

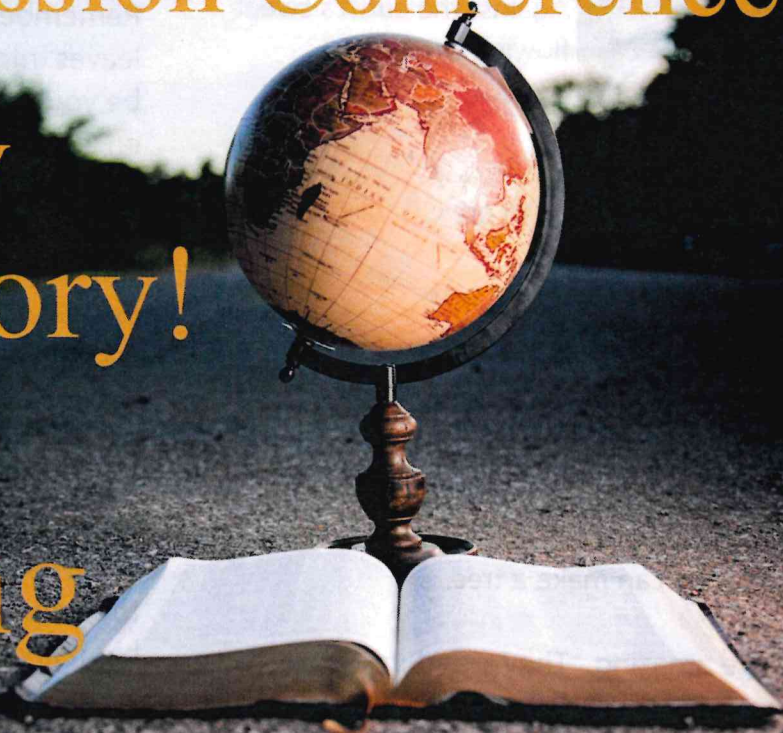
The Grapevine

November 2025



LPC Mission Conference

The Story of His Glory! An Unfolding Mission



November 7 - 9, 2025
www.L-P-C.org

Featuring our guest - Pastor Emory Brown

Sign up to attend the annual HARVEST DINNER (Rwandan/Burundian Style) taking place Saturday, November 8th at 6:00pm. *Reservations are requested. Please sign up at church or call the church office.*

SOUP SUNDAY LUNCHEON with our missionaries - Sunday, November 9th at 12:00pm. Sign up to help provide, soup, bread & desserts!

Everyone is invited to attend both the dinner and soup luncheon!

Please visit our website for additional details about the conference.

<https://l-p-c.org/ministries/missions/>

Lancaster Presbyterian Church
Mission Committee





Joyce Kilmer—Trees—
1886 – 1918

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth
is prest
Against the earth's sweet
flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Trees are amazing. They stand up to wind, rain, snow and ice, and when they let go their leaves it's a big deal—a sign of dramatic changes on the horizon. Remember the October Storm, October 12 to 13, 2006, over 24 inches of heavy, wet snow causing power outages for 400,000 residents. The storm resulted in 13 fatalities and approximately \$530 million in damages, making it one of the most severe early-season snowstorms in history.

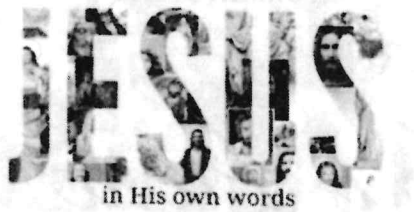
Then there was Snowvember, the snowstorm of Nov. 17-20, **2014**, that left us digging out from 7 feet of snow. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. Remember the damage to the trees due to the combined wait of leaves and heavy wet snow? It is truly wonderful to think how God has equipped trees to shed

Copperheads

their leaves and move moisture around internally through a complex combination of pliable membranes, natural antifreeze, and glasslike super-cooling with frost on the outside and viscous dehydration on the inside, equipping trees to avoid freezing injury to living cells. Only God can make a tree; only God can keep a tree.

Remember when you were a kid, raking up the leaves into soft, cushy dry piles to jump in? Maybe you've known the joy of sharing this experience with children and grandchildren. When Lisa and I were living in Tennessee and the boys were small, naturally we were excited to rake up the leaves and jump into them with the boys, until one day a concerned neighbor caught us and asked what we thought we were doing: "Don't you know that's where the copperheads like to hide?" Copperheads? You mean snakes? Yeah. Yikes! We felt so dumb.

