



**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Rev. Will McCabe
Associate Pastor

**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, December 31, 2023

Micah 6:1-8
Approaching God
Pastor Kelly Negus



**The Ordination and Installation of New Officers will take place
during both services next Sunday, January 7, 2024.**

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.**

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December 31, 2023 ~ 8:30 AM

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and

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** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Pastor Will

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle

Alan and Karen Nowicki

Reader: Joy to the world the Lord is come!

All: Having obtained help from God, we stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

Unison Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Please use us in building Your kingdom. Increase our capacity for service and hasten the day of Your return. For Your praise and glory we pray, Amen!

*Hymn: *Great God, We Sing Your Mighty Hand*

Red Hymnal #7

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,

With what shall I come to the LORD

And bow myself before the God on high?

Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,

With yearling calves?

Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams,

In ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Please hear the confession of our sins

in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Blessed Trinity,

If we walk in the Light as You are in the Light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

We praise Your holy name forever.

Please continue to bring forth Your will and purpose in us.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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!

Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Red Hymnal #608

Prayer for Illumination

Micah 6:1-8

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15, Paragraph 2

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And turning to God,
he tries to walk with him
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Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night* ~ Tate

LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red Hymnal #370

Postlude

Joanne Lorenzo, Guest Organist

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Great God, We Sing Your Mighty Hand

Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. — Psalm 139:10

GERMANY

William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*

Philip Doddridge, alt.

1 Great God, we sing Your might - y hand By which sup - port - ed
 2 By day, by night, at home, a - broad, Still are we guard - ed
 3 In scenes ex - alt - ed or de - pressed, You are our joy, and
 4 When death shall in - ter - rupt our songs And seal in si - lence

1 still we stand; The o - pening year Your mer - cy shows,
 2 by our God, By His in - ces - sant boun - ty fed,
 3 You our rest; Your good - ness all our hopes shall raise,
 4 mor - tal tongues, In fair - er realms, O God, shall we

1 That mer - cy crowns it 'til its close.
 2 By His un - err - ing coun - sel led.
 3 A - dored through all our chang - ing days.
 4 Your prais - es sing e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, *the world and those who dwell therein*; for He has founded it upon the seas, *and established it upon the rivers.*

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.* He will receive blessings from the Lord, *and vindication from the God of his salvation.* Such is the generation of those who seek Him, *who seek the face of the God*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*He will guide us even unto death. — Psalm 48:14*William Williams
Tr. by Peter WilliamsCWM RHONDDA
John Hughes

1 Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the riv - er Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

1 bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might-y— Hold me with Thy
 2 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my
 3 fears sub-side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me safe on

1 power - ful hand: Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 2 jour - ney through: Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 3 Ca - naan's side: Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

1 Feed me 'til I want no more, Feed me 'til I want no more.
 2 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 3 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee. A-men.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place
in all generations.

*Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever Thou hadst formed
the earth and the world, from ever-
lasting to everlasting Thou art God.*

Thou turnest man back to the dust, and
sayest, "Turn back, O children of men!"

*For a thousand years in Thy sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.*

Thou dost sweep men away; they are
like a dream, like grass which is renewed
in the morning:

*In the morning it flourishes and is
renewed; in the evening it fades and
withers.*

For we are consumed by Thy anger; by
Thy wrath we are overwhelmed.

*Thou hast set our iniquities before
Thee, our secret sins in the light of
Thy countenance.*

For all our days pass away under Thy
wrath, our years come to an end like a
sigh.

*The years of our life are three-
score and ten, or even by reason of
strength fourscore; yet their span is
but toil and trouble; they are soon
gone, and we fly away.*

Who considers the power of Thy anger,
and Thy wrath according to the fear of
Thee?

*So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

—Psalm 90:1-12 (RSV)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our help . . . — Psalm 33:20

Psalm 90
Isaac Watts

ST. ANNE
William Croft

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

1 Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
2 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
3 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
4 Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A-men.

