

**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, March 15, 2026

God Sees Our Hearts **1 Samuel 11:1-15 (292)** ***Waging Spiritual Warfare*** **Ed Kuffel**



THIS COULD BE YOU!

We are looking to fill the chancel this Easter with a special Easter Choir! If you are interested in joining our beloved Chancel Choir for Easter Sunday, please join us for rehearsals on **Thursday, March 26 from 7-8 PM at LPC** and **Sunday, April 5 from 8-8:30 AM**, right before our delicious Easter Breakfast. We would love to have you sing with us!

A listening link of the piece is available in the private LPC Facebook Group (you might need a few tissues listening to the ending, just saying!).

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

March 15, 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: *Seek Ye First/Mozart's Einekleinc Nacht*

Adult Bell Choir – Glenn Tanner, Conducting

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Mike Eaton

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

We gather in this place today to worship you,
our Shepherd and Protector.

*Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Red Hymnal #370

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Father God, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit...Our One God.

We adore and praise you for your love
and faithfulness towards us, your children.

We praise you for being a perfect, holy, trustworthy God
that is bigger than all the evil we experience here on earth.
We ask that you give us eyes to see when evil is before us,

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!

and the desire to flee from its presence.
Fill us with your mercy,
that we may be united with the joys of the righteous;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Yet, Lord, we are weak and frail,
and sometimes we fail by sinning against you.
Therefore, please hear the confession of our sins
in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

When the kindness of God our Savior
and His love for mankind appeared,
He saved us,
not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness,
but in accordance with His mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
whom He richly poured out upon us
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by His grace
we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

(Titus 3:4-7)

Children's Message: Carolina Jackson

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 11:1-15

Waging Spiritual Warfare

Ed Kuffel

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith:

Chapter 33, Paragraphs 1 and 2

God hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world
in righteousness by Jesus Christ,
to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father.
In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged,
but likewise all persons, that have lived upon earth,
shall appear before the tribunal of Christ,
to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds;
and to receive according to what they have done in the body,
whether good or evil.

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded
that there shall be a day of judgment,
both to deter all men from sin,
and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity:
so will he have that day unknown to men,
that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful,
because they know not at what hour the Lord will come;
and may be ever prepared to say,
"Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Amen

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Calvary is the Sea*

LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal #468

Postlude

Raffi Wright – LPC Youth & Music Director

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.



WORSHIP AND ADORATION

Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish

Tr. by Mary Byrne

Versified by Eleanor Hull

Leave us not I pray thee . . . and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

— Numbers 10:31

SLANE

Traditional Irish Melody

Harmonization by David Evans

Unison

1 Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1 Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
2 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
3 Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways:
4 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
2 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
3 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
4 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

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 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).



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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We will be serving Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center (Niagara Falls) in their efforts to provide Easter Baskets to the children in the neighborhood.

Requested donations:

1. Empty Easter Baskets: Dollar General baskets are a good option
2. Fillings for the baskets include: Candy, small toys, and gospel tracts

In addition: We are looking for volunteers to deliver and fill baskets. If interested please meet at LPC on:

- Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
- Time: 5:30pm, we will carpool to Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center

Thank you so much for your abundant and continued support of local ministries!

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.

March Missionary of the Month - Adele Schenk



"Prayer Spotlight: Our Home Members": Meet Dave!

The Deacons would like to share a little more about the people listed in the bulletin for prayer under "Home Members." These are individuals whom the Deacons visit each month because they are no longer able to attend services in person. Though they can't be with us at church, they remain a very important part of our church family.

If you would like to brighten someone's day, please feel free to send a card or note of encouragement to any of our Home Members. Addresses are available in the church directory or from a Deacon.

This week we'd like to introduce you to Dave Breckenridge.

Dave lives at GreenFields and is the uncle of Rob (and Janine) Macdonald and Nancy Macdonald. Dave and his late wife, Judy, were longtime active members of LPC. While Dave now uses a wheelchair, his mind remains sharp and engaged. He enjoys visits and has an amazing memory—often recognizing visitors and recalling details about their families.

A simple card or note would surely bring a smile to Dave's face and remind him that his church family is thinking of him.

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. Please note that Thursdays have been added!

Update from LPC's Session:

This is just a note to let people know that the Elders are working to keep the Worship and educational programs on track and focused as we, the congregation of LPC, grieve as we watch our beloved Pastor Kelly, struggle.

The following is a list of actions that are under way:

- Session is working with EPC to determine the best search process for LPC. EPC has been and will be very helpful with our upcoming search process.
- Session is working on a list of people to nominate to a Pastoral Search Committee.
- Session is also about to start work on establishing a committee to hire a "Temporary Pastor". I place this in quotes as I don't yet know the proper title for this person.
- Session is planning on a congregation meeting to elect a Pastoral Search Committee and to review the 2025 Annual report. This can be scheduled once the above items are resolved.

Session is aware that the congregation has concerns and questions. As always, Session invites questions. Please feel free to ask any active Elder any question. You can also submit questions [verbally or in writing] to Session thru the Church Office [Marie Babcock]. If we can't answer a question, we will get back to you.

You can help. Please pray for the Elders, pray for the Negus family, and pray for your LPC family.

Praising God, as we remember His faithfulness!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session

Active Elders:

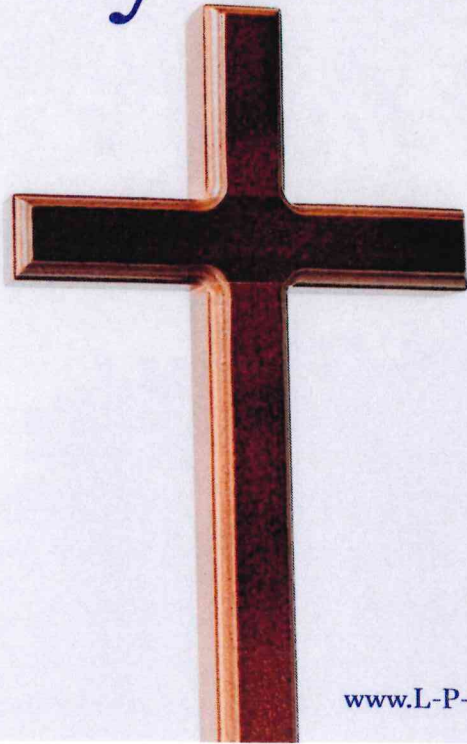
Larry Cornwall	Kevin Selkregg	Jack Manley
Bill Stortz	Dave Young	Nate Flateau
Ed Carlsen	Rudy Bucci	Jimmie Jackson
Gary Meindl	Mike Eaton	Bill Stortz

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



Childcare is provided at all services.

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No Sunday School & Adult Education Easter morning.

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!

Sign up on the sheet on the Information Table or call the church office to register your planned attendance.

Communion in April will take place on Sunday, April 12th.