

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Lancaster Presbyterian Church

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Raffi Wright
*Director of Youth & Music
Ministries*

God Sees Our Hearts
1 Samuel 9:1-10:16 (289)
***One king can not find his donkeys
but Our King Commands Them***
Elder - Ed Carlsen Jr.

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.

Communion will take place this morning.

This morning we invite all true believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to celebrate together the Lord's Supper. Let us prepare our hearts by the examination of our relationship with Christ and bring before Him any known sins. Let us 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.

Church Custodian

Lancaster Presbyterian Church seeking Church Custodian.
Prior custodial, janitorial, or basic maintenance experience preferred.
Part-Time; 20-30 hours per week.
Interested parties may submit resume or CV to office@L-P-C.org.

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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March 1, 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 – Jack Manley

Call to Worship

(Psalm 65:5-8)

By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest sea;
Who establishes the mountains by His strength,
Being girded with might;
Who stills the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
They who dwell in the ends of the earth
stand in awe of Your signs;
You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

Hymn: *In the Garden

Red Hymnal #588

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Dear Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
You have shown us Your mercy,
Your grace, and Your steadfast love.
You have not done this in secret,
as though You were ashamed of us.
No, You have identified with us publicly,
in the shame and humiliation of the cross.
You have made the way for us
to identify with You in Your righteousness,
the way of faith in Christ Jesus.
We all need Your salvation.
Please hear the confession of our sins
in the silence of this moment.

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!

Silent Confession

Blessed Trinity,
Please give us humility and great joy
in Your gospel.
Help us to grow in understanding Your gospel
so that we may increase
in speaking the good news
through the many relationships
that You have entrusted to us.
We pray in Jesus' name, Amen!

Children's Message: Debi Eaton

Hymn: *The Old Rugged Cross

Red Hymnal #256

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 9:1-10:16

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but Our King Commands Them***
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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Serving of the Elements

Please hold each element to partake together as a congregation.
Communion bread served is gluten free.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *Because He Lives

Red Hymnal #292

Postlude

Joanne Lorenzo – Guest Organist

In the Garden

And they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden. . .

C. Austin Miles

— Genesis 3:8

GARDEN
C. Austin Miles

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush the
3 I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a-round me be

1 ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The
2 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With
3 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His

1 Son of God dis - clos - es.
2 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
3 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

The Old Rugged Cross

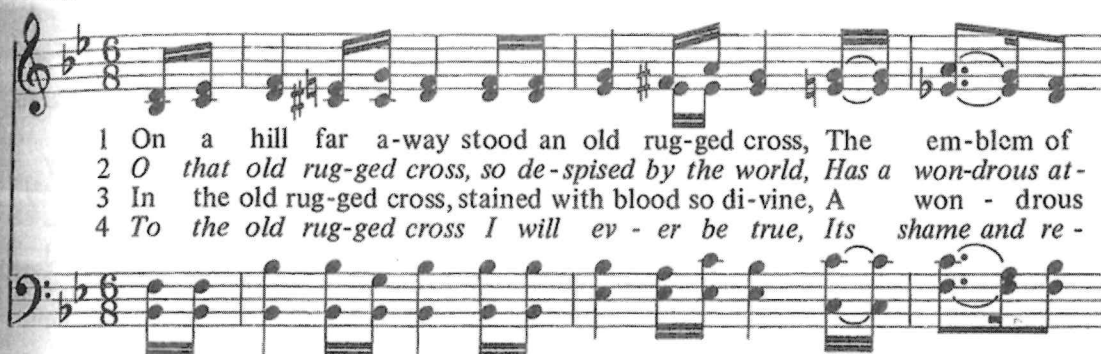
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Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross . . .

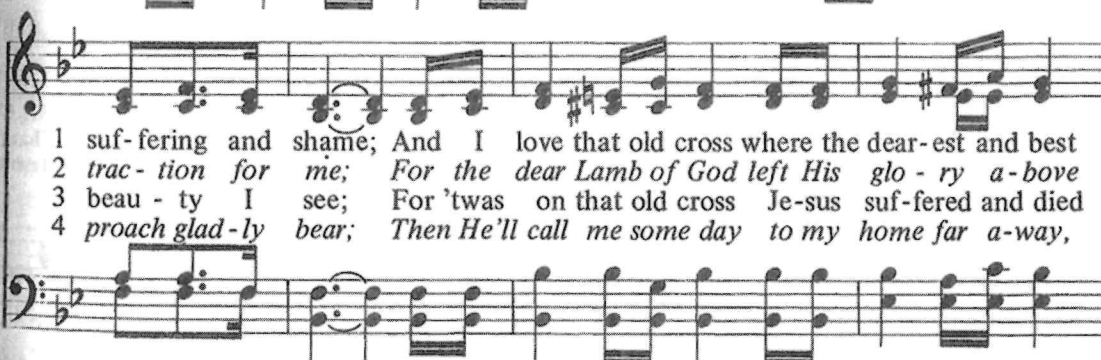
— Hebrews 12:2

George Bennard

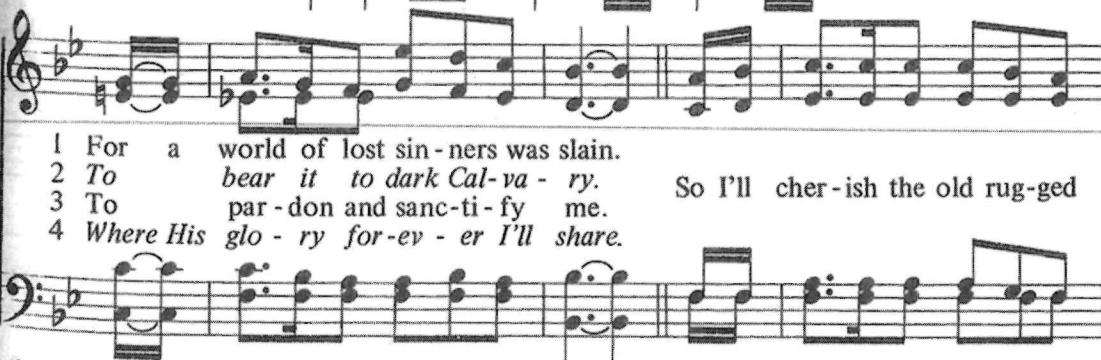
RUGGED CROSS
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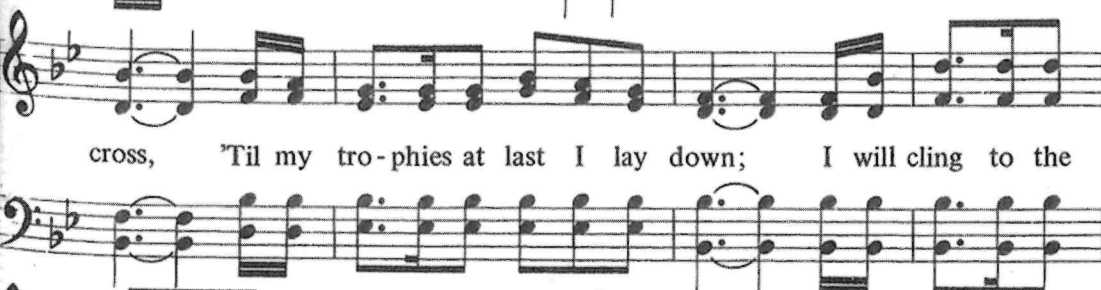
1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
2 *O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-*
3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous
4 *To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re -*



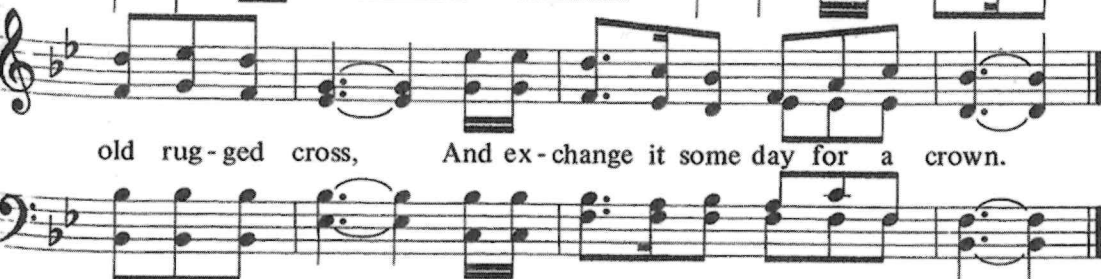
1 suf-fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
2 *trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a-bove*
3 beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died
4 *proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,*



1 For a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
2 *To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged*
3 *To par-don and sanc-ti - fy me.*
4 *Where His glo - ry for-ev - er I'll share.*



cross, 'Til my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the



old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.

Because He Lives

Because I live, ye shall live also. — John 14:19

RESURRECTION

William J. Gaither

Gloria Gaither
William J. Gaither

Final chorus arranged by Ronn Huff

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,
2 *How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,*
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

1 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
2 *and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -*
3 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1 par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
2 *sur-ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.*
3 vic-tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu-ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

Congregation sing melody in unison; accompaniment play as written.

3 lives. (Be-cause He lives I can face to -

mor - row; Be-cause He lives all fear is

gone; Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives!)

Update from Pastor Kelly – March 2026

My loved ones, you are so dear to me. Thank you for all of your love and kindness. I am sorry that I have lagged in communication. I have been overwhelmed. After the onboarding of the subcutaneous dopamine infusion pump my doctor kept encouraging me to give it a little time for my body to adjust. It has been a month with no indication of any improvement. At my last appointment my doctor admitted that I am likely at my new normal.

