

Lancaster Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus Senior Pastor

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Ministries

The Ten Biblical Principles of Revitalization:

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

Welcome to **Sunday Morning Worship**

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Open Book: Learning from Corinth
What's on the Test

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (1162)

Crown of Thorns
Pastor Will McCabe

SONGS AND SCRIPTURE UNDER

Bring a lawn chair and a heart ready to sing!

THE EVENING SKY

Friday, August 29, 2025 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm Front parking lot of LPC

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 24, 2025 ~ 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 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 Minute for Mission: Julie Palmer (PATH)

Call to Worship

(Philippians 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

*Worship Songs

It Was Finished Upon that Cross ~ How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Led by the LPC Worship Team

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty God,

Nothing can escape Your notice,
And nothing can be hidden from Your eyes.
The quietest whispers are as thunderclaps to Your ears.
We witness many infirmities, tragedies, and injustices
And we wonder where You are.

Forgive us, Lord, when we question Your goodness
And make demands contrary to Your perfect will.

Hear our prayer and forgive us as we come before You
In the silence of this moment:

Silent Confession

Precious God.

While we will not always see Your reasoning
For the events we see today,
We can confirm the love You have for Your people
For there's no greater proof than Jesus!
Strengthen us when we face trials and tragedies
For though we waver, Your love never fails.
Remind us of this love and overfill us
That we may love others in their times of grief.
In Jesus' name we pray, 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: *It Is Well with My Soul*Red Hymnal #495

Prayer for Illumination

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Crown of Thorns Pastor Will McCabe

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism #81
Q. Are all true believers assured all the time that they are saved and are in a state of grace?
A. Since the assurance of grace and salvation is not essential to faith, true believers may have to wait a long time for it, and once they have it, their assurance may be weakened and interrupted from being afflicted by all kinds of psychological problems, from sinning, from being tempted, and from losing the sense of God's favor. However, the Spirit of God keeps believers from complete despair by never allowing them to be without some inner sense of his presence and support.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Offertory: I Will Rise

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Worship Song: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Postlude

Raffi Wright - LPC Youth & Music Director

It Was Finished Upon that Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
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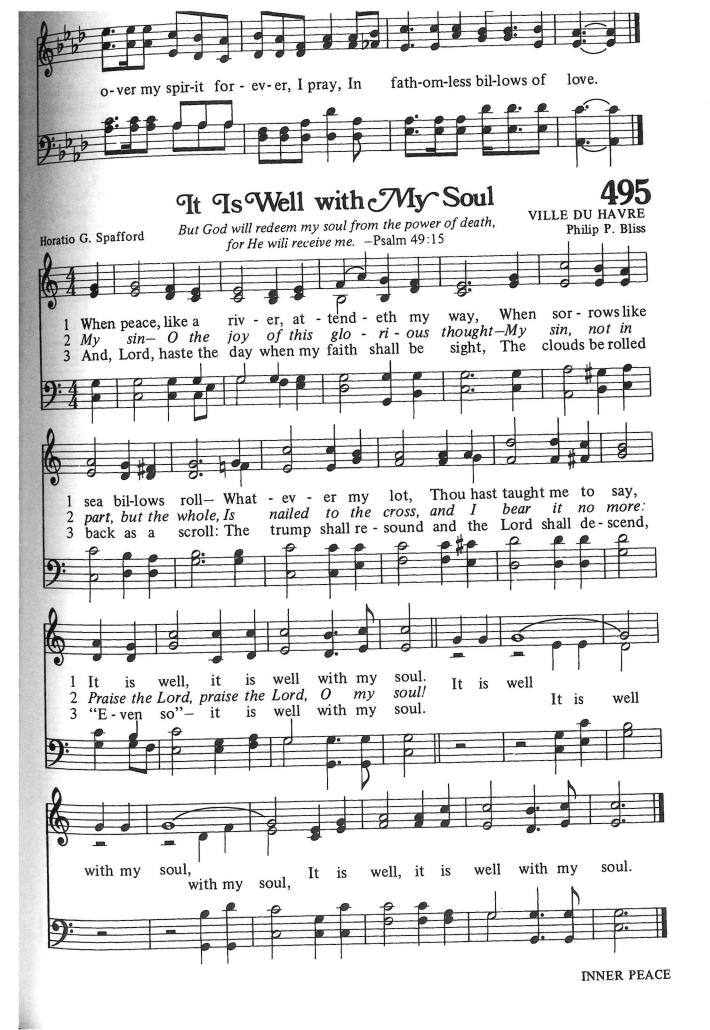
How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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, or simply complete the form on our church website.

Wednesday Family Night 2025: Awana @ LPC!

HUGE NEWS: Awana is coming to Lancaster Presbyterian Church!

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!

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

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.

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

August 17th Gifts \$4,457 Weekly Required Budget \$10,250 x 19 remaining 2025 Received \$275,245 2025 Annual Budget \$470,000



How to Give Online

- 1. Scan the QR code
- 2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/

Sermon Series for 2025

Overall Theme for the Year: Church Health and Vision

Open Book: Learning from Corinth What's on the Test (21 weeks)

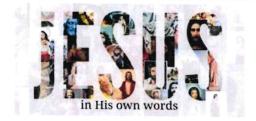
There is a lot to understand about what it means to be a Christian and what we are to understand as Christians. Paul walks the Corinthian Church (and us as well) through his letter, 2 Corinthians, about what it means to walk with Christ as individuals and collectively as a church. Most importantly, we are reminded of Christ being more than the perfect example, but the perfect fulfiller on our behalf. Join us through 2 Corinthians as Paul gives us a "study guide" on how we are to live and how to grow a deeper understanding & love of our Lord and Savior!

Sunday, August 31st Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Sunday, Sept. 7th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:1-10 Sunday, Sept. 14th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Child Care (September through November)

- We are looking for 2 adults & 1 teenage helper each Sunday, September through November.
- If you are able to help with this special ministry please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

A special thank you to all who volunteer their time during our worship services!



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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

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?

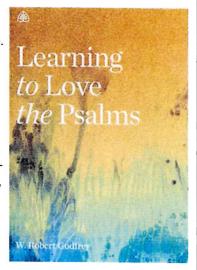
Partial truth is deadly truth. Recalibrate your spiritual senses and hear Jesus describe himself in his own words. Nothing matters more!

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."

Adult Education Class - Learning to Love the Psalms Beginning Sunday, September 7th @ 11:00am

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.

The class meets in Waith Hall right after church beginning on September 7th. There will be some time to grab a cup of coffee and chat before class begins. To attend this class, you do not have to be a Bible scholar with all the answers; just a hunger to learn about God's Word and to enjoy some fellowship.