

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

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:30am

Matthew 25:14-29

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another
two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]
The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with
them, and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the
two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money.

[19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to
him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two
more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

[24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

Celebration of Worship
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Silent Meditation

"Goodness does not always return to the hands that gave it. Sometimes, it travels through generations, blessing people its giver will never meet"

— Dave Uwaifo, ESEWI: Why Goodness Is Never Lost

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Karen Ball

Welcome and Announcements Rev. David Johnson

Call to Worship Lori Higgins

One: We worship God this morning with our prayers, praise, and offerings.
All: God's spirit is alive with us in this place.
One: We worship God all week long as we care for one another.
All: God's love is here among us.
One: We worship God all year long with our tithes and offerings as they are used to serve the outcast, and stand for what is right and just.
All: God's kingdom is alive in the low country as we worship God today and every day.

Hymn #687** ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past **(vv. 1 – 4)**

***Invocation** Rev. Johnson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us when we forgo love and let fear control our beliefs and actions. Increase our faith so that we can risk generosity and grace. Forgive us when our desire for comfort causes us to forget our neighbors in need. Remind us that riches bring true joy when they are shared. Forgive us when we put our trust in wealth rather than community. Show us the value of strong relationships. Forgive us God, and set us free to risk and love. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #*695* ***Change My Heart, O God***** **(sing twice)**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make a Change

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Joel Raney

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Children's Moment (Children may leave for Kids' Space)

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-29 (pg. 27)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **"Use It or Lose It"** **Rev. David Johnson**

Hymn #716** ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Stewardship Moment Jan Alpert

Presentation of Pledges

*** Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Leader: The time for harvest is at hand. These are fruit of our labor.
People: We have brought our gifts to the house of God.
Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.
People: We give thanks to God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.
Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.
People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen

All Saints Remembrance*** **Clergy of the Church**

Anthem *The Journey Home* words by Pamela Stewart
Chancel Choir, Burton Rich, cello music by Craig Courtney

Alleluia. We walk by faith and not by sight, this life a winding journey home. Although at times the path is dark, we do not travel it alone. There is no cause for fear or dread. The Spirit knows what lies ahead, remaining faithful by our side, An ever-present help and guide. Alleluia

We know in part; we dimly see as through a darkened glass, Yet we shall know as we are known, our vision clear at last. What waits for us beyond the veil lies hidden from our sight. In mystery until the time we cross into the light.

Our journey does not go unseen by those who stand on heaven's shore. They do not sleep. They watch and wait, the saints who traveled here before. Like them, we too will run the race and meet the Savior face to face Inside the new Jerusalem, our homeward journey at an end! Alleluia. We walk by faith and not by sight. Alleluia.

Light Candles

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

Hymn #326** ***For All the Saints **(vv. 1 – 3)**

***Benediction** Rev. Johnson

***Postlude** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise!* arr. Douglas Wagner

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

***Change My Heart, O God* Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa

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**** All Saints Remembrance - Today we will ring a bell and name those in our membership who entered the Church Triumphant this past year: Gail Boggs, Tom Cordy, Jan Kreitler, Dick MacDougal and Bud Woodard. When indicated, those who have lost a significant loved one may come forward and light a candle. The pastors will assist.

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
Fran Parker in honor of members of the flower ministry.

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.

Session has called an annual LPC Corporation and Special Congregational meeting today following worship service for electing the new classes of Elders, corporate officers, and several revisions to bylaws. The treasurer will also present the year to date financial report.

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

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

Our Tuesday Bible Study meets at 1:30pm in the Parlor. Join us as we study the Lord's Prayer.

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 would 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.

Day Trip to Hunting Island State Park - Wednesday, November 4th - Meet at church parking lot at 9:00am (we should be back by 4:00pm.) Hunting Island is South Carolina's single most popular state park, attracting more than a million visitors a year, as well as a vast array of land and marine wildlife. Five miles of pristine South Carolina beaches, thousands of acres of marsh and maritime forest, a saltwater lagoon and ocean inlet are all part of the park's natural allure. We plan to take a 1 ½ mile round trip, park ranger guided nature walk, leading to Boneyard Beach. Along the way, we'll stop and have a picnic lunch. Cost is $15 (includes lunch). Hunting Island is about an hour's drive from LPC. We plan to carpool, so if you need a ride, or are willing to drive others, please contact Betsy Hamburger at 704-907-2216 or bets2241@yahoo.com. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!

Backpack Buddies Volunteers: Just a reminder that we will be packing the food bags on **Wednesday, November 4th** at Red Cedar Elementary. Please plan to arrive at the school office by 3:10pm. Thanks to all of you who devote your time to feeding these food insecure children. Sandy Benninger, 248-756-6666.

November Change Can Make a Change will be used for our annual Angel Tree for the children of Agape in Hardeeville and the Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) children in Bluffton. NOC after school program meets during the week in our Al and Marian Thomas Hall. We will be providing $25 Walmart gift cards for the families of NOC children and the families of 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 for these items with the proceeds from CCMAC this year. 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 this year. 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 this generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree.

Agape Food Drive Sunday, November 8th - to benefit Agape Family Life Center's Thanksgiving Food Bag Distribution. If you would like to volunteer on that Sunday from 11:30am to 1:00pm please contact Anne Redlus, 843-705-6373. The suggested list for donations has some different asks due to the nature of this distribution.

produce (can or fresh); i.e. green vegetables, tomatoes, beans

fruit (can or fresh)	tomato sauce; pasta
can tuna, chicken, or salmon in water	can soup, chili
juices	rice (white or brown)
seasonings (salt & pepper)	flour, sugar
potato box meals	gravy (brown)
canned cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup	jiffy cornbread mix

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.

Save The Date!! Our Christmas Potluck with Christmas Carol sing-a-long is scheduled for December 2nd. Mark your calendar now. Hope to see you there.

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am - They are studying the book "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.

The newly formed "Garden Ministry" needs you! We are planning a major planting of the "Meditation Garden" on **November 7, at 9:00am.** Come join us and bring your green thumbs. Tools provided and we need those able and willing to use them. BYO gloves. Call or text Brenda Wildt @ 404-606-0499 if you are interested in joining the Ministry and/or able to help either/both of these dates. God bless you and thank you!

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. No experience is necessary! 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.

LPC is an Earth Care Congregation!
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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The Session

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