



## **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, June 7, 2026  
10:30am**

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**Celebration of Worship**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:30am**

**Silent Meditation**

The loneliest moment in someone's life is when they are watching their whole world fall apart, and all they can do is stare blankly.

— *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

**Prelude**

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Karen Ball

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. David Johnson

**Call to Worship**

Lori Higgins

One: Return to the One Holy God who calls us to steadfast love.

**All: The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.**

One: Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

**All: The Lord desires a relationship, not burnt offerings.**

One: Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life. Amen

**\*Hymn #331**

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full with rejoicing and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors. By overt acts and by omission, we diminish your creation.**

**We deceive ourselves about our true nature, and we do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures.**

**Thank you for showing us mercy. Thank you for forgiving us.**

**Help us to amend our lives in accord with your admonitions.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response #423**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God!*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit with-in me.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **Your Kingdom Come**

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.**

**We believe. Lord, help our unbelief.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:**

**in the upholding of human dignity and community;**

**in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;**

**in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;**

**in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*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**

*Bless This House*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

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. Johnson

**\*Hymn #735**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

(vv. 1 and 4)

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26 (pg. 8)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

“For those who are sick...”

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

**Hymn of Preparation #515**

*I Come with Joy*

(vv. 1 and 3)

**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. Johnson

*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**

*Postlude in C Major*

by Gustav Merkel

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

**\*\* As the bread is passed, please say to one another, The Bread of Life.**

**When the cup is passed, please say to one another, The Cup of Salvation.**

**Please consume the bread as you receive it, but hold the cup that we might take it together. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the bread trays.**

<sup>1</sup> *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* - Words/Music by John Carter

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**Please remember with your prayers:**  
**Dennis Eubanks      Marilyn Gearhart      Jerri Hanna**  
**Sue Nehonsky      Judy Wells**

**The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by  
Debbie Hager in loving memory of her husband John Hager.**

**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.

**Our grief support group** will meet with Rev. Johnson in the children's classroom following worship on June 7. Anyone who is grieving a loss is welcome to attend so that we can support one another in the grief process.

**The June Change Can Make a Change offering** will be received for The Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce "Back to School Fun Day" and Agape's School Supply Drive to help purchase supplies and backpacks for children in need returning to school.

We will also be collecting requested supplies during the month of June. Items can be placed in the School Bus in the Narthex.



**The Mission Ministry will be sponsoring LPC's Third Blood Drive** with the American Red Cross. It will take place at Thomas Hall via the side door entrance on Monday, July 6th from 1:30 – 6:00 pm. To schedule an appointment just scan the QR code or log on to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Lowcountry Pres or call 1 800 RED CROSS. Spread the word to friends and neighbors. All donors will receive a free Red Cross Looney Tunes T shirt!!!

There is also a need for at least 4 volunteers to help on the day of the drive with check in and serving snacks. If you can help with this ask, contact Anne Redlus at 843-705-6373 or email [anneredlus@gmail.com](mailto:anneredlus@gmail.com).

**Adult Sunday Class** meets in the parlor at 9:15am.

**Children's Sunday School will resume in the Fall.** Kid's Space will continue through the summer.

**Men of Purpose** will take a summer break and resume September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Prayerful Stitches Ministry** at LPC provides shawls and lap robes to those who need comfort and warmth. If you know someone in need, contact Jane Lundblad or the church office for information. Knitters are always welcome!

**Additional dates are open for the Sunday flower arrangements.** If you would like to donate an arrangement, please sign-up on the flower chart in the Narthex. The flowers are \$60 and you can opt to keep them or have them distributed to someone in need of comfort or cheer.

**The latest edition of *The Light*** is available on the counter in the Narthex or on our website [lowcountrypres.org](http://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.

**Thank you** LPC family for the flowers, cards, and well wishes you sent me during my recovery period from knee surgery. It has been greatly appreciated.  
--Debby Miller

**Dr. Bill Thorpe sincerely wants to express his appreciation** for all and each of the wishes from so many members and let you know that he continues to improve and will eventually heal from his recent hip replacement.



**LPC is an Earth Care Congregation!**

**Earth Care Tips:**

**Learn about your local food systems.**

Where does your food come from? How many miles has it traveled to reach you? How is it packaged? How is your community affected by food insecurity? Commit to visiting a local farmers market, or tending one plant that grows something you can eat.

**Sermon Notes:**