Once when the boys were motoring around on the floor like little ones do, I happened to see a big hairy spider with muscles (it had muscles I tell you) jump out of the carpet, through the air, silhouetted in sunlight, enhancing every detail as this frightening Olympic arachnid flashed 6 feet through the air with such precision as to nail a fly and take it down with him. This still makes my skin crawl and my body shudder. There are some things I don't miss about the sunny south. For all the snowstorms the north has its advantages. I've heard it said, "the cold keeps out the riff raff." It sure keeps out the copper heads, and the big hairy muscular spiders. Give me snow over poisonous snakes and spiders any day. And, save me from myself! *The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me* (Psalm 116:6).



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

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Where: Lancaster Presbyterian Church

What to bring: A friend

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

Please bring your favorite soup, chili, or stew recipe to our November 15th gathering. We will be using these recipes for the January meeting. Thank you!

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.”

Mighty Warriors Sunday School Class

November 9, November 23, December 14 December 28??? (Hope to get another teacher for this day, as I will be out-of-town) 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

Adult Education Class - *Learning to Love the Psalms*

Meeting weekly on Sundays @ 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.

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

September 28th Gifts

\$4,172

Weekly Required Budget

\$10,455 x 13 remaining

2025 Received

\$334,084

2025 Annual Budget

\$470,000



How to Give Online

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

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SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, December 13th @ 4:00pm
Children's Christmas Musical, followed by a family dinner

A colorful poster for a children's Christmas musical. The background is dark blue. At the top center is a large yellow star. To the right of the star is an illustration of an angel with white wings and a halo. Below the star and angel are illustrations of various characters: a sheep, a camel, a shepherd with a staff, two wise men in blue and yellow robes, and three kings in red and blue robes with crowns. Text on the poster includes: 'Children's Christmas Musical' in yellow and red, 'Dec 13, 2025 | 4 PM Everyone is welcome!' in yellow, '5461 Broadway Lancaster, NY 14086' in yellow, 'Family Dinner to follow the production!' in white, 'For more information email raffi@l-p-c.org www.l-p-c.org' in white, and the Lancaster Presbyterian Church logo and name in white at the bottom right.

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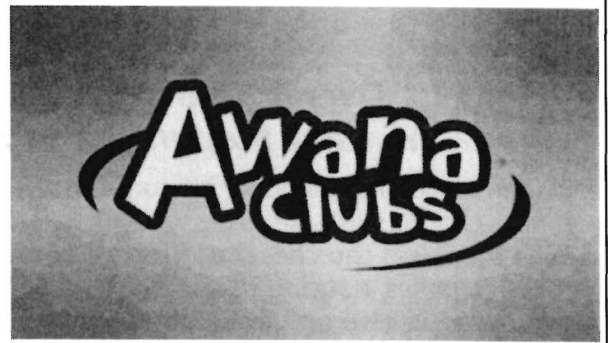
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Wednesday Family Night 2025: Awana @ LPC!

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays



Awana Clubs for 3 year olds to 6th grade:

- **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**.

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>

Pumpkin Painting Night

Wednesday, November 19th @ 6:00pm in the Potter's House

All families are invited to paint pumpkins and vote for your favorite! We'll also enjoy pumpkin pie and other fall treats together, including a showing of *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*!

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

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

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Saturday, November 8th - Youth Group *MISSION NIGHT!* Join us for part of our Mission Conference (dinner provided)! More details to come via our GroupMe Chat!



Saturday, November 22nd - Youth Group *FRIENDSGIVING EDITION* Dinner, Bible, Games, Small Groups & Thanksgiving Party!! (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

Saturday, December 6 - Youth Group *CHRISTMAS EDITION* Dinner, Bible, Games, Small Groups & Christmas Party!! (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

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

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 21st century.

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

Sunday, Nov 30th: First Sunday of Advent

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

It is time to start packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The collection dates this year are November 17-24. If you bring your boxes to our church, we will be taking them to Eastern Hills Wesleyan, which is the next stop on their journey, on **Sunday November 23**.