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as we forgive our debtors.
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but deliver us from evil:
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and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

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The Yates Family – Paul, Wendy, Heather, Colton & Paige

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*Worship Songs

Led by the LPC Worship Team

Children's Message: Debi Eaton

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Prayer

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Tithes and Offerings

***Benediction**

***Worship Song**

Praying for Our Family

Joyce Klaasesz
Barb Benzinger
Rob Herget
Maureen O'Connor
Christian Carlsen
Carolina Jackson
Sandy Wiepert
Sharon Krause
Rudy Bucci
Judy Cavanaugh
Beth Kroecker
Ron Stasiowski
Judy Martin
Don Flaig
Don Metzger
Donna Herget
Jackie Harbold
Betty Glowacki
Millie Epolito
Judy Kish
Norma English
Nancy Patterson
Bob Foley

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II
Laurel Foss
Dan Pulley
David Boncore

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.

Communion will take place next Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Next Sunday, January 7, we invite all true believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to celebrate together the Lord's Supper which will be available at both services. We ask you to prepare your hearts by the examination of your relationship with Christ and bring before Him any known sins. Use this time as an opportunity to draw nearer with a true heart in the full assurance of faith as we soon come to proclaim both our belonging to Christ and the salvation we receive from the new covenant sealed through His blood.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT! All are welcome!

- **Pizza and Fellowship in Waith Hall:** 5:30pm (\$1 per slice of pizza)
- **Cherub Choir (PreK 4yr old—2nd graders):** 6:00pm
- **Adult Study Group:** 6:15pm in Pastor Kelly's study
- **Mini Youth Group (PreK 4yr old—2nd graders):** 6:30pm
- **Kids Youth Group (3rd—6th graders):** 6:30pm at the Potter's House

Family Night resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Kids Youth Group (grades 3-6) resumes

Wed., January 3rd!

Coming Up in 2024!

Boys - 4 week woodworking project (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2/7)

Girls - 4 weeks cooking and baking together (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2/7)

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th - 12th graders)

SAVE THE DATE! Youth Group resumes Saturday, January 13th!

Watch for emails and text messages with additional details!

Sunday School Mitten Tree Collection

It's Mitten Tree Collection time! The LPC Sunday School children are collecting mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves to donate to needy children. Look for the trees to hang your donation on near the entrances. We will be collecting all of December – January 7th.

Build a Shoebox On-line

It is not too late to build a shoebox on-line!! These boxes really help Samaritan's Purse be able to send shoeboxes to hard-to-reach places and areas where Jesus is not known or areas that are hostile to the Gospel. The total cost is \$25, which includes the shipping fees. Type the following in the search bar: www.sampur.se/3P9xudS and have fun building your shoebox!! Any questions, please call Pat Gerber at 716-668-2670.

Women's Evening Bible Study - *The Gospel of Mark*

Resumes Thursday, January 25th @ 7:00pm

2023 Annual Report *Please start preparing now!* Annual reports of all groups, committees, and ministries of LPC will be due in January. Reports should include all pertinent information, personnel and accomplishments of 2023. Please send to the church office by January 20th in order for your report to be included in the Annual Report. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 12:30pm in the sanctuary.

Adult Education

Beginning in the upcoming 2024 Winter Term, the Adult Sunday School class will study a new lesson series by Dr. Derek Thomas. This series will look at the lives of those individuals from both the Old and New Testament who trusted God in difficult circumstances – often from the prison cell. This class, led by Kevin Selkregg, will have discussions focused around the feature video by Dr. Thomas.

From Genesis to Revelation, there is no shortage of God's people who have found themselves imprisoned. They have been thrown into dark dungeons, locked behind closed doors, and exiled to remote lands. For each one of these people, there are lessons to be learned that can be applied to any trying circumstance. Dr. Derek Thomas journeys through the whole of Scripture to draw out these lessons to strengthen our faith in whatever circumstances we might find ourselves. The AE committee invites all congregants to join us in this important series to be held in Waith Hall at 9:45.

The weekly subjects are:

1. God's Dark Providence and Jeremiah
2. God's Courage to Daniel
3. God's Sovereignty in Micaiah
4. God's Presence with Joseph
5. God's Grace to Samson
6. God's Persistence with Jonah
7. God's Reassurance through John the Baptist
8. God's Assurance and Paul's Final Imprisonment
9. God's Boldness through Peter and John
10. God's Salvation through Paul and Silas at Philippi
11. God's Vision through John on Patmos
12. God's Power in Jesus Christ