

### Lancaster Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus Senior Pastor

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### The Ten Biblical Principles of Revitalization:

- Remember God's faithfulness.
- 2. Repent continually.
- Be gospel driven and Christ centered.
- 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, October 5, 2025

Ministry Matters:
What Jesus Values in His Church
Revelation 2:8-11 (1226)
(Smyrna)
Faithful Unto Death
Pastor Will McCabe

### 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.

SAVE THE DATE! LPC Mission Conference Friday, November 7th to Sunday, November 9th "The Story of His Glory" with speaker, Pastor Emory Brown

### Purpose:

**Core Values:** 

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.

We believe in the authority of Scripture and we affirm the historic teachings of Reformed Christianity.

### **Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship**

October 5, 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

### Call to Worship

(1 Samuel 2:1-2, 6-7, 10b)

"My heart exults in the Lord;
My horn is exalted in the Lord,
My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

"There is no one holy like the Lord,
Indeed, there is no one besides You,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

"The Lord kills and makes alive;
He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

"The Lord makes poor and rich;
He brings low, He also exalts.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
And He will give strength to His king,
And will exalt the horn of His anointed."

### \*Hymn: *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*Red Hymnal #91

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
May our hearts always be prepared
To sing Your praises!
There is no one like You:
No one holy, merciful, loving, righteous like You.
You are faithful and true,
So forgive us when we are not.
Forgive us, and strengthen us
As we come before You
In this moment of silence:

### **Silent Confession**

Mighty God,
No one rescues or saves like You.
Remind us that You give life to those once dead.
Our sins are a speck on the horizon
And Your mercies are our entire view.

Teach us to be faithful as You have been faithful

### 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 remind us of the place You have prepared For all who are faithful unto death.

We pray all this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Children's Message: Deb Eaton

\*Hymn: Jesus Lives, and So Shall I Red Hymnal #288

**Prayer for Illumination** 

# Revelation 2:8-11 (Smyrna) Faithful Unto Death Pastor Will McCabe

### 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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: A Christian's Daily Prayer
LPC Chancel Choir

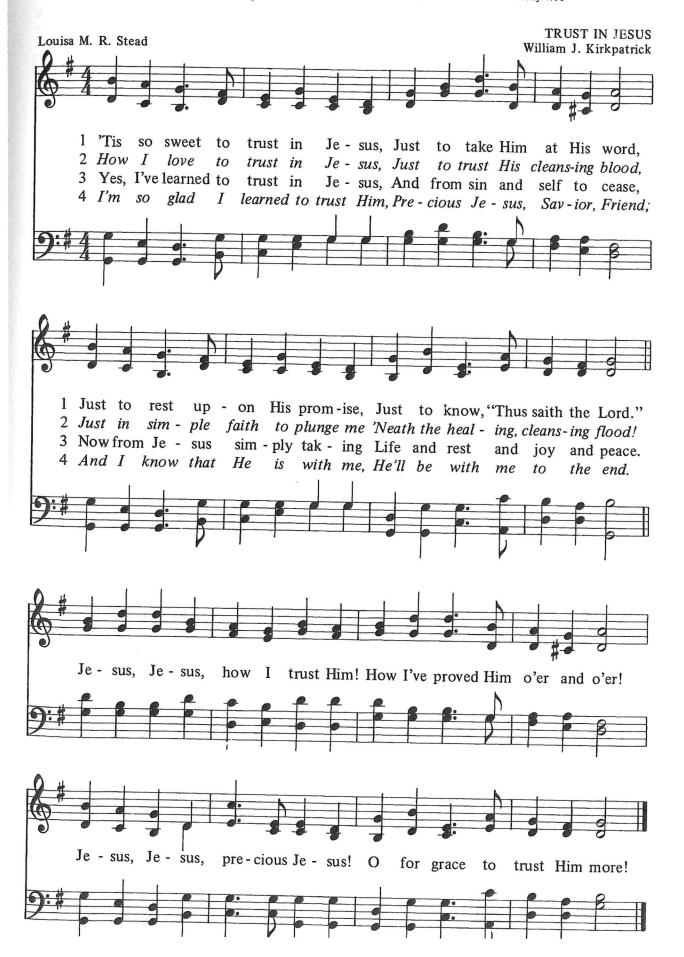
\*Doxology
\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*Red Hymnal #105

#### **Postlude**

Raffi Wright - LPC Youth & Music Director

. . . because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men. — I Timothy 4:10



### Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

Now is Christ risen to become the firstfruits of them that slept.



