

**Calendar for the week of November 24, 2024**

*Be sure to check out the full event calendar at [www.lakewoodlcp.com/events](http://www.lakewoodlcp.com/events)*

<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b>	11:15 am   Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room 7:00 pm   Small Group 1 (Ward)
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b>	9:30 am   PWCT in Sewing room 1:00 pm   Small Group 2 (Huber) in the Library 6:00 pm   Small Group 3 (Sloan)
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 27</b>	9:30 am   Small Group 4 (Sexton) in the Conference Room
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 2:00 pm   Thanksgiving Dinner
<b>Friday, Nov. 29</b>	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 30</b>	<i>No Events Scheduled</i>
<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	9:00 am   Traditional worship service at LCOP <i>Join us for fellowship and coffee after the service in Prairie Hall</i> 11:00 am   Contemporary Worship at Lakewoodgrace 1:30 pm   Children’s Ministry Gingerbread Making in Prairie Hall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT WEEK’S SERMON**

Next week, the sermon will be on Mary Magdalene. We will be preaching from Mark 16:9 and Matthew 27: 57 - 28:10

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TRIP**

There is still room for you to join us in 2025 for our Footsteps of Paul trip to Greece! Please pick up a brochure in the lobby and contact Pastor James with questions.

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

*Wednesday, December 4th at 11:45 a.m. in Prairie Hall*

Please join us for a festive Christmas event. Molly Crane will provide a special music program and Martha Circle will provide lunch and dessert for us. Our shower and mission recipients are LASA and NOURISH Pierce County. This is also a great time to visit and share with each other. Please bring a friend, we would love to have them. And in case you are in the Christmas shopping mood, Dorcas Circle will have quilts and other handmade items available for purchase starting at 11:30.

**Greeters: Terry Hudson & Johanna Henry | Usher: Doug Berglund**

**Prayer Requests**

- For the family of **Carol Masters**. Carol passed away on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- For **Tim Gary** who has stomach cancer.
- For **Jean Rich** whose sister, **Paula Loveless**, passed away.
- For **Hans Brockhoff** whose brother passed away.
- For **Terry Hudson’s** cousin, **Kathy Seck**, who is now in hospice for pancreatic cancer.
- For **Cathy and Rick Norberg’s** brother-in-law, **Garrison Coverdale**, who is experiencing unusual back pain after back surgery.
- For **Klaus Gallasch** 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 Bettsworth**, 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:

- Cindy Amundsen
- Colleen Smart
- Jerry Williams
- Martha Kelcy
- Rosemary Kennedy
- Bill Edwards
- Joan Jackson
- Bridget Upton
- Alyce Olsen
- Jim Pledger
- Cindy Nelson’s brother, Richard Rogers
- Jim Olsen
- Lori Ward’s cousin, Leland
- Phyllis & Rudy Horst
- Floyd Collins
- Lisa Semon
- Tal Edman
- Deanna Price
- Barbara Riggs
- Bev Conover
- Steve George
- Inge Conner
- JoEthel Smith
- Gordon Neu
- 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.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE! GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 11TH**

The Christmas giving trees are up and the Deacons have chosen LASA and The Wishing Well as this year's recipients of your generosity. LASA supports the homeless community, and The Wishing Well supports foster children. Tags can be removed from the tree, and please put unwrapped gifts in the boxes provided.

### **HELP OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Our Children's Ministry needs canning rings – no lids, no jars – just the rings from a standard-size jar (not wide mouth). Please bring them by the office or give them to Lori Ward.

### **THANKSGIVING AT LCOP!**

*Thanksgiving Day – Dinner served promptly at 2:00 pm*

Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner at Little Church this year! We're excited to host and share a delicious meal with you. We're expecting 30-35 guests, and we need volunteers to help make this day a success! Turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, potatoes, and gravy will be provided.

Please bring either a dessert, rolls, side dish, or drinks to share.

If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Janine Saul at 425-931-9017.

### **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.

### **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, or give them to Jane Macpherson?

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

In consideration of those with allergies or sensitivities, we kindly ask that you refrain from wearing strong-smelling colognes or perfumes to church services. This small gesture helps make our gatherings comfortable and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BOOMER/BUILDER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT NOON**

Once again, we are hosting a Boomer/Builder Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11, at noon. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange (\$20 limit, please). Please invite friends!

*RSVPs are required by December 8th to the office.*



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Traditional Worship

November 24, 2024

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Marilyn Sexton

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Gathering Music, Jinshil Yi

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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prelude, Jinshil Yi

*\*Call to Worship (Ps. 46)*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**People: “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 561**

*We Gather Together*

*\*Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

**People: Loving God, you command us to love you and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is a lifelong struggle for us. As we confess our inability to follow this commandment, please help us to find creative ways that we might grow in our capacity to love you and love others. 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 | Chancel Choir**

*Shine on Us* arranged by Benjamin Harlan

**Scripture Lesson | Acts 18: 18-26**

**The Message, Pastor Brad Epperson**

*Priscilla and Aquilla*

**Offering**

Pastoral Prayer

**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, 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.*

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 380**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**\*Benediction**

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

*\*Please stand if you are able*