



**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, May 17, 2026

Habakkuk 3:16-19 (935)
Real Worship in Radical Times
Ed Kuffel



Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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.**

Music Sunday: Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

May 17, 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: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (arr. Dan Edwards)

Onward Christian Soldiers (arr. Sir Arthur Sullivan)

LPC Adult Bell Choir – Glenn Tanner, Conducting

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Ed Carlsen, Jr.
Minute for Mission: Raffi Wright

Call to Worship – Psalm 100:1-5

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting

And His faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

Red Hymnal #468

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, our One God;

Since the beginning of time,

you have guided your people through the wilderness,

assuring us of a home with you.

You are always with us in every season of life.

You have been with us in our joys and sorrows.

You have given us the gift of time –

time in your glorious creation, time with loved ones,

time to live, love, rejoice, serve, and worship.

How precious are these gifts, O God!

Yet, we do not always give you the worship you deserve. →

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!

We confess how we have too often made worship
more about us and our preferences,
and less about you and your glorious worthiness.
So, God of Mercy, hear the confession of our sins
in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Who is a God like You,
who pardons iniquity and passes over our rebellious acts.
You do not retain Your anger forever,
because He delights in unchanging love.
He has compassion on us;
He treads our sinfulness under foot.
Yes, You cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
(Micah 7:18-19, adapted)

Special Music:

Jesus Calms the Storm (Hymn for Little Anxious Hearts)
Cherub Choir

Special Music:

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Habakkuk 3:16-19
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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Congregational Affirmation of Faith: *This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender, Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Raffi Wright

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Worship Song: *All Glory Be To Christ

Led by Worship Team
Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

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Postlude

Raffi Wright – LPC Youth & Music Director

Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish

Tr. by Mary Byrne

Versified by Eleanor Hull

Unison

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

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.

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Praying for Our Family

Pastor Kelly
KC Carlsen
Jan Majors
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.

Child Care - Summer 2026

- We are looking for 2 adults & 1 teenage helper each Sunday throughout the summer.
- 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!

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!

Three [3] items from the Board of Session

Let it be known ...

Let it be known that our dear friend, Raffi Wright has been working full time at LPC and he has been pursuing a Master of Divinity [M.Div.] along with an Advanced Certificate in Biblical Worship from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Raffi graduates Friday, May 8, 2026. Congratulations to Raffi Wright! **Way to go Raffi!** We [the Board of Session], are excited for you as this is a major accomplishment.

LPC's 2025 Annual report is late but now available! Yes, the 2025 annual Report is now available to anyone who wishes a copy. The reports are found in the second-floor area of the glass atrium. Please take a copy of the 2025 Annual Report. As always, if you have any questions regarding the report, feel free to ask me or any active Elder or anyone who wrote within the 2025 Annual Report.

Missed Congregational Meeting plan: The February Congregational Meeting has been delayed until the Session resolves and obtains our "Transitional Pastor" who will lead us through the transition from our beloved Reverend Dr. Kelly Negus and into the service of God's next "Senior Pastor at LPC".

We praise God for His faithfulness to His church!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session

LPC is looking for **2 or more** volunteers to serve Christ by leading and coordinating.

First is the need for a person to coordinate and lead the "Shoe Box Ministry" at LPC prior to the Christmas season.

Second is the need for a person to coordinate the "Walk for Life" at LPC, through Compass Care Ministries. This would be for 2027 and beyond as it is likely too late for the 2026 walk-for-life event.

Training is available for both needs.

Please, anyone who is willing to serve God in one of these ways, should contact me or Marie Babcock.

Remembering God's faithfulness!

Bill Stortz, Clerk of Session at LPC

Camp Duffield 2026! We are excited for another year at Camp Duffield, running Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 PM through Friday, July 3 at 10:00 AM. This year's camp is open to students completing grades 3–6, with Outpost available for those finishing grades 7–8.

Space is limited and fills quickly, especially for Outpost. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Visit <https://l-p-c.org/ministries/summer-camp/> for all registration details and to register your child online. *Registration will close on June 1.*

We are looking forward to a wonderful week together at camp! Please join us in praying for the youth and staff as we ask the Lord to meet us in a powerful way at Duffield this year.

If you have any questions, please see Aurelius and Megan Chaves. With questions regarding online registration, please see Raffi Wright.

