



Service for the Lord's Day

October 25, 2026 10:30am

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

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... "Jesus is Lord." 3. Come... "Worthy the Lamb."

4. Come... "glory to God!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Brown, *liturgist*

Come, all who are weary from the past week.

We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.

Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

No. 11

*You are invited to stand.

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

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. 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.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Second Grade Bible Presentation

Taylor Allen and Alric Villanueva

Song

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

No. 458

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23: 1-12

NRSVue

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,^[a] and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.^[b] ¹¹The greatest

among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Church of Christ in Every Age

No. 320

MESSAGE

Fighting About God

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

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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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*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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