Here are some suggestions for things to include in your boxes:

- **School supplies:** Crayons, colored pencils, markers (Preferably Crayola brand items), pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, pens and pencils with no business/church advertising logos, small pads of papers/notebooks, small calculators, drawstring backpacks
- **Other suggested items:** Flip Flops, Personal Hygiene items-Toothbrush, Plastic dish and bar of soap, washcloth, Jump ropes--the longer the better, Deflated soccer ball and pump, A sturdy bowl or cup and a spoon or spork, A plain colored T-shirt, socks, stuffed animals
- **For older children:** Gardening/work gloves, Sewing Kit, Flashlight-Solar or LED--send extra batteries with the ends taped over
- **A few items that should NOT be included:** Soap, Toothpaste, Candy and gum (both are no longer allowed and will be removed), Anything that requires an explanation--don't send games or crafts with English directions, Anything that is not brand new, War Toys, Anything liquid, including **bottles of glue**, anything glass that could break

If you decide to wrap your box after it has been packed, the top and bottom must be wrapped individually. Every shoe box is looked through at the collection center in North Carolina. The shoe box recipients receive a gospel booklet presented in their own language. Shoe box recipients also receive an invitation to attend a 12 lesson follow-up discipleship program called the Greatest Journey. The cost of **processing each box is \$10.00**. You may include a check for this amount in your shoebox or you may donate this on-line at Samaritanspurse.org and receive a shipping label that you can tape on your box. If you donate on-line, it will also track your box and you can go on-line to Operation Christmas Child, Pack a shoebox, and Label Options. You should be able to see what country your box or boxes went to.

There will be a table set up by the lounge area under the sanctuary where there will be plenty of empty boxes. Help yourself!! Plastic shoe boxes work great as well!! You can also purchase boxes from Samaritan's purse directly if you like. They have 2 kinds--plastic or cardboard. **The website is: Samaritanspurse.org**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Gerber at (716)668-2670. Have fun beginning to think about packing your shoe boxes and be in prayer that just the right boy or girl will receive your box or boxes!! I would also ask that if you packed 1 box last year you might consider doing 2 boxes this year. Every box counts and there are lots of children around the world who may only receive this simple shoe box as a gift at Christmas!!

Prayer Page

Pray for the pastors: In Jesus' name we bind the fear of failure and the fear of humankind (John 14:1). Let our pastors' confidence not be eroded by daily resistance to the gospel or their vision. Allow our pastors to fear God more than people.

The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.156

Praying for LPC ministries:

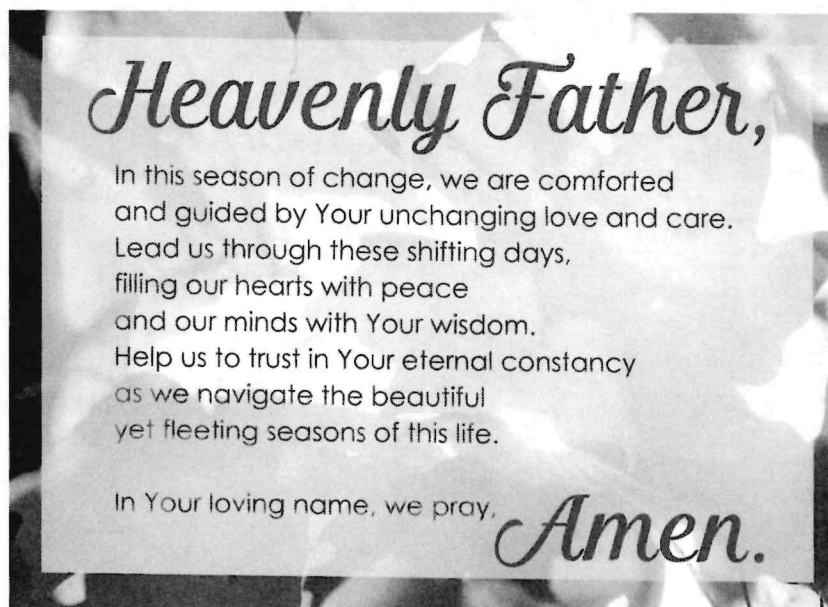
Session: The KAP prayer is to be prayer asking for the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the work of Session. Session this month wishes to offer the following KAP prayer requests:

Please pray for the Awana program as it starts at LPC.

Please pray for the staff, the children and for the parents.

Please pray for God's touch upon all involved.

Deacons: Holy and amazing Father, you have created and blessed your people with unique and individual gifts (music, art, literature, teaching, hospitality, administration, compassion and more) to increase Your Kingdom and glorify Your name. Help us to recognize and respond to You when You call us to a task. There is no gift too menial when it comes to honoring you. Forgive us when we are jealous of another man's gift. Honoring You is not a one-man competition. We desire to be a united body in the community of Christ sharing our service only to glorify You. We hold this up to You in prayer. Amen



Praying for our family

Diane Perry
Randu Bungo
Doug Everts
Karen Young
Marsha Haas
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Paul & Carol Welker
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Ron Stasiowski
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

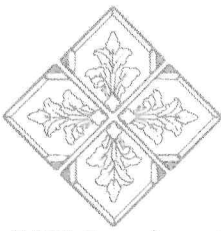
Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

LPC's Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

LPC Prayer Ministry:

If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer email list please contact the church office by email (office@l-p-c.org) or call Marie in the church office at 684-2277.



