

**Lancaster  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Congregation of  
the Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church*

**Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus**  
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*Director of Youth & Music  
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**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 14, 2025

**Ephesians 2:1-10 (1170)**

***From Death to Life***

**Raffi Wright**

**LPC Youth & Music Director**

**SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP TODAY!**

Brothers and sisters, if you are ready for some deeper Christian fellowship, the discipleship of one another, and an opportunity to be in prayer with other believers, then a Small Group is for you. In case you are new to Small Groups, they are groups of 8 to 12 adults (plus whatever children belong to those adults) who gather twice per month in a host home in order to share fellowship over a meal, discipleship in the Scriptures and prayer, and laughter over relaxed conversation (and sometimes games J).

Sign up at a table today. Or call the church office during that week in order to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Soup Sunday Luncheon**  
**Sunday, September 28th at 12:15pm**

Everyone is invited to a Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, September 28th at 12:15pm, following our Adult Education hour. If you are able to provide soup, bread, butter or dessert, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table.

**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 14, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

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## 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 the  
preschool wing on the first  
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 – Pastor Kelly Minute for Mission: Deb Eaton

## Call to Worship

(Isaiah 26:19; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55,57)

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a dew of light,  
And the earth will give birth to the dead.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## \*Worship Songs

## *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) ~ Humble Thyself/Awesome God*

Led by the LPC Worship Team

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,

Wonderful are Your works,

How they are more than the stars in the sky!

May we ever have praise for You, our King!

Though You raised us from the dead,

We still act as those who walk in darkness.

Convict our hearts and make Yourself known to us

As we come before You

in this moment of silence:

## Silent Confession

Merciful God,

You have loved us and brought us back to life!

May You ever guide our ways in Your light.

Thank You for sustaining us and restoring us

That we may serve You with all joy and thanksgiving.

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

## Children's Message: Carolina Jackson

### **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!

### **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

### ***From Death to Life***

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### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Affirmation of Faith**

#### **Ephesians 1:3-7**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly *places* in Christ,  
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
that we would be holy and blameless before Him.  
In love He predestined us to adoption as sons  
through Jesus Christ to Himself,  
according to the kind intention of His will,  
to the praise of the glory of His grace,  
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.  
In Him we have redemption through His blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of His grace.

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Worship Song: *I've Been Redeemed***

#### **Postlude**

Raffi Wright – LPC Youth & Music Director

## You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

**(Men)** You are holy.  
**(Men)** You are mighty.  
**(Men)** You are worthy,  
**(Men)** Worthy of praise  
**(Men)** I will follow  
**(Men)** I will listen  
**(Men)** I will love you  
**(Men)** All of my days.

**(Women)** You are holy  
**(Women)** You are mighty  
**(Women)** You are worthy  
**(Women)** Worthy of praise  
**(Women)** I will follow  
**(Women)** I will listen  
**(Women)** I will love you  
**(Women)** All of my days

### Chorus:

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore Him, and I will bow down before Him.  
And I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore Him, and I will bow down before Him.  
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

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## **Humble Thyself/Awesome God**

**(Men)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Women)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Men)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Women)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Men)** And He... **(Women)** And He...

**(Men)** will lift... **(Women)** will lift...

**(All)** You up, higher and higher,

**(Men)** And He... **(Women)** And He...

**(Men)** will lift... **(Women)** will lift...

**(All)** You up.

**(Men)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Women)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Men)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Women)** Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

**(Men)** And He... **(Women)** And He...

**(Men)** will lift... **(Women)** will lift...

**(All)** You up, higher and higher,

**(Men)** And He... **(Women)** And He...

**(Men)** will lift... **(Women)** will lift...

**(All)** You up.

CCLI Song #26564

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Bob Hudson

## **I've Been Redeemed**

I've been redeemed [I've been redeemed]  
By the blood of the Lamb [by the blood of the Lamb]  
I've been redeemed By the blood of the Lamb  
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,  
Filled with the Holy Spirit, I am:  
All my sins are washed away,  
I've been redeemed.

