

**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

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Ministries*

**The Ten Biblical Principles
of Revitalization:**

1. Remember
God's faithfulness.
2. Repent continually.
3. Be gospel driven
and Christ centered.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Minister the word.
6. Cultivate spiritual formation.
7. Engage clear vision,
mission and values.
8. Equip
empowering servant leaders.
9. Build small groups.
10. Pursue
Great Commission discipleship.

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, September 27, 2026

1 Samuel 31:1-13 (2 Samuel 1:1-27) (316)
God Sees Our Hearts
Ed Kuffel

Welcoming Our New Members this morning!

**Congregational & Corporate Meeting
Official Call to a Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 4, 2026 @ 12:00pm**

The members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are hereby called to a Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Lancaster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek which will be held Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the sanctuary at 12:00PM for the purpose of:

- Receiving an update on the new pastor search
- Approving the members of the Pastoral Search Committee
- Answer any questions

The Elders wish to provide thoughtful and complete answers to any questions, therefore, the Elders request that all questions be submitted by Friday, October 2nd. Questions may be submitted to the Church office email [office@l-p-c.org] or feel free to place them into the Office mailbox outside of room 17.

LPC MISSION CONFERENCE

October 10 & 11, 2026

"Global Missions, Spiritual Warfare, and the Victory of Christ"

Ephesians 3:1-13

Featuring Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Benjamin Giffone

The Harvest Dinner will be taking place Saturday, October 10th at 6pm & the Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, October 11th following our Adult Education Hour.

Sign up on the Information Table today!

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

September 27, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome

Please sign the
Friendship pad as it is
passed through the pew,
returning it to the side
aisle.

Large Print Bulletins

and

Hearing Assistance Devices

are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided
through kindergarten in
room 217 on the 2nd floor.
An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are
available for special prayer
requests. Prayer cards can
be found in the pew
envelope holders and as
you enter the balcony.
They can be placed in the
offering basket.
A wooden box in the back
of the sanctuary is available
for confidential prayer
requests.

Please silence your
cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Mike Eaton

Call to Worship

(From Psalm 139)

Leader: O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

People: *You know when I sit down and when I rise up*

Leader: Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from
Your presence?

People: *You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my
mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made*

Leader: Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

People: *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know
my anxious thoughts;*

and lead me in the everlasting way.

Leader: Our gracious God surrounds you with His incomparable love.

All: *We cannot fully understand your love, mercy, and grace. But
today we worship you nonetheless, with thankful hearts.*

*Worship Song

Lift You High

Led by the LPC Worship Team

Welcoming of New Members

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father,
you are the Alpha and Omega,
the Beginning and the End.
Lord Jesus, you are the Christ,
the Son of the Living God.
Holy Spirit, you are our Counselor,
guiding us daily to make wise decisions.



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.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

Our One Triune God, you are El Roi,
the God who sees us and knows our hearts.

We adore you for your faithfulness.

In humble honesty, we confess
that we do not always live in ways that please you;
that there are times when your heart breaks
when you see the sinfulness in our hearts.
We confess and ask your forgiveness as a church-body,
and also privately in the next few silent moments.

Silent Confession

The Lord tells us,
*"I, even I, am the one
who wipes out your transgressions
for My own sake,
and I will not remember your sins."*
This is the Good News that we believe:
that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to our merciful God.
(Quoted Scripture from Isaiah 43:25)

Children's Message: Carolina Jackson

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 31:1-13 (2 Samuel 1:1-27)

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

(Based on Colossians 1:15-16; Psalm 46:1; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; John 16:7-8; Psalm 28:7)

We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
who created all things by His Word
and sustains them by His power.

We trust that nothing is impossible with God,
for He is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

We confess that Jesus Christ is the power and wisdom of God,
crucified for our sins and raised for our justification.

We affirm that God's Spirit dwells in us,
giving life, guidance, and strength.

We worship the God who works all things for our good,
and we declare:

'The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.'

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Give Me Jesus* ~ arr. Robert Sterling
LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *O Come to the Altar

Postlude

Raffi Wright – LPC Youth & Music Director

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Lift You High

Come let us sing to the Lord
Come let us bow down before him
His banner is love over us
His mercies are new every morning

Chorus:

Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh
So we lift you high
Forever lift you high
High within our hearts
High within our minds
Jesus you alone
Our rock our cornerstone
High within our hearts
High within our minds

Oh I won't let the rocks cry out in my place
We return the breath you gave with our praise

Ev'rything that's in me bless his holy name
Ev'rything that's in me bless his holy name

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
Matthew Blackwell
Mike Bishop
Irma Zimpfer
KC Carlsen
Kathy Pumm
Mike Eaton
Jan Majors
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

Prayer Ministry:

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at office@l-p-c.org, or simply complete the form on our church website.

The Adult Bell Choir will be rehearsing weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Music Room. All are welcome whether new to music ministry or an experienced veteran.

Prayer Spotlight: Our Home Members - Judy Kish

The Deacons would like to share a little more about the people listed in the bulletin for prayer under "Home Members". These are individuals whom the Deacons visit each month because they are no longer able to attend services in person. Though they can't be with us at church, they remain a very important part of our church family. If you would like to brighten someone's day, please feel free to send a card or note of encouragement to any of our Home Members. Addresses are available in the church directory or from a Deacon.

