



Service for the Lord's Day
September 27, 2026 10:30am
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell, *pastor*

PRELUDE

Kelly Cuppett, *guest accompanist*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlene Berry, *liturgist*

Why do you come to this place?

We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Do you come ready to hear and learn, giving attention to God's Word?

We come with open hearts and minds,

seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts, because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE All Creatures of Our God and King *stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 6 only*

No. 15

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen!
World without end, without end, Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*You are invited to share greetings and signs of Christ's peace with those seated around you.
During this time the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward
to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 16: 1-20

NRSVue

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Israelites who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. Greet my fellow Israelite Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and greet his mother—a mother to me also. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those who create dissensions and hindrances, in opposition to the teaching that you have learned; avoid them. For such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the simple-minded. For your obedience is known to all; therefore, I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil. The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Timothy, my coworker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my fellow Israelites. I Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus greet you.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed and through the

prophetic writings is made known to all the gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Your Friend Paul Says Hello

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

No. 490

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to “LPC”) in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts¹ as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

¹ When saying the Lord’s Prayer, some prefer to use the words “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” or “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Please pray as you feel led.

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*SENDING HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

No. 730

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Following worship, all are invited to share refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

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Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life  
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,  
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ  
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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