



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.

**10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
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Silent Meditation

“The way of Jesus is not a sequence of exceptions to the ordinary, but a way of living deeply and fully with the people here and now, in the place we find ourselves.”

~ Eugene H. Peterson, *The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus Is the Way*

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Karen Ball

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Call to Worship Lori Higgins

One: When we don't know the way...

All: Show us the Father.

One: When our hearts are troubled...

All: Show me Jesus.

One: When life comes our way...

All: Show us the Spirit.

One: Today, here in this place,

All: May we see God. Amen

***Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House*

***Invocation** Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your word offers a way to access you but we confess that we choose our own ways. We forget that we have seen you in the love of the Christ and we continue to pray selfish prayers. In Christ, you adopted us as your children. Help us to live into our new identity, help us to grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response # 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (v. 1)

*My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!*

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***Gloria Patri # 581**

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

Children's Moment

Elaine Branda

(Children may leave for Kid's Space)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Awake, My Soul, and Sing
Chancel Choir

by Allen Pote

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Scripture Reading

John 14:1–14 (pg.102)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“No Simple Answers, just Himself”

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Hymn of Preparation #701 *Lord, Prepare Me* (sing twice)

Communion

Invitation to Communion

Communion Prayer

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to our God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Invitation to the Table

Distribution of the Elements**

Prayer after Communion and Singing of the Lord's Prayer Rev. de Beer

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

***Benediction**

Rev. de Beer

***Postlude**

Piece pour grand orgue

by Joseph Jongen

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

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Welcome to worship! All visitors are welcome to LPC where we seek to love and serve Christ. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering basket. Care for infants through 6 years old during worship is provided in the nursery. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Friendship Pads - To help us extend a warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today, we invite you to sign the friendship pad, located on the aisle side of your pew. Please include your name and contact information you'd like to share. After signing, pass the pad along and take a moment to greet those around you. After all, have signed, return it to its original place, remove the signed sheet, and place it in the offering basket during the offertory.

Rev. Johnson is on vacation. He will return to the office on May 18th.

Please remember with your prayers:
Dennis Eubanks Marilyn Gearhart Jerri Hanna
Ernie Miesner Judy Wells

The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by Susan Scott Zeleznik and family in loving memory of her sister Carolyn Scott Russell.

The Grief Support group led by Debbie Hager will meet today in the children's classroom following the worship service.

May's Change Can Make a Change will be to support the World Central Kitchen. Founded in 2010 by Chef Jose Andres, it is a nonprofit organization that is first to the frontlines providing fresh meals in response to crises. Applying their model of quick action, leveraging local resources and adapting in real time, WCK has served more than 600 million nourishing meals around the world. When disaster strikes WCK's Relief team mobilizes with the urgency of now to start cooking and serving meals to people in need. Currently, WCK can be found in Ukraine, Hawaii, Mariana Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt to name a few places. In April 2026, the WCK's Relief Team was in Georgia responding to the Highway 82 fire which was a fast moving blaze that destroyed more than 5,000 acres, destroying 87 homes and threatening about 1,000 more. WCK provides good food not only for nourishment but also comfort and hope especially in times of crisis. Learn more at wck.org. Thank you for your support.

Backpack Buddies next food packing will be on Tuesday, May 5th at 3:10pm at Red Cedar Elementary. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Adult Sunday Class meets in the parlor at 9:15am. On May 10th the discussion will be a subject from *The Wired Word*.

Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00am in the parlor.

The group, open to all LPC women and friends, meets every 2nd Tuesday for a relaxed time of connecting and exploring God's word together.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans is the current focus and chapters are designed so you can jump in at anytime! Participants are asked to read pages 146-173 (Purity) for our 5/12 meeting. The group will be taking the months of June, July and August off and will reconvene on September 8th. Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

Brunch on the Patio – Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am

Brunch foods will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee on the patio before the worship service. All you need to bring is your own lawn chair. Please sign-up online or on the bulletin board by May 11th.

Upper Room devotionals for May and June are available on the counter in the Narthex.

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. They are currently studying "Matthew for Everyone" by N.T. Wright. You don't need a book to participate. For questions, please contact: Bill Walker –kamwheeling@gmail.com.

LPC Book Club - The book group will meet on Thursday, July 16th at 2:00 to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, a gem of a novel about the power of finding connection with people through letters. Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it, and she expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee and distinguished lawyer. But letters from someone in her past cause her to reexamine her life.

The Building & Grounds Ministry wants to recognize Brenda Wildt and her team of "gardeners" who worked so diligently at cleaning up the overgrown vegetation around the Patio/Meditation Garden area. This is the first step of further beautification of this area.

The latest edition of *The Light* is available on the counter in the Narthex or on our website lowcountrypres.org.

Infant Comforting Area - Like many adults, some infants struggle to make it through the entire service. An area has been set aside outside the nursery with sound and a view into the sanctuary. You are welcome to visit the area if the need arises.

Sermon Notes: