

Traditional Worship

January 5, 2025

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Jim Aguirre

Gathering Music, Caitlin Purcell
Greetings and News of the Church Alive

***“Doxology” No 625**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Fa ther, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prelude, Caitlin Purcell

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: Tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

People: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People: His miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever,

People: The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

***Hymn of Praise No. 166**

We Three Kings (vs 1,2&5)

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: Gracious God, you call us to draw near but we keep our distance. We are afraid of your direction and discipline, so we avoid honesty and confession. Father, help us trust in your goodness and your grace, believing that your correction brings life and joy. May we live in the light of your love so that others might see and draw near to you. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response, “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

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.

Special Music

Caitlin Purcell, piano

Scripture Lesson | 2 Cor. 1: 1-11

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Church Life: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

The Apostles’ Creed *Please see the insert*

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution and Serving of the People

(We partake individually of the bread and hold the cup, drinking together).

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment 163**

As with Men of Gladness Old (vs 1,3&4)

***Benediction**

Postlude, Caitlin Purcell

**Please stand if you are able*

Calendar for the week of January 6, 2025

Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodlcp.com/events

Monday, Jan. 6	11:15 am	Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room
Tuesday, Jan. 7	12:30 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting in the Library
	1:00 pm	Dorcas Circle in the Sewing Room
	7:00 pm	Mission and Outreach
Wednesday, Jan. 8	8:30 am	ROMEOs
	9:30 am	Marilyn's Small Group Get-Together in Prairie Hall
	1:00 pm	Choir in the Elgin Room
	1:00 pm	Acts Class in the Sewing Room
	5:30 pm	Student Ministries
Thursday, Jan. 9	6:00 pm	Prayer and Praise in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Teevin and Rich Small Group in the Elgin Room
	5:30 pm	Kids' Dance Class
Friday, Jan. 10	6:15 pm	Prairie Handbells
	<i>Office Closed No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, Jan. 11	<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, Jan. 12	9:00 am	Traditional Worship at Little Church
	10:00 am	Fellowship in Prairie Hall
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship at Lakewoodgrace
	12:30 pm	Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Sunday, January 12th we will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 1: 12-22

HALLELUJAH! THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S MESSIAH

SMALL GROUP, STARTING JANUARY 21, 2025

This Bible study group will meet Tuesday evenings in the Elgin Room at LCOP starting January 21, for 11 sessions, ending before Palm Sunday. Sessions will run from 7 to 8:30 PM. A resource book costs \$22 per family and will be distributed at the first session. Each meeting will include discussion, libretto reading, and music listening. Sign-up sheets are available at Lakewoodgrace, in the LCOP narthex, and in Prairie Hall. You can also call the office to sign up. Please sign up soon so that the resource books can be ordered and arrive in time for the first session.

Greeters: Roy & Vickie Davis | Usher: Doug Berglund

Prayer Requests

- For **Oliva Fowler** who had emergency eye surgery December 30th,
- For **Molly Crane's** mother-in-law, **Trisha**. She was recently hospitalized for diverticulitis and signs of cancer. She will need surgery.
- Prayers for **Judy Monlux**, her husband, Vic, passed away on December 23rd.
- For **Tim Gary** who has stomach cancer.
- For **Cathy and Rick Norberg's** brother-in-law, **Garrison Coverdale**, who is recovering from back surgery.
- Prayers for **Sandy Noreen's** husband, **Mike** who is receiving cancer treatment for AML.
- For **Carolyn Lee's** son-in-law **Duncan** whose melanoma has spread to his lymph nodes. Prayers also for Carolyn's daughter **Hilary** as she cares for Duncan.
- For **Peter Sloan's** sister, **Amy Bettesworth**, who is in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- Praise for Jennifer **Stafford's** friend **Larry** and his successful cancer treatment. The tumor is now "barely detectable" and seems to be inactive. He is done with chemo and can focus on healing his soul.
- For **Ruthie Faris** as she receives treatment for neuroendocrine cancer.

Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Colleen Smart | • Cindy Nelson's brother, Richard Rogers | • Tal Edman |
| • Jerry Williams | • Lori Ward's cousin, Leland | • Deanna Price |
| • Martha Kelcey | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Floyd Collins | • Bev Conover |
| • Bill Edwards | • Lisa Semon | • Steve George |
| • Joan Jackson | | • Inge Conner |
| • Bridget Upton | | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Jim & Alyce Olsen | | • Gordon Neu |
| • Jim Pledger | | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |

Prayers for happy healthy preschoolers; for the victims of gun violence; for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine; for our church music ministries; for our healthcare providers, long-term caregivers, and first responders; for the homebound; for our student ministries – that God will help our youth ministry to thrive. Prayers for our weekend services, that God will sustain, strengthen, and equip our members, and that God's impact and influence will increase through our weekend services.

NEXT NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE CLASS

Our next new member experience class will be on Sunday, January 19th, at 1:00 p.m. on the main campus. Please contact Amy Trevino at 253-304-1496 or amy.j.trevino@gmail.com with any questions or to RSVP.

MISSION AND OUTREACH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF COLD WEATHER ITEMS

We are now accepting gently used heavy coats and clothing for men and women, sleeping bags, blankets, and tarps for our friends at The Rescue Mission. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. The office is open Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 3:30.

NEXT BOOMER EVENT - MINI GOLF

Join us Friday, January 17th at 3:00 pm for our next Boomer Event - Indoor Mini Golf at Tower Lanes on 6th Ave in Tacoma. Invite friends! RSVP to Terry Hudson via email ((terryhudson72@gmail.com) or phone (253-448-9623).

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in Prairie Hall for fellowship immediately following today's church service. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and enjoy time with each other.

VOLUNTEER TO COOK DINNER FOR YOUTH GROUP

Our student ministries team is looking for small groups to volunteer to cook dinner once a month for our middle school youth group. The dates needed are January 22, February 12, and March 12. Please contact Janta Steele to sign up: janta.steele@gmail.com

THE NEXT BUILDER LUNCH IS JANUARY 15TH

Join us for another fun-filled lunch for our Builders. Lunch will be at noon, and RSVPs are required by January 12th; please call the office to leave your RSVP. If you have questions, please contact Patsy Zofkie (patsy.zofkie@gmail.com), or Terry Hudson (terryhudson72@gmail.com).

DO YOU HAVE AN M&M CANISTER?

Our Mission and Outreach committee is hoping you still have some of the M&M canisters they distributed for the Laundromat Takeovers. If you do, can you please bring them to the office (we'd love for them to be full!), or give them to Jane Macpherson.

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

As you grocery shop for the week, don't forget about the Little Free Pantry donation boxes we have at both campuses. These pantries are kiosks filled with food for those in need and are located in neighborhoods throughout Lakewood and Steilacoom.



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