian Church
 2001 University Blvd.
 Jacksonville, Florida

Victorian Christmas
 Wednesday, December 9
 6:00 p.m.
 Please RSVP

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

December 5: Poinsettias
 December 12: Poinsettias
 December 19: Poinsettias
 December 26: Carol & Ron Kalapp

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