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in all we say and all we do

to make and equip disciples

in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

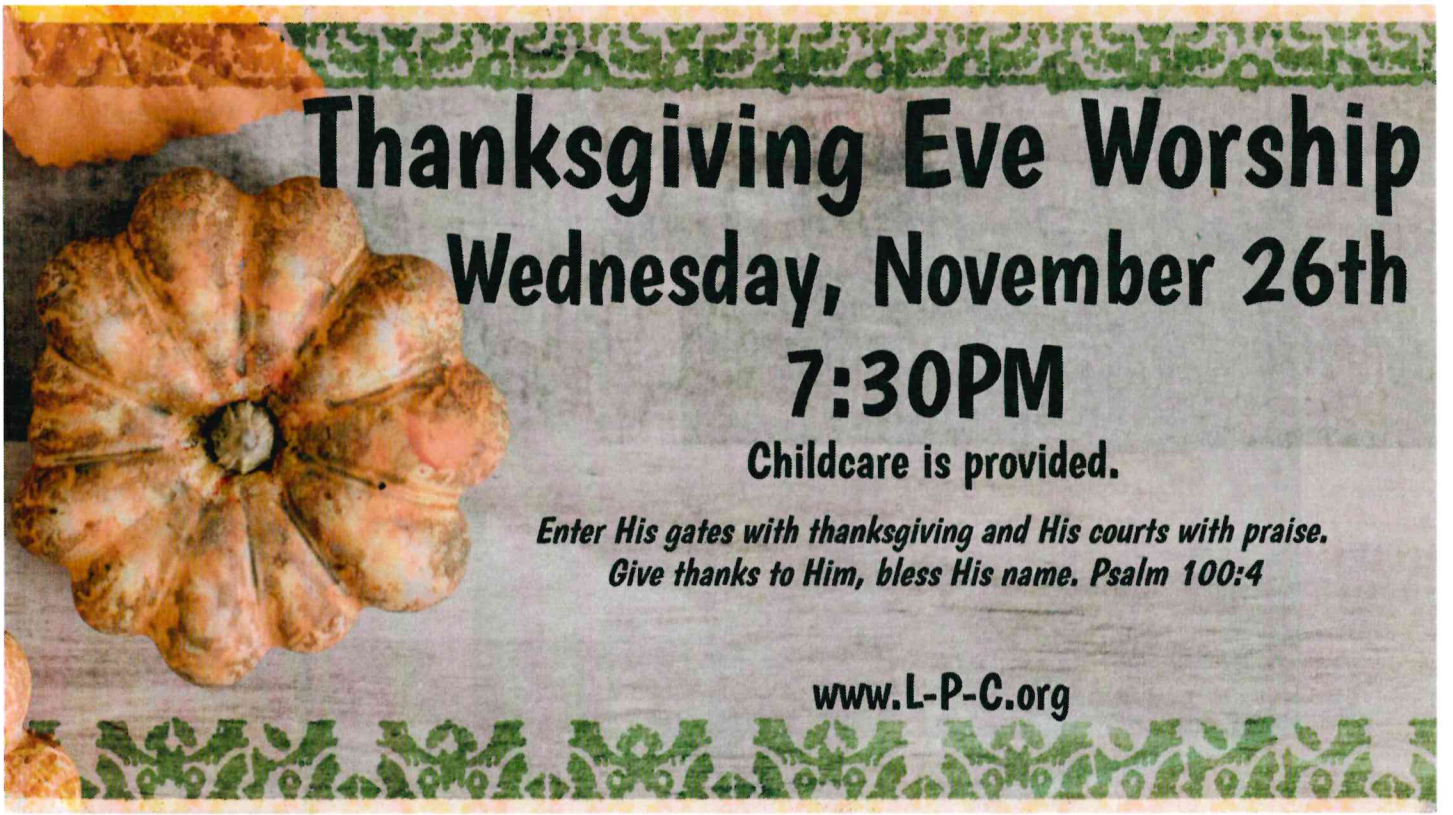
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and we affirm

the historic teachings

of Reformed Christianity.

Address Service Requested



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26th

7:30PM

Childcare is provided.

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name. Psalm 100:4*

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