



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, September 6, 2026
10:30am**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our
prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of
faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;

John 6:25-29

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him,
'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell
you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate
your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the
food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it
is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him,
'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them,
'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, September 6, 2026 – 10:30am

Silent Meditation

“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. David Johnson

Call to Worship

Lori Higgins

One: This Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for God's work of creation.

All: Thank you God for the sea and sky, for the bounty of the earth that feeds our bodies, and for the beauty that sustains our souls.

One: We give thanks for all those whose labor provides for our needs.

All: Thank you God for those who plant and harvest, those who transport and stock the shelves of our stores, those who build and maintain our homes, those who serve in unseen ways.

One: We give thanks for God who works within us, steadily shaping us into God's image.

All: Thank you God for Your Holy Spirit that encourages us, sustains us, challenges us, and gives us courage to live as Your faithful people.

One: Let us worship the One whose work began and sustains our world.

***Hymn # 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Invocation

Rev. David Johnson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever loving and creative God, here at worship we turn from the demands and urgencies of our life to stand before You without pretense. We come as imperfect people who fail to recognize or appreciate Your work of creation. Much of our work is given to insuring our own security and comfort rather than caring for the needs of others. We confess the times when our minds and hearts are so cluttered and burdened that we can't or won't hear the words of life you offer us. Forgive us, renew us, and fill us with your Spirit. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground***

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

(Children may leave for Kid's Space)

***Affirmation of Faith** Excerpts from the 2nd Helvetic Confession, 5.115-7
...Truly good works grow out of a living faith by the Holy Spirit and are done by the faithful according to the will or rule of God's Word... These same works ought not to be done in order that we may earn eternal life by them, for, as the apostle says, eternal life is the gift of God. Nor are they to be done for ostentation, nor for gain, but for the glory of God, to adorn our calling, to show gratitude to God, and for the profit of the neighbor. For the Lord says again in the gospel: "Let your light so shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

***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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Charles H. Gabriel / Smith, Smith & Hall
Robin Lind, soloist

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

***Hymn # 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Scripture Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5a (pg. 191)
John 6:25-29 (pg. 92)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Good Work"

Rev. David Johnson

Hymn of Preparation #769 *For Everyone Born* (vv. 1 - 3)

Invitation to Communion

Clergy of the Church

Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Words of Institution

Distribution***

Pastoral Prayer 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. Johnson

*Postlude

Postlude on "Ellacombe"

by Jason Payne

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

*****Holy Ground*** - Words and Music by Geron Davis

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*****Communion by Intinction:** As you come forward, use the side aisles as directed by an usher. Please take a piece of bread, dip it in one of the chalices; the first chalice is wine, the second, grape juice. If you prefer, take a packaged set when you come forward. Please return to your seat using the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, tell an usher and a set will be brought to you. Gluten free bread is in the center of each tray and also available in gluten free packaged sets.

Please remember with your prayers:

Jerri Hanna Kay Hedrick Joan Walker Judy Wells Pat Woodard

**The flowers today are to the Glory of God,
given by Lori Higgins in loving memory of Carol Higgins.**

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 - We extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today, and invite you to sign the friendship pad in your pew. Please include your name and contact information you'd like to share. After signing, pass the pad along and 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.

Grief Support group will meet immediately following worship in the Children's classroom.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

Women of Faith invites all women to join us as we begin a new season together on September 8th and continue our journey through *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. We'll pick up our exploration of the questions that have challenged and inspired Christian women for generations: What does biblical womanhood really mean? What can Scripture teach us about living faithfully as women today? How do ancient teachings speak into our modern lives? Whether you participated last year or are joining for the first time, *you are welcome*. Women of Faith is open to all LPC women, friends, and visitors. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00am in the Parlor for fellowship, discussion, and spiritual growth in community. We look forward to gathering again on September 8th as we continue this meaningful study together. Participants are asked to:

- Read pages 174-200 prior to the September meeting
- Bring a small object from home that reflects who you are or holds personal meaning for you.

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

Men of Purpose will resume meetings on September 12th and begin a new study with the book "Unwavering Faithfulness" by Walter Brueggmann and Brent A. Strawn. Books are available in the church office for \$15. For questions, please contact: Bill Walker –kamwheeling@gmail.com.

Our Tuesday Bible Study will resume on September 22 at 1:30pm in the Parlor with an 8-session study of the Lord's Prayer.

The short story reading and discussion group will resume on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4pm in the parlor. All are welcome to participate for one or more of the sessions. Contact Rev. Dave for a copy of the book. We discuss chapter 3, "Virgin Time" by Patricia Hempl on September 17.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals. All singers are welcome to join this choir. No audition necessary. Hope to see new faces at the first rehearsal, **Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. We will sing on Sunday, September 13th. We also have a special rehearsal on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30am followed by lunch at 12:30pm, provided by the choir.

Jubilate Ringers begin rehearsing on **Tuesday, September 15th at 12:30pm** in the Sanctuary.

Virginia Durham will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 13th! We will celebrate this special occasion on Sunday, September 20th and Congregational Care Ministry encourages the congregation to bring her a birthday card.

New Member Classes are scheduled for September 22 and 29, 4-6 pm. 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 the bulletin board in the Narthex, on our website's Events page or contact the church office at office@lowcountrypres.org or 843-815-6570. The schedule may be adjusted based on participant's schedules. If you are interested, but this time does not work for you, contact the office.

The Membership Ministry is sponsoring an indoor picnic on Sunday, September 27th after church. Sandwiches from Jimmy Johns, sides, and desserts will be served. Please indicate your preference: No Preference - Vegetarian - Gluten Free, also indicate on the sign-up sheet (online or in the Narthex) name & number coming. Cost is \$10 per person at the door.

September Change Can Make a Change – Walk for Water. Can you imagine not having fresh, cool water to drink in the summer heat? Or having just 5 gallons of water a day for your entire family's washing, cooking and cleaning? Two billion people around the world face that reality every day, with no access to safe, clean water. But you can help change that. Beaufort County Walk for Water raises awareness and money to fight the global water crisis. All proceeds go to Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization based in Charleston that builds safe water and sanitation solutions in developing countries and disaster areas. Water Mission's disaster response team was one of the first onsite when Hurricane Helene hit North Carolina in 2024? Access to clean, safe water helped our neighbors survive!



LPC will again sponsor the Beaufort County Walk for Water October 3rd at 9 am at the Bluffton United Methodist Church "Backlot". Registration is free! Visit

walkforwater.com/beaufort to sign up and join the "LPC Water Walkers" and get a free T-shirt by donating at least \$25 to this important cause. Contact: Don Hamburger at 843.729.7136 or donaldj.hamburger@gmail.com with questions or visit watermission.org to learn more.

Our next book group discussion will be on Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00pm in the classroom. We will be discussing *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. It is a story about two adults looking back over the choices they made, and the choices that were made for them. The book is about bravery, memory, and the often small yet consequential moments that define our lives. It's ultimately about how love endures, and how the feeling of being known by one other person, even for a short period of time, can change everything.



LPC is an Earth Care Congregation!
Earth Care Tips:

Tips for surviving extreme heat

1. Don't drink alcohol, sugary soda, coffee, energy drinks, or other caffeinated beverages, as they dehydrate you! That's the last thing you need during a heat wave.
2. Eat small meals and eat more often. Eat food with nutrients (not empty carbs) and higher water content (fruits and vegetables).
3. Wear loose-fitting, airy, light-colored clothing and a hat made of breathable material. Tight clothing traps heat.

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