

LAKEMONT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day
March 12, 2023

*Leading men, women and children to a
saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to help them
grow in Him and serve Him in the church and in the world.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 12, 2023

*GOD CALLS US
TO WORSHIP*

We prepare our hearts
to come in the Lord's
presence, and orient
ourselves to worship.

Our worship begins with a
scriptural call for God's
people to worship. In this
way, our gathered worship
is a conversation initiated
by God between himself
and his people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Life in the church looks forward to the eternal life where God's redemptive presence will be enjoyed to the fullest. In the age to come, the kingdom will no longer be something that has broken in here or there; it will be all in. Think of the good news from Revelation 11:15, which you may have heard in Handel's Messiah; 'The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.' That's what's coming. The kingdom of God is the heavenly world breaking into our earthly existence. Do not think of the kingdom as a realm to which we are going as much as a reality that is coming to us." - Kevin DeYoung, *The Lord's Prayer*, pg. 41.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:15-22

Leader: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We humbly ask Jesus to pre-
side and to represent us
before the Father. We ask
the Holy Spirit to fill us and
inform us and dedicate the
service to the Lord.

†HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. No. 102

Leader: Let us declare together what we believe. What do we pray for in the second petition (of the Lord's Prayer):

All: In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us now confess our sins together to our Lord and King:

All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ's name. Amen.¹

SILENT CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SIN

PROMISE OF PARDONING GRACE

Psalms 145:17-21

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Myron, Redman/Fettke

10,000 Reasons
(lyrics on back)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder, Jeff Asmann

We are a "Confessional Church." We choose to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those saints who have gone before us. We embrace the timeless doctrinal truths of the Gospel.

GOD CLEANSES US

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not shame, to consider our sins. God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth each week by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into his renewal, restoration and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. This is the good news.

Our choir responds to God's pardon on our behalf and gives us a special opportunity to meditate upon the words that are sung.

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response of gratitude for God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision

WORSHIP THROUGH THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For online giving look for QR code in the Announcements

OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Children, ages 4 - 1st grade, may be dismissed for Children's Church.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn No. 341, v. 1-3

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Mark 4:21-34

(Bible p. 1067)

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

"HOW THE KINGDOM COMES "

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

†BENEDICTION

Revelation 1:5b-7

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

†POSTLUDE

*GOD
COMMUNICATES
WITH US*

God's Word itself has power.
The Preaching of God's Word
is one of the chief means of
grace by which God's people
grow.

*GOD
COMMISSIONS US*

Our worship concludes with
God's sending us into the
world with his blessing as we
seek to love our community
in the power of the Spirit.

PREACHING: Rev. Dave Vosseller

Leading Worship: Rev. Bryan Villarreal

† Please Stand

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Mark 4:21-34

Theme: Do you understand how the Kingdom of God is breaking into the world?

I. The Progressive Revelation of the Kingdom (v. 21-25)

II. The Incomprehensible Powerful Growth of the Kingdom (v. 26-29)

III. The Inevitable Exponential Growth of the Kingdom (v. 30-32)

IV. Summary: The Revealed and Concealed Kingdom (v. 33-34)

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR EVENING WORSHIP @ 6:00 PM
KNOWING GOD - DON FISHER

THIS WEEK @ LAKEMONT

Sun, March 12

Young Adults 5p
Evening Worship 6p

Tue, March 14

Moms in Prayer 1p

*The full Church Calendar
can be found on
LakemontPCA.org*

Wed, March 15

Men's Bible Study 6:30a
Dinner 6:15p
Choir 7p
Men's Study 7p
Ladies Study 7p
LYM 7p
Middles 7p

Thur, March 16

Keenagers 11a
Session 6:30p

Fri, March 17

Good News Club

Sat, March 18

M.E.N. 8:30a
Women's Breakfast 9a
Choir Practice 10:30a



Giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Lakemont! We are glad you are here. Please introduce yourself and fill out a guest card located under a seat so that we can get to know you better. Place them in offertory or give to an usher.

Wednesday Night Dinner, March 15, 6:15p. Join us for dinner and fellowship whether or not you have an activity at church that evening. We would love to see you! RSVP is not necessary, but helpful for preparation. Scan QR to RSVP.



Keenagers meet this Thursday, March 16, 11 am. Call or text Mike Davis (706-825-2409) or Dennis Harville (706-799-4436)

Women's Breakfast: Saturday, March 18, 9-11am. Food, fellowship and planting containers to beautify the church entrances. If you would like to bring your favorite breakfast food to share, you can indicate that on the RSVP. Sign up is on Realm or email lakemontpca@gmail.com.

Last Good News Club & Party is March 24th.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 25th, 10:30-12 Noon at the Montclair Pool Park for children age 2 yr-5th grade and their families. Join us for a great story, fun games, yummy lunch and Egg-citing Egg Hunt! Bring a bag or basket and a friend! In case of rain, we will meet at the church. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/4wtuyf3d>

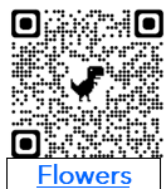
Candy/Toy Filled Eggs Needed please provide candy-filled or toy-filled plastic eggs no later than March 19th. Please use individually wrapped (not loose) candy. To help us with counting, write the number of eggs on the outside of the bag and place them in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. We will need a lot of eggs since we are inviting the children in the Montclair neighborhood and from our Good News Club. If you would prefer to donate money, we have some people who are willing to shop and stuff eggs for you. Contact Glenda Gay at 706-564-6260 for more information.