And that's not all [and that's not all]  
There's more besides [there's more besides]  
And that's not all there's more besides.  
And that's not all there's more besides:  
I went to the river and I've been baptized.  
All my sins are washed away,  
I've been redeemed.

Now the Devil and me [the Devil and me]  
We disagree  
I hate him and he hates me  
All my sins are washed away  
I've been redeemed.

You can talk about me [You can talk about me]  
All that you please  
I'll talk about you down on my knees  
All my sins are washed away  
I've been redeemed.

I've been redeemed [I've been redeemed]  
By the blood of the lamb  
I'm going to heaven with the Son of Man  
All my sins are washed away  
I've been redeemed.

## Praying for Our Family

Marsha Haas  
Judy Cavanaugh  
Jeremy Miller  
Bill Stortz  
Al Martin  
Helen Markham  
Carole Schafer  
Mike Eaton  
Doris Moranski  
Violet Chaves  
Ron Stasiowski  
Judy Martin  
Don Flaig

## Home Members

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

## Military Personnel:

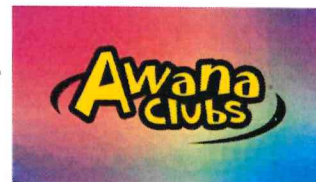
Thomas Carlsen II

### Prayer Ministry:

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

## Wednesday Family Night 2025: Awana @ LPC!

We are thrilled to be launching Awana at LPC for **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK), **Sparks** (K–2nd), and **T&T** (3rd–6th). **Cubbies** will meet in the LPC building from **6–7 PM** while **Sparks/T&T** will meet in the Potter's House across the street from **6–7:30 PM**.



Before Awana each Wednesday, we will have a **family dinner** (5:15 PM – 6:00 PM) with pizza from Picasso's! 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** (Bible study) with dessert and coffee. On select weeks, we'll also offer special activities for adults, such as crafting nights.

*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 below (this can also be found on our website under Youth Ministry). Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

<https://lancaster-presbyterian-church-505410.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3066277>

## LPC T-Shirts

LPC has new shirts available! We believe that wearing the shirt provides a great way of both showing your love for the church while also providing an opportunity to share the love of Christ with those you see in your day-to-day lives. Both kinds of shirts are \$15 each with kids shirts being free! Go to Marie in the main office after the Sunday Service or you can come by the church during office hours (9am-1pm) to get them. Cash or check will be accepted for payment.

**Today is the last day to sign up to attend the PATH 10th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, September 25th. Details & sign up sheet on the Information Table.**



## Adult Education Class - *Learning to Love the Psalms*

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new video series this Fall called "Learning to Love the Psalms", with Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries. The Book of Psalms is one of the greatest treasures the Lord has given to His people. Through these sacred poems, God has given us a rich songbook and a divinely inspired guide for our prayers. Dr. Godfrey provides an overview of the Psalms with the specific goal of learning to love them through a study of their themes, structure, and beauty. Each class centers around the ~ 20-minute feature video by Dr. Godfrey with class discussions around some specific Psalms.

In addition, dispersed throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring terms, there will be 10 single lessons called "Book at a Glance". Five of these lessons will be led by Laurie Muscato and will cover the Old Testament books Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua. Each lesson will give a bird's eye view that allows us to see what place the book has in the Bible narrative, why it matters, and how it points to Jesus. The other five books to study are the single-chapter books of the Bible; Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Obadiah led by various members of the Adult Education Committee. These books are often overlooked due to their brevity but are significantly relevant for today covering such topics as avoiding pride, rejecting deception and fighting for the faith.

## Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)

Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop for all upcoming events!