Judy Kish is a beloved home member who lives in a group home in Cheektowaga. Judy grew up attending church with her family, and her mother, Barb Kish, was an active member of the church choir for many years. Judy stills joins us for worship occasionally with assistance in her wheelchair and dearly loves her church family. Her brother, Bill, also visits LPC whenever he is in town from North Carolina. We are thankful that Judy remains a cherished part of our church family.

New Members Class Beginning Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm, Ed & Diane Carlsen will be offering a New Members Class. They are planning to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings for 4 sessions (possibly more if needed). If anyone is interested in becoming a member of LPC, please call the church office or speak directly to Ed or Diane.

The One Year Chronological Bible Sunday School Class has transitioned to the New Testament!

The One Year Bible class has transitioned into the New Testament for the remainder of 2026! This Sunday we'll be doing an overview of the 4 Gospel accounts, reviewing the key audiences they were written to and how they focused on Christ as *humble servant*. 100% God/100% Man, and promised *King and Savior*. We'll also look at the roles of the *Sanhedrin, Pharisees & Sadducees, High Priest, Herodian Rulers, and Governor of the Roman province of Judea*. Our Adult Sunday School meets in room 114/115 each Sunday, you are welcome to join us.

The daily readings are available online, including the opportunity to listen to the readings along with a brief daily commentary at: <https://chronologicalbibleblog.com>

Mighty Warriors class will begin this morning, in the same classroom and at the same time as the Adult Education hour. We will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month, same as last year. This year we will finish the Ten Commandments and learn about how to lead godly lives from the book, "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tom Blackaby. We will continue to grow in God's wisdom as we study His Word together!

1 Peter 3:12, *The Lord's eyes look on godly people, and he blesses them. His ears are open to their prayers.* Love in Christ, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Jackson

Bible Sunday - Sunday, October 4th On Sunday, October 4th, our 2nd & 7th graders will receive their Bibles during the Sunday School hour.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)
Fall 2026 upcoming events! Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop!



Saturday, October 17 - Missions Night! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups!
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, October 24 - "Fear Not" Fest! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups!
5:30pm to 7:30pm

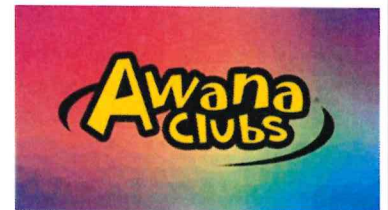
Saturday, November 14 - Friendsgiving Edition Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, Small Groups & a Thanksgiving party!
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, December 5 - Christmas Edition Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, Small Groups & a Christmas Party!
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Contact Raffi Wright, LPC Youth & Music Director with questions (raffi@L-P-C.org).

Wednesday Family Night & Awana Clubs @ LPC

- **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK)
- **Sparks** (K–2nd)
- **T&T** (3rd–6th)



Cubbies will meet in the LPC building from **6–7:30 PM** while **Sparks/T&T** will meet in the Potter's House across the street from **6–7:30 PM**.

Our family pizza dinner (5:30PM – 6:00PM) with pizza from Picasso's will continue on Wednesdays before our Awana Clubs! We ask families to contribute \$1/slice, if possible. We strongly encourage parents to join their children for dinner, as it's a meaningful opportunity to grow in community together!

After dinner, the kiddos will go to Awana, and we welcome parents and guardians to join us for an **adult small group**. Wednesday night **adult small group** will be held during Awana (6 - 7:30 pm) with a focus on supporting parents and families. We will use the small group material biweekly, with topics of special interest and extra time for fellowship on alternate weeks. **Nursery care** (age 0 -2 years) is available for participants, so invite your **friends and young families**. We are making plans to subdivide/rotate the group as we grow.

***Awana** is a fun, Bible memory program for kids that helps them grow in their faith through Scripture memory, engaging lessons, and exciting games. **AWANA** stands for **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed** (2 Timothy 2:15). At LPC, we believe that the Word of God is precious and powerful and that the memorization and meditation of it transforms hearts and lives. This powerful ministry teaches young minds and equips parents in leading their children in the way of the Lord! This is going to be a BLAST! We hope you join us!*

Please sign up to join us by using the link found on our website under Youth Ministry. Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

SAVE THE DATE! Trunk or Treat Event - Wednesday, October 28th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

LPC Fire Drill - Sunday, September 27th

Dear LPC Family,

The Safety & Security Team are planning a fire drill at LPC this morning between 11:05 - 11:15 a.m., rain date 10/4/26 at the same time.

OBJECTIVE:

Our objective is to be better prepared in the event of a real emergency evacuation. We need to practice how best to exit the building and where to meet in the event of an emergency. Our prayer is that it will never be necessary.

DIRECTIONS

When the fire alarm sounds, calmly walk to the nearest exit and proceed to the very end of Heather Lane (the alley just west of the church). In case of a fire, everyone needs to be upwind (west) of the building to avoid smoke inhalation and safely away from parking lot entrances to be clear of all arriving emergency vehicles. We will congregate for a full five minutes, and a member of the Safety Team will notify when to re-enter the church.

PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS

If you are physically able we would appreciate your participation. If you are physically unable you do not need to participate, please remain seated. Please note that during the fire alarm there will be flashing lights.

CHILDCARE

We request that childcare workers advise all children ahead of time so they won't be startled. Please coach the children to hold hands and walk together following the childcare leader.

This is a learning experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

The Safety & Security Team