VBS 2023 Mark your calendars! VBS at Lakemont will be June 19th - 23rd. If you are interested in helping, please contact Danielle Cox (803-270-1172) or Carrie Adams (706-399-7411).

Care Pregnancy Center Spring Training is March 23-25 at West Augusta location. Walk for Life kickoff is March 11, and the walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. Contact 706-722-3733 or cpc8@mindspring.com for more info.

REALM Connect -If you are still having trouble signing into Realm, let Beth know so she can contact support.

Flowers for the Sanctuary If you would like to purchase sanctuary flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign up with QR or email lakemontpca@gmail.com. The cost is \$80. The next open dates are: April 2, April 9, & April 23.



Flowers

PRAYER & PRAISE

Madge Campbell, Julia Farr's mother, fell and it caused a brain bleed. She hopes to be released from ICU and get into a rehab facility that specializes in brain injuries. Pray that her blood pressure stays under control so the move to rehab can happen, wisdom for the medical team and peace for the family.

Barry Smith's sister Annette, of Savannah had a stroke with a brain bleed. Surgery is not an option and she has been intubated. She is a believer. Pray for wisdom for the medical team, and peace and comfort for the family.

Don Vosseller, Praise the Lord, is able to return home tomorrow!

Chuck Davis, Son of Elsie and Mike had extensive ankle surgery. Pray for his recovery and increased mobility as he heals.

Continue to Pray:

Charlotte Bryngelson (member)

Sue Chronister (sister-in-law of Fran J.)

Jane Dennis (member)

Sarah Jagoditsch (mother-in-law of Fran J.)

Jordan Richardson (member)

Grace Smith (mother of Allegra)

Kendra Smith (sister of Allegra)

Kay Sweat (sister of Ann Edenfield)

Anna Ruth Tucker (Alzheimer's, mother of Laurie)

Don Vosseller (father of Dave)

Laurie Tucker has returned back to her home. She has heartfelt gratefulness for the prayers, messages and visits of the Lakemont family. They have encouraged her and the family in recent weeks.

Anne Fulghum is continuing to improve and is planning on going home soon.

Pray for healthy pregnancies for Payton Prather, Lacy Granade, both due in July, and for Jackie Carter.

Members & Friends in Assisted Living/Nursing Homes Madeline Brinsko (FL), C.W. Burrum, Al & Olga Hood (NC), Jane Vosseller (Westwood), Elon Willing (Windsor House)

MINISTRY & MISSIONS

Pray for Ministries within our Church:

Women's Leadership Team

Pray for a Church & Pastor in our Presbytery:

First Presbyterian Church (Pooler)

Dr. Greg Salazar, Pastor

Bill Gleason, Assoc. Pastor

Pray for Our Missionary/Mission:

Paul & Barbara Volpitto - REF

Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship, is a nonprofit faith mission whose purpose is to train and equip God's people to do Biblical Evangelism, Anywhere, Anytime with Anyone. A movement of - evangelistic, Biblical, Reformed in faith - that operates with boldness and compassion.

Pray for the World *Voice of the Martyrs Guide*

Comoros

Comoros is among the poorest nations in the world, with less than 1 million people and few eco-

nomic and educational opportunities. Comorians have no religious freedom, and leaving Islam is illegal. Sharing the gospel and discipling new believers are also highly restricted and can lead to expulsion for foreigners and brief imprisonments for locals. The strongest deterrent to becoming a Christian is societal pressure. Those who leave Islam to follow Christ are usually ostracized by their family and community. Some Christian organizations are allowed to operate, but they are strictly monitored and restricted to humanitarian projects. Despite these challenges, the gospel continues to spread inside the country.

MAJOR RELIGION: Nearly 99 percent of Comorians are Sunni Muslims.

Believers must meet in small groups and can share their faith only through one-on-one relationships. When they gather to read their Bibles or speak about their faith, they risk persecution from the

community as well as imprisonment by the government. For example, when five believers hosted a Christian debate in a private residence, they were imprisoned upon their discovery. Prison terms are generally short, and treatment of Christians is usually left to the discretion of local village leaders.

ACCESS TO BIBLES: Translating the Bible into the native languages has been slow and difficult, with only portions of the Scripture available after more than a decade of work. Most Comorian believers have digital versions of these translated portions

- on their smartphones.
- Pray that Malagasy believers will reach out to Comorians.
 - Pray for Bible translations in Comorian dialects.
 - Pray for wisdom in how to reach Comorians with the gospel.
 - Pray for the encouragement of Christian workers.
 - Pray for new believers, who are persecuted and ostracized when they come to faith.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin & Redman/arr. Fettke

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul;
 Worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship Your holy name.
 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
 It's time to sing Your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul;
 Worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship Your holy name.
 Your rich in love and you're slow to anger.
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
 And on that day, when my strength is failing,
 The end draws near and my time has come;
 Still, my soul will, sing Your praise unending,
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore!
 Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul;
 Worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship Your holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul;
 Worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship Your holy name.
 Lord, I'll worship Your holy name,
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

March Memory Verse

"And he said to them, 'Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.'" - Mark 4:24

Nursery Today	Finance Deacons	March Ushers	Building Duty
<u>Sunday School</u> Infant: Nannette Toddler: Kim, Carrie	3/5, 3/12 Eric Garrett, Jerry White	Lead: Greg L. Casey L.	3/12 Jeff Asmann
<u>Worship</u> Infant: Shelley, Taylor Buffett Toddler: Nannette, Sandy	3/17, 3/26 Jerry White, Eric Garrett	Offering: Mike Davis Alec Sutton	3/19 Jim Denmark