



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, February 8, 2026
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
February 8, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Silent Meditation

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us... As we let our light shine we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."
~ Marianne Williamson

Prelude

Make a Joyful Noise
Jubilate Ringers

Kevin McChesney

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. David Johnson

Call to Worship

Stephen Ball

One: God's first words to our world were "Let there be light."

All: We give thanks for light that makes life possible.

One: God set the sun to light the earth by day, and the moon and stars by night.

All: We give thanks for the sun that holds our planet in orbit, warms our earth, changes our seasons, and allows plants to grow.

One: Jesus shows us the character of God.

All: We give thanks for Jesus, the light of the world.

One: Jesus claimed that we too, are the light of the world.

All: We shine the light of Christ so all may give glory to God.

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***Invocation**

Rev. David Johnson

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, forgive us when we turn from you and choose darkness over light. Forgive us when the light of Christ within us flickers and grows dim or when we hide your light from others and deny them the opportunity to know your goodness and glory. And God we confess there are times when we seek to shine the spotlight on ourselves or on other human beings rather than giving glory to You alone. Forgive us and let the light of Christ shine brightly through us for all to see. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Hymn #698

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of Belhar **

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***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

Rev. Johnson

This Little Light of Mine
(Children may leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a (pg. 647)

Matthew 5:13-16 (pg. 4)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

Love Lifted Me
Jubilate ringers

arr. Bill Ingram

Sermon

"Light it up"

Rev. David Johnson

***Hymn #451**

Open My Eyes that I May See

Commissioning of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Rev. de Beer

Pledge of the Congregation

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our search committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time.

These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the spirit as we seek a new pastor to minister with us.

Pastoral Prayer and 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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make A Change

Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say arr. Molly Ijames
Andrea Frankenfield, Flute and Chancel Choir

*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

Rev. de Beer

*Hymn # 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Benediction

Rev. Johnson

*Postlude

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

by Elizabeth Hill

* Those who are able, please stand.

** The Confession of Belhar was a confession of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in response to the unjust system of apartheid. It was recommended and approved for inclusion in our PCUSA Book of Confessions in 2016 because of its clear call to unity, reconciliation and justice.

Please remember with your prayers:

Dennis Eubanks Jerri Hanna Marilyn Gearhart
Marsha Hester Bud Woodard Judy Wells Jim Wildt

The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by Stephen & Karen Ball in loving memory of their daughter Elizabeth Grace.

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 worshipping with us today, we invite you to sign the friendship pad, located on the clipboard on the aisle side of your pew. Please include your name and any contact information you'd like to share. After signing, pass the pad along and take a moment to greet those around you. When the pad reaches the end of the row, return it to its original place, remove the signed sheet, and place it in the offering basket during the offertory. We appreciate your role in fostering a warm, welcoming spirit at LPC!

The Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be collected today as you leave church. All the money raised will be donated to the Bluffton Community Kitchen. At each church exit there will be Mission team members with large soup pots marked with Patriots or Seahawks. Vote for your favorite football team by dropping cash or checks made out to LPC into that teams pot. Whether or not you care about football at all, let's make this a big day to help tackle hunger.

LPC's monthly Grief Support Group led by Rev. Johnson will meet **today** in the children's classroom by the nursery following worship.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan - LPC will be celebrating its Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' o' the Tartan during a special service of worship on February 15th. Kirk is the term in Scotland for church and kirking is considered a blessing. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness, no matter what our heritage. The Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at LPC will include a ceremonial procession of tartans, hymns and bagpipe music as we remember ancient times while asking God's help and blessings in the future. Following the service, enjoy Scottish shortbread and tea during hospitality time. Be sure to mark your calendar and wear your tartan on February 15th!

“The Sermon On The Mount” Bible Study Tuesdays at 2:15pm. This week concludes our study with a topic of “life and death choices”.

Adult Sunday Class meets in the parlor at 9:15am. The topic February 15th will be John 9:1-41, Spiritual Blindness.

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

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 11:00am in the choir room. 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 focus book for the year and chapters are designed so you can jump in at anytime! Participants are asked to read *February: Beauty*, pages 99-119 before our 2/10 meeting. In addition: ***Please bring a photo of yourself from your high school - late teen timeframe!***

Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

Change Can Make a Change collection for February - The Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) exists to break the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect by equipping parents, children, and their caregivers with the necessary skills, knowledge, and values. It is a local nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1981. CAPA operates a home in Beaufort County that is open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year for youth, birth to 21 years who've been removed from an abusive or neglectful situation. CAPA offers community and school-based Outreach Programs, safe sleep education, home visitation and foster care.

An Unlikely Lent - Notice the unexpected in Easter

Has Easter become as routine for you as Christmas? We know the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the story of Easter. However, the lessons we can learn from the women and men in the stories of these events can easily pass us by. How might their stories guide us in understanding the message of Easter?

By seeing the Easter story through their eyes, we discover that the resurrection is not just a past event, but an invitation to walk through this season with eyes wide open, ready to see where God is in the margins, doing something new and unexpected. The cross is not the end of the story, but rather an opportunity to embrace every unlikely moment along the way. Join Pastors Danie and David in 6 studies on **Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Parlor, beginning February 24, 2026.**

Contact the church office to get a copy of *An Unlikely Lent. Extraordinary People of the Easter Story* by Rachel Billups, that we will use as our guide.

Short Stories of God's Presence. This once-a-month reading group will look for signs of the spiritual life in stories by contemporary authors in the book "Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith, Vol. 1". We will meet in the church parlor on the 4th Thursday of each month at 4pm to discuss and learn from a different story beginning on **February 26**. See Pastor Dave for more information and copies of the book. Sign-up in the Narthex or on our website.

The next book club meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at 2:00pm. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Theo of Golden is a beautiful story about the power of creative generosity and the far-reaching possibilities of anonymous kindness. We hope you will join us.

The New Member Class will meet March 12th and 19th at 4pm. Have you been visiting for a while and are now ready to join the LPC family OR would you just like to know more about what membership means? If so, please sign up on our website's Events page or contact the church office at office@lowcountrypres.org or 843 815-6570. Scheduled from 4-6 pm but may be adjusted based on participant's schedules. If you are interested, but this time does not work for you, contact the office.

There is an opening on the livestream team. If you are interested in helping to run the livestream during worship, please contact Lila Wright, wrightlc268@yahoo.com.

Second Saturday for Men is now the Third Saturday (still for men). We will share a cup of coffee, some scripture, and share our own stories of faith. Men are invited to join us February 21st at 9am in the Parlor.

Men of Purpose (MOP) meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. They just started a new book, *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright so it is a good time to join. Contact Bill Walker –kamwheeling@gmail.com with questions.

Sunday Memorial Flower sign-up - With the exception of Christmas and Easter, the chancel flowers are provided by members and friends of the church at a charge of \$60. The sign-up sheet is located at the office end of the Narthex. You may sign up for any Sunday and will be contacted nearer the time for your flower preference. You may donate the flowers (usually given to a member for cheer) and they will be rearranged and then delivered by a member of the Flower Ministry (volunteers always welcome) or take them home to do with as you wish. Contact Fran Parker with questions, (843) 757-8181.