

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, November 8, 2026
10:30am

Matthew 25:1–13

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil
with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.’ 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.’ 9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was
shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to
us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 10:30am

Silent Meditation

"Our anxiety does not come from thinking about the future, but from wanting to control it." – Kahlil Gibran

Prelude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Janet Linker/Jane McFadden
Jubilate Ringers and Karen Ball, piano

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Call to Worship Mary Johnson

One: Rejoice and be glad for God is our salvation.
All: Rejoice and be glad for God is great.
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn #299** ***You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim **(vv. 1, 3, & 4)**

***Invocation** Rev. de Beer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. We know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. Teach us to live joyfully trusting in your provision. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #62 ***Love the Lord Your God*****

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with al your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make a Change

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. J. D. Frizzell
Jubilate Ringers

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. David Johnson

Children's Moment
(Children may leave for Children's Church)

Hymn #771** ***What Is the World Like **(vv. 1, 2, & 3)**

Anthem *My Father's World* arr. Sean Paul
Chancel Choir, Andrea Frankenfield, flute and Karen Ball, piano

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1–13 (pg. 26)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **"Anxiety About the Future" Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer**

Hymn of Preparation #504** ***We Come as Guests Invited **(v. 1)**

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

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; 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

***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

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 the 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** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Jason Payne

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

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*** 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.

Please remember with your prayers:
Rev. de Beer Jerri Hanna Judy Wells John Rea Pat Woodard

The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by Lynn Cordy in loving memory of Tom Cordy.

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 worshiping 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.

Agape Food Drive Today – drive up following the worship service, until 1pm, and they will unload your car. Donations will be used for Agape's Thanksgiving Food Distribution.

Adult Sunday Class meets in the parlor at 9:15am. Sunday, November 15th they will discuss Micah 1:3-5. 5:2-5, 6:6-8, Walk Humbly with God.

Children's Sunday school is the 2nd and 4th Sunday following the Children's Moment.

No Tuesday Bible Study this week. Join us November 17th at 1:30pm in the parlor as we resume the study of the Lord's Prayer.

The short story reading and discussion group that usually meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4pm in the parlor will meet **Thursday, December 3rd**. All are welcome to participate. Contact Rev. Dave for a copy of the book. They will discuss chapter 4.

Women of Faith - Come join the conversation! Women of Faith meets Tuesday, November 10th, at 11:00am in the parlor. All LPC women and friends are welcome for a relaxed time of fellowship, friendship, and exploring God's Word together. We're currently reading A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans and it's easy to jump in anytime! For November 10th, please read Justice: pages 224-249. Questions? Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

We are in need of people to volunteer in the nursery a couple of times a YEAR! At the present time we have only 1- 4 children to watch and another adult will be with you at all times. Please consider serving God and the young families in this way. If interested please contact Elaine Branda at hhgolfer@gmail.com or call 843 816-2240.

Christmas Potluck - December 2, 2026 at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall - Join us for potluck and Christmas Sing-a-long. Membership Ministry will provide spiral ham and dinner rolls. Bring your favorite Christmas Mug and describe to your tablemates why it is your favorite. Use it for your beverage and save a paper cup. Sign-up in the Narthex or online and indicate what you will bring (side, salad or dessert) by noon on November 29th. Merry Christmas!

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am - They are studying "Unwavering Faithfulness" by Walter Brueggmann and Brent A. Strawn. All men are invited. Books are available for $15. Questions? Contact: Bill Walker –kamwheeling@gmail.com.

November Change Can Make a Change will be used for our annual Angel Tree for the children of Agape in Hardeeville and Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) children in Bluffton. NOC after school program meets in our Al and Marian Thomas Hall. We will be providing $25 Walmart gift cards for the families of NOC children and Agape children. We will be using the CCMAC for purchasing those and also for food for their families. The Mission Ministry members will do the shopping with the proceeds from CCMAC. In addition, we will be setting up an Angel Tree in the Narthex on November 15 and 22 with books and educational games for the children of NOC. Both organizations will be distributing the items very early in December. Last year thanks to your amazing generosity our November CCMAC provided for 156 Agape children and 60 NOC children. The need will be even greater this year. Thank you for your generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree.

Mittens and Things Collection - For the next three Sundays, Lowcountry Presbyterian Church and Temple Oseh Shalom will co-sponsor this collection in partnership with Bluffton Self Help to help local families in need. If you would like to participate, please bring New Children's Winter Clothing such as mittens, scarves, gloves, jackets, boots and sweaters (sizes Toddler through Teen). There will be collection bins in the Narthex through November 22nd. Any questions, contact Anne Redlus, Missions Team, anneredlus@gmail.com or call 843-705-6373.

Join Our Livestream and Sound Team! LPC members and friends are invited to volunteer with our Livestream and Sound Team! This is a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts, develop new skills, and serve the Lord behind the scenes. Our team helps ensure that worship services are heard clearly and streamed smoothly, making it possible for people both in our church and beyond to participate in worship. All you need is a willing heart, a teachable spirit, and a desire to serve. Training and support will be provided, and the time commitment is just one Sunday per month. Interested in volunteering or learning more? Please contact Pam Davis-Webb at psdw44@gmail.com. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve. Your time and talents are valuable, and every helping hand makes a difference!

Mary Green Chorale Concert – Sunday, November 15th at 4pm at LPC – Celebrate our countries heritage with Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom, Battle Hymn America, Naval Hymn, Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful,* etc. all accompanied by a full brass and percussion ensemble. Tickets are $30 cash or check at the door or visit marygreenchorale.org.

Earth Care Tip: As the days shorten and cool off, consider reducing the time and days that your irrigation system runs, and when possible, letting your home cool off and warm up without the use of A/C or heat.

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