



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 29, 2024
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
Sunday, September 29, 2024 - 10:30am

Silent Meditation

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

Prelude *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Chris Herrin

Introit *We Are One in the Spirit* Hymn 300

Call to Worship (Psalm 124:8) Mary Johnson

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

Leader: God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

Unison: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

***Invocation** Rev