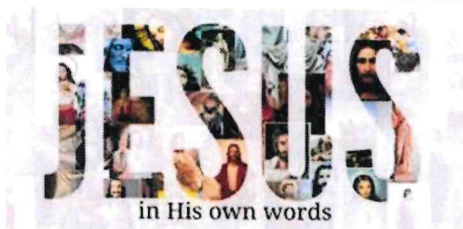


**Sunday, September 28th - Apple Picking at Smith's Orchard!** Group leaves LPC at 12PM, pick up from LPC at 4PM. Dinner will be provided at LPC when we return. *Bring cash if you'd like to purchase slushies/donuts at the Orchard.*

**Saturday, October 11th - Youth Group** Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

**Saturday, October 25th - Youth Group "Fear Not" Fest** Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups & CANDY! (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

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



### Lancaster Presbyterian Church

*Ladies Bible and Brunch Series*

#### Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits: Lessons from the Gospel of John

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays starting this Fall:

9/20/25, 11/15/25, 1/24/26, 3/21/26, 5/16/26

**Time:** 10-11:30am

**Where:** Lancaster Presbyterian Church

**What to bring:** A friend

**Cost:** a donation of \$13 for brunch if able

**Sign up on the Information Table today!**

### Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

#### *Survey says:*

Jesus is: a great moral teacher

Jesus is: a social activist

Jesus is: an unconditional lover of people

Jesus is: nonjudgmental

Jesus is: a great therapist – "live your best life."

How good of a detective are you? Can you spot the error?

Partial truth is deadly truth. Recalibrate your spiritual senses and hear Jesus describe himself in his own words. Nothing matters more!

**John 20:31 – "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."**



# Sermon Series for 2025

## Overall Theme for the Year: Church Health and Vision

### *Ministry Matters: What Jesus Values in His Church* (9 weeks)

Revelation can be intimidating: it's confusing, frightening, and difficult for us to apply today. However, the beginning chapters establishes why Jesus had His apostle and friend, John, write this letter. We're going to examine the seven churches the letter is addressed to and see for ourselves how Jesus warns, commends, and loves His churches, noticing the unique situations they faced, while also seeing the timeless truths God wants us to know as we also go through trials in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Sunday, Sept 21st:** Revelation 1:4-20

**Sunday, Sept 28th:** Revelation 2:1-7 (Ephesus)

**Sunday, Oct 5th:** Revelation 2:8-11 (Smyrna)

**Sunday, Oct 12th:** Revelation 2:12-17 (Pergamum)

**Sunday, Oct 19th:** Revelation 2:18-29 (Thyatira)

**Sunday, Oct 26th:** Revelation 3:1-6 (Sardis)

**Sunday, Nov 2nd:** Revelation 3:7-13 (Philadelphia)

**Sunday, Nov 9th:** Mission Conference

**Sunday, Nov 16th:** Revelation 3:14-22 (Laodicea)

**Sunday, Nov 23rd:** Revelation 5:1-14

**Wednesday, Nov 26th:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30pm

## **Dear LPC Family,**

The Safety & Security Team are planning a fire drill at LPC on **Sunday, September 28, 2025** between 11:05 - 11:15 a.m., rain date 10/5/25 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





Come and enjoy a special presentation

## **Searching for God through Art**

**Friday, September 26th or Saturday, September 27th**

Lancaster Presbyterian Church will be offering a special presentation given by art history instructor, Alan Nowicki, who will once again go "Searching for God through Art." Part art history lesson and part theological discussion, Mr. Nowicki will weave a series of new stories about the creation of various masterpieces and how it offers a glimpse towards God. Historical information will be given on the artists and pieces, including the likes of Pieter Bruegel and James Tissot, to name a few. There will be two opportunities to see the presentation, Friday, September 26th at 7pm or Saturday, September 27th at 4pm. Come be inspired by the art and how it points toward something greater.



**Friday, September 26th at 7pm  
Saturday, September 27th at 4pm**

**Lancaster Presbyterian Church  
5461 Broadway St.,  
Lancaster, NY 14086  
(across from the Lancaster Library)**

**FREE and open to the public  
Doors open a half hour before**

For more information on this and other events happening at Lancaster Presbyterian Church please visit their website at [www.L-P-C.org](http://www.L-P-C.org) or call the church office at 716-684-2277