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Service for the Lord's Day

November 8, 2026 10:30am

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell, *pastor*

GATHERING HYMN — Come Into God's Presence — No. 413

(At stanza 3 you may sing in canon.)

1. **Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**

2. Come into God' presence singing "Jesus is Lord…"

3. Come… "Worthy the Lamb." 4. Come… "glory to God!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Jennifer Beasley, *liturgist*

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.

Let us worship together this day

*HYMN OF PRAISE — Brethren, We Have Met to Worship — No. 396

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

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*You are invited to stand.

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

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Today's Call to Worship, Confession and Pardon, and Prayer for Illumination were composed or selected by Rev. Tara W. Bulger for *The Presbyterian Outlook.* http://pres-outlook.org/2026/11/order-of-worship-november-15-2026/

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us.
We have so many blessings to be grateful for.
Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you.
We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough.
We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others.
We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response Alleluia! *(Sing twice.)* No. 587

*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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

After the Time with Children, young worshipers ages 3-10 may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the rest of the service or be dismissed for children's Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.

PROCLAIM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 14-30 NRSVue

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Courageous Stewardship Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE God Whose Giving Knows No Ending No. 716

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH adapted from *The Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 140, 141*

Which is the Eighth Commandment?

The eighth commandment is "Thou shalt not steal."

What duties are required in the Eighth Commandment?

The duties required in the eighth commandment are:
truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce; rendering to everyone their due;
restitution of goods unlawfully detained from the right of their owners;
giving and lending freely according to our abilities and the necessities of others;
moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods;
a provident care and study to get, keep, use, and dispose
of those things which are necessary, convenient, and suitable for our sustenance;
frugality; a lawful calling and a diligence in it;
avoiding unnecessary lawsuits, suretyship, or other like engagements;
and an endeavor by all just and lawful means to procure, preserve, and further
the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Charlene Berry, *Ruling Elder*

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 debts[1] as we forgive

[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.

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.

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*SENDING HYMN My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less No. 353

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

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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