

**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Raffi Wright
*Director of Youth & Music
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, August 30, 2026

God Sees Our Hearts
1 Samuel 30:1-31 (315)
Living in the Strength of God
Ed Kuffel

Sunday School & Adult Education resume
Sunday, September 13th at 10:45am

Looking Ahead to Autumn!
Small Group Sign-Ups Are Happening Now!

Small groups are a wonderful way to grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of God's Word, and build meaningful relationships within the body of Christ. Whether you're new to our church or have been attending for years, we'd love for you to be part of a group this fall.

Sign up on one of these Sundays: August 30, September 6, September 13

We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining a small group this autumn!

An archival display of Pastor Kelly and his family (2006-2026) is available to view in the lower narthex this morning.

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

August 30, 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 – Doug Dunbar
Minute for Mission: Beth Manley, Raffi Wright

Call to Worship

(Based on Isaiah 40:28-31)

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God,
the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary
or tired.

People: *His understanding is mysterious.*

*He gives strength to the weary,
and to him who lacks might He increases power.*

Leader: Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will
mount up *with wings* like eagles.

People: *They will run and not get tired,
they will walk and not become weary.*

Leader: Come, all who feel alone, forgotten, or unsure. God is here—
faithful in every moment.

People: *In all seasons, through all things—
We worship the One who never leaves us.*

Leader: We come seeking strength in His presence.

All: *We trust in the God who is with us,
and we worship Him today with joy and assurance.*

*Worship Songs

His Mercy is More ~ I Speak Jesus

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, our One God.

You are present in our troubles.

You are strong when we encounter storms.

You are faithful in silence,
and always lovingly gentle with our hearts.

Like a Good Shepherd,



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!

You seek us when we have wandered
from Your caring presence.

Almighty Perfection,
we adore Your beauty, grace, and holy presence,
because You are greater than our fear
and closer than our next breath.

Yet, we must confess that in the difficult moments of life
we often doubt and seek strength elsewhere than in You.

Forgive us when we are faithless,
and we seek Your mercy as You hear us
in the quiet moments of our private confession...

Silent Confession

Your Word promises that You will cast our sins
from us as far as the east is from the west,
because if we confess our sins,
You are faithful and righteous,
and You will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Thanks be to our Redeemer and Savior.

Hymn: *Near the Cross

Red Hymnal #254

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 30:1-31

Living in the Strength of God

Ed Kuffel

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 2, Paragraph 1

The Westminster Shorter Catechism #1

There is but one only living and true God,
who is infinite in being and perfection,
a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts,
or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible,
almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute,
working all things according to the counsel of his own unchanging
and most righteous will, for his own glory;
most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,
abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;
the rewarder of them that diligently seek him...

What is the chief end of humankind?

Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *In Christ Alone

Postlude

Raffi Wright, Director of Youth & Music Ministries

Sunday, August 30, 2026

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus:

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus:

*Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus
Chorus

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

Abby Benton, Carlene Prince, Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, Raina Pratt

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Near the Cross

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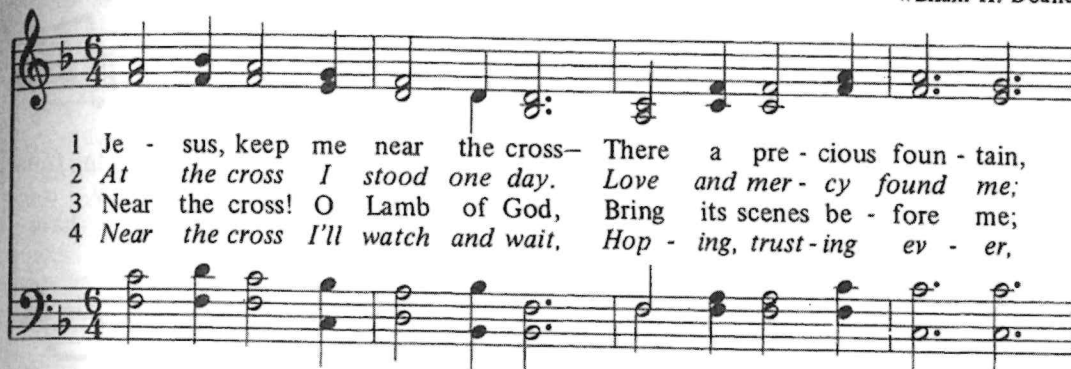
I will open rivers in high places, and fountains...