What does this mean? Apparently, I have moved quickly into advanced Parkinson's. The part of my brain that is charged with such tasks is no longer able to store and buffer dopamine. Think of it like this. When we go to sleep our systems change, slow down, the call for dopamine drops. Then when we wake up, all these systems start calling for dopamine at once. In my case, since there is not enough dopamine available, I am dropped into a crash. I go over the cliff and into the abyss, bottomless. It is more pain than I have ever known and it remains with me until I fall asleep at night. I have learned not to take even the shortest of naps, as each time I wake up I am thrust once again into the abyss. Dear hearts, the pain is hard. One thing I can say: I have learned from the pain that I cry out to our Lord Jesus far more from the pain than I ever have from ease. In that painful place I cry out to the Lord: ³³ *"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. ³⁴ Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the Lord."* (Psalm 104:33–34) I remember that our Lord promises to be with us in the painful place:

¹ *"Now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, And He who formed you, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"* ² *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. ³ 'For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.'"* (Isaiah 43:1–3a)

Reminded of Jesus' presence, I am enheartened:

¹⁶ "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16–18)

Always remember, my dear ones:

¹³ "The one who endures to the end, will be saved. ¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:13–14)

Trusting Jesus until the end, I will continue asking, seeking and knocking for healing, health, wholeness, and the obedience of faith. I have an appointment with a pain specialist scheduled for Tuesday February 24. I promise to keep following through every opportunity our Lord opens in His goodness. Please know that my heart remains steadfast.

Loved ones, I have tried to live a faithful example. As my present neurological realities are catastrophic to my daily function, I find that I have no recourse but to apply for disability, and trust the Lord for His goodness each day. Please know that you are all in my heart, thoughts and prayers. I receive report of your blessings and challenges hungrily. I welcome any and all visits, every prayer. I will always love you! Pastor Kelly

Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
KC Carlsen
Jeremy Miller
Lisa Dunbar
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Mike Eaton
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.

Wednesday Family Night 2026 Awana Clubs @ LPC



Awana Clubs at LPC for:

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

It's never too late to sign up to attend!

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!

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

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



Saturday, March 14th - Movie Night! At the Negus home; Drop off at 5:30pm, pick up at 9:00pm (address in GroupMe)

Saturday, March 28th - Youth Group Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

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

Men's Fellowship Brunch - Saturday, March 14th

Sign up today to be a part of our next Men's Fellowship Brunch!

Men, join us and bring a friend for the next Men's Fellowship Brunch in Waith Hall on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The morning will begin around 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts and finish at approximately 11:30 AM. This time together will include a message from Eddy Kuffel, singing led by Raffi and a catered brunch. We will continue with the theme of The Disciplines of a Godly man from the book by Kent Hughes. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the office so we know the number who plan to attend. Join us for a blessed time of fellowship. There will be a special gift for everyone who attends.

Please consider a \$15 donation to help cover the cost of the breakfast.

Any questions contact the church office at 716-684-2277..

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series - Saturday, March 21st

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

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays in 2026: March 21, May 16

Time: 10-11:30am

What to bring: A friend

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

Sign up on the Information Table today, or call the church office.

Find Your Treasure! The Deacons are cleaning and organizing and have found items that are not being used. They are on a table in Waith Hall. Please take whatever strikes your fancy!

March Missionary of the Month - Adele Schenk



Mighty Warriors Sunday School Class this morning

March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26

Come and grow in the Lord. He LOVES YOU! King David writes in Psalm 52: 8b

"I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever." May God be glorified!

In His Service, Mrs. Miller

Prayer Gathering—Monday, March 9th @ 1:00pm in the Church Library

Meal Train for the Neguses If you would like to provide a meal for the Neguses, there is a Meal Train organized. The link is shared on the LPC Facebook page and was sent through the prayer chain. If you would like assistance with scheduling or delivering please contact Beth Manley or the church office.

A poster for Holy Week services. It features a large, dark wooden cross on the right side. The text is in a blue serif font. The events listed are Palm Sunday (March 29th @ 9:30am), Maundy Thursday (April 2nd @ 7:30pm), and Resurrection Sunday (April 5th @ 9:30am) with an Easter Breakfast @ 8:30am. A note at the bottom states "Childcare is provided at all services." and the website "www.L-P-C.org" is listed in the bottom right corner.

Celebrate Holy Week

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29th @ 9:30am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd @ 7:30pm

Resurrection Sunday
Sunday, April 5th @ 9:30am
Easter Breakfast @ 8:30am

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Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29th

All children and teens ages 1 to 18, including Sunday School students, Awana participants, and guests, are invited to meet in the **Waith Hall at 9:15 AM** to prepare to process into the sanctuary waving palms and singing praise for the opening of our church service.

Easter Morning Breakfast: The entire congregation and their guests are invited to gather for this early morning hot breakfast as we remember the joy of that first Resurrection morning! This is our time together as church family and you won't want to miss it!

Call the church office to register your planned attendance and watch for sign-up sheets to help in the church foyer.