### Grace Greater Than Our Sin

. . . But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. - Romans 5:20



### 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 <a href="mailto:office@l-p-c.org">office@l-p-c.org</a>, or simply complete the form on our church website.

### Wednesday Family Night 2025: Awana @ LPC!

Awana Clubs 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!

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

### **Mighty Warriors Sunday School Class**

Mighty Warriors class will begin Sunday, October 12th, during the Adult Education hour.

The schedule for the fall semester will be as follows: October 12, October 26, 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!

Hope to see you on October 12th! In His Service, Mrs. Miller

### **News from the LPC Library**

Come and see the new archive display featuring Rev. Watson

### Weekly and Year to Date Giving

September 28th Gifts \$4,172

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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/

What's New: From Ladies Ministry of LPC - Coffee Connections

Whether you are a visitor, new member, or a long-time attendee of LPC, join us!

Date: Saturday, October 18th

Time: 10-11am for an informal social gathering

Location: Pallet Café, 155 Lake Ave, Lancaster (1 mile from the church at the corner of Lake Ave & Como Park) Grab a

cup of coffee/tea and enjoy getting to know each other better.

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

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

Saturday, October 11th - Youth Group Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

Saturday, October 25th - Youth Group "Fear Not" Fest Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups & CAN-

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

<u>Saturday, November 22nd - Youth Group FRIENDSGIVING EDITION</u> Dinner, Bible, Games & Small Groups & Thanksgiving 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sunday, Oct 12th: Revelation 2:12-17 (Pergamum)

Sunday, Oct 19th: Revelation 2:18-29 (Thyatira)

Sunday, Oct 26th: Revelation 3:1-6 (Sardis)

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



Niagara Gospel Mission is excited to be hosting our annual Vision Dinner on October 24, 2025, to share about what God is doing and where we are going in the future. There will be a program with a speaker, testimonies, and more.

Reservations are required.

Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

An opportunity for a financial faith promise investment will be provided.

#### **Antonios Restaurant Banquet**

7708 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls NY 14304 Reception @ 6:30pm; Dinner @ 7:00pm Business attire is strongly suggested.

For more information on this event: <a href="https://niagaragospelmission.org/vision-dinner/">https://niagaragospelmission.org/vision-dinner/</a>

### **FILL A BARREL FOR GBENEKORO**

As you know, LPC has adopted and supports an EPC church plant in the village of Gbenekoro, Sierra Leone. Gbenekoro is one of the villages where the Kuranko tribe lives. They are an unreached people group, and a very closed Muslim group to the gospel. This year we were able to come alongside the Gbenekoro Church in their outreach into the surrounding Kuranko villages by supporting six church planter/evangelists working in six different villages. Asking each of them how LPC could help support their ministry in practical ways other than prayer and financial support their responses were almost unanimous. "The communities we work in are extremely impoverished and what would help our missionary work the most would be resources to carry out the good news of Jesus Christ, bibles, bible learning and activity materials, clothing, food, and farm tools." Praying for the Lords direction in how our congregation could be directly involved in the work we were led to EPC Pastor Tom Holmes, in Manor, PA.

So, Let's Fill a Barrel for Gbenekoro! There will be a blue barrel outside Pastor Will's office.

What to include slightly/good used or new: bibles, bible teaching materials, kids and young adult clothes, shoes, sandals, tennis balls, deflated soccer balls, frisbee, reading glasses, farming tools.

If anyone has access to or knows where we can get more of the same barrels for future shipments, please let us know. They can be used but never for chemicals because they will be used for water storage after being emptied.

Your mission committee thanks you for your continued support in making the gospel known.

LancasterPresbyterianChurch MissionCommittee