- Isaiah 41:18

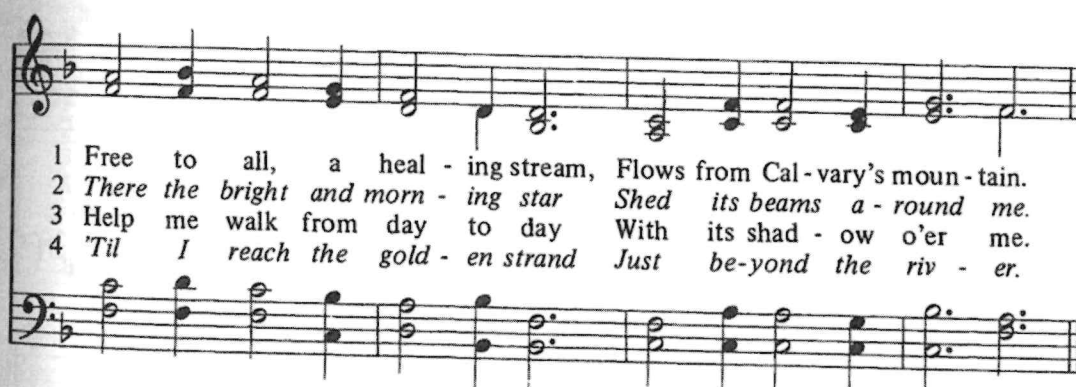
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NEAR THE CROSS

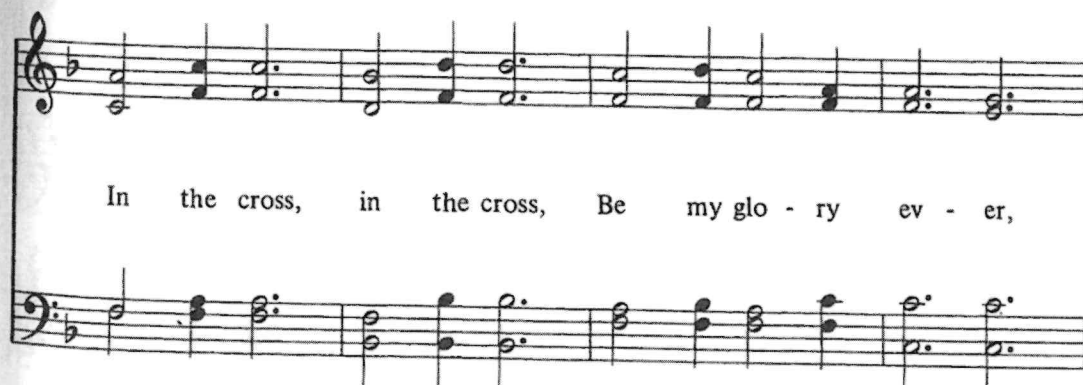
William H. Doane



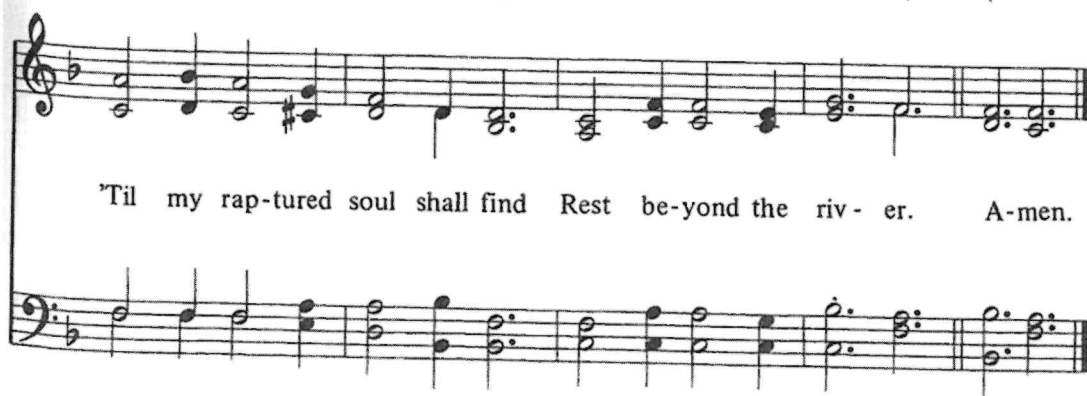
1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross— There a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2 At the cross I stood one day. Love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