Wednesday Family Night 2026

Awana Clubs @ LPC



Wednesday, May 20th - Special Celebration of all the hard work this year! We hope you can join us for a fun-filled evening!

Reminder! Camp registration is live! Please encourage your family & friends to join us!

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

Join the [GroupMe](#) to stay in the loop for all upcoming events!

Saturday, June 6 - Summer Kick-Off! Beginning of summer cookout and pool party at the Carlsen's! (5:30pm to 7:30pm) *Address available in GroupMe*



ANNOUNCING Summer Bible Study! All 7th through 12th graders are invited to a Bible Study focusing on 1 Corinthians, meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am beginning Wednesday, July 8th. Come for food, friendship and faithful living in Jesus!

We are looking for Senior High Helpers/CITs for this summer's Camp Duffield! Please see Raffi if you are interested.

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

Dear brothers and sisters of LPC, We are beautifully overwhelmed at the love that you have poured out for us. Your recognition and appreciation for Kelly's ministry and leadership and friendship over the last 20 years was so loud and clear at the awesome ice cream social! The kind (and funny) words, the heart felt expression of memories, the ice cream and beautiful cake, the decorations...the cool ice cream parlor costumes...the gathering of a lifetime of meaningful scripture...all those who planned, organized, spoke, served, worked in the kitchen ...and the absolutely gorgeous quilt!! (Winnie's too)! --everything was fantastic.

Your generous gifts overwhelmed us yet again as we opened each card and envelope, on top of receiving packages of supplies, delicious meals, gift cards and dangerously addicting desserts. There have been more cards and letters of genuine appreciation than we can count. They mean more than you could ever know. Many have visited also, bringing smiles and cheer to our home. Your self-sacrificing support of our family during this time of upheaval has been a tool in the hand of God, showing us he will provide and be present.

THEN, on top of all of this joy, we had the experience of an enormous work crew coming out to our property to do Spring clean-up. There are no sticks! Everything is raked and sawed and piled. We were all treated to a picnic lunch, hot off the grill. The fellowship around work, and between adults and kids, was fun and uplifting. It was an amazing day!

Each member of our family feels loved and honored. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please know that we feel your affection and we treasure it. We treasure you. We love you.

Kelly, Lisa, Gaelen, Gabriel, Graeme (and Winnie) Negus

Niagara Gospel Mission Kicks Off Second Annual Butter Bowl Competition, May 2026

"We'd like to churn up enough interest about our need for butter that we cover its cost for a full year," said Executive Director Rev. John Cooper Jr.

Niagara Falls, New York—May 1, 2026, Niagara Gospel Mission is kicking off its second annual **Butter Bowl** competition to collect a year's worth of butter. "We've cooked this up to fill our freezer with all the butter we'll use in one year at the Mission," explained Rev. John Cooper Jr., executive director of the Mission.

Cooper said the Mission uses an average of 10 pounds of butter each week for cooking or putting on the Mission's dining tables. "This single line item in our food budget costs about \$35 a week or \$1800 a year. If we can churn up enough interest about this need and get butter donated, we can use that \$1,800 for other needs."

The Butter Bowl competition extends throughout May. Donations coming into the Mission, 1317 Portage Road in Niagara Falls, will be recorded. At the end of the month, the individual, church, group or business donating the most butter will receive **The Butter Bowl** trophy, which they can display until next year's competition.

"It's for fun," Cooper said, "but it's also a real need. Each day, the Mission provides meals for 120 homeless and impoverished individuals. We run out of butter a lot!"

A box is located in the church fridge for the butter. Collection will take place at LPC through Sunday, May 31st.

"Prayer Spotlight: Our Home Members": Millie Epolito

The Deacons would like to share a little 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.

Millie Epolito, along with her husband Louis (who passed away in 1991), were faithful members of LPC for many years where they lovingly raised their six children. Her daughter, Diane Carlsen, is an active member of our church family today. Millie served as a Deacon, helped with VBS and childcare, attended Thursday morning Bible study and the Widows Group during her years here. Millie's legacy continues to grow—she is the blessed grandmother of 19 grandchildren, including Eddie and Ryan, who attend LPC, and 29 great-grandchildren. Her newest great-grandchild, Carson, is the son of Megan (Carlsen) and Isaac Little, and the first grandchild of Ed and Diane. Now 97 years old, Millie continues to live independently with the loving support of her family. She would be blessed by your encouragement.

Sunday, June 7th - last Sunday of Adult Education & Sunday School