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Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
November 22, 2026
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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1,4)

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
ALL: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
One: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
ALL: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
One: To gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
ALL: Let us worship the LORD our GOD!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you!
Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able
HYMN "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" #145

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving GOD, YOU are generous in the many ways YOU have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear rather than by faith in YOU. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than YOUR call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing YOUR care in each gift. Forgive us, GOD of grace. Forgive us and restore us to YOUR vision for the world we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Why Should He Love Me So?"*
Why should He love me so? Why should He love me so? Why should my Savior to Calvary go? Why should He love me so?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES **Psalm 22:1-6**
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Matthew 27:38-46
38 Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"* (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

SERMON "Tola Worm"

Please stand if you are able
HYMN **"Crown Him With Many Crowns" #151**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Let us say what we believe:
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; On 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.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" #438

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

Prayer of Thanks

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

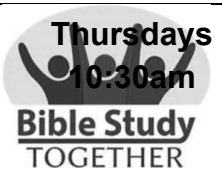
Heavenly Father, we thank You for the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us, both in times of joy and in times of challenge.

We are grateful for the love of family and friends who surround us. Most of all, we thank You for Your Grace and Your presence in our lives.

We pray especially for Kate Phillips, Roger Sheldon and Pat Stay as they, and their caregivers, work through the medical challenges they are facing. Help them to focus on the blessings You have bestowed on them. Amen.



TODAY'S Congregational Meeting will follow worship for the election of officers for 2027 and 2028. The meeting should last about 10 minutes.



Thursdays
10:30am

Sunday Morning
9am – 9:45am



Thursdays
10:30am



The Koon family invites the Lakeshore Church Family & friends to a **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thanksgiving Day, 3:00 PM, at the Church building. Enjoy! Thank you Lois and Ray.

Decorating the sanctuary for Christmas will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 AM. Your help would be appreciated. Thank You!
The next day, November 29, Worship will include the Hanging of the Greens.



Christmas Tea December 5th 3pm

Enjoy a cup of Christmas Tea and delicious treats while celebrating the holiday season with friends.

Join with our Deacons to make Christmas special for children in our area by supporting ***Toys for Tots.*** Bring a new unwrapped toy and place it in the designated box at church.

The Deacons have also chosen two names from the ***Salvation Army Giving Tree*** and will support that ministry. You can help with making a monetary donation. Please indicate your donation is for the Giving Tree.