1 Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.
 2 There the bright and morn - ing star Shed its beams a - round me.
 3 Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ow o'er me.
 4 'Til I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross, Be my glo - ry ev - er,



'Til my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er. A - men.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled and when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
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.

Meal Train for the Neguses We have extended the Meal Train calendar. Please continue to help the Negus family in this simple way that eases the challenges they have at home. God bless all you do in the name of our loving Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit. <https://mealtrain.com/r0gv9l>

LPC Ladies Ministry Fall Kick off - Bible and Brunch Saturday, September 26th 10:00am to Noon

Topic: Jesus in His Own Words and Exposing the Counterfeits
John 11:25 - *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

Cost: a donation of \$15, if able

What to Bring: a friend!

RSVP: Contact Marie in the church office (Phone): 716-684-2277; (Email): office@L-P-C.org

Men's Bible Study The Men's Friday Morning Bible Study begins September 11, 9 - 10 a.m. at David Young's home (meeting weekly). Please contact David if you would like to attend. This group functions like a book club, where participants will read a chapter from an accompanying commentary and discuss together upon meeting. The year will start with 1 Thessalonians and a book by Ligon Duncan.

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

Sound Room Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the LPC Worship Service Livestream, Sound Board control and Screen Presentations during our worship services.

Any eager young men or women who would be interested in doing any of these functions during the worship service; please provide your name and contact information to Marie in the Office, or send an email to Office@l-p-c.org so we can reach out to you and arrange training.

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



Saturday, September 12th - Youth Group BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sunday, September 20th - Apple Picking at Smith's Orchard! Meet at LPC at 12pm; pick up from LPC at 4:00pm. Bring cash to purchase slushies/donuts at the Orchard. *Register ahead via the Group-Me.*

Saturday, September 26th - Youth Group

Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 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
begins Wednesday, September 9th**

Awana Clubs at LPC for:

- **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK)
- **Sparks** (K–2nd)
- **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**.

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!

**You are welcome to join in the One Year Chronological Bible Sunday School Class
as we transition to the New Testament in September!**

If you listen to Alistair Begg you'll often hear him say how Christ is found throughout the Bible:

"In the Old Testament He is **predicted**, in the Gospels He is **revealed**, in Acts He is **preached**,
in the Epistles He is **explained**, and in Revelation He is **expected**".

When Sunday School resumes on September 13th, the One Year Bible class will be completing our journey through the Old Testament, and moving into the New Testament with the readings beginning September 24.

You are welcome to join in as Christ is revealed in our New Testament readings in September. We will be meeting in the first floor Room listed as 114/115 starting Sunday, September 13th at 10:45am.

Adult Education Class - Fall 2026

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new video series this Fall called "**A Survey of Church History**", with Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries. Each class centers around the ~ 20-minute feature video by Dr. Godfrey with class discussions around some specific events of historical significance in the Church from 100-600 AD.

The past centuries of church history give us a litany of God's deliverances. God has done it before, many times and in many ways, and He will do it again. And in that, we find courage for today and for tomorrow.

In church history, we see men and women facing challenges not unlike the challenges before us today. We look back and learn from the mistakes and missteps of the past. The study of church history, however, is meant to provide more than just inspiration. ***Serious reflection on the past protects us from error, reminds us of God's faithfulness, and motivates us to persevere.***

The class will meet in Waith Hall right after church beginning on September 13th. Come join us and learn about such figures such as Polycarp, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, and the Emperor Constantine. Who were these men and what was the significance of their lives on the Church? Come join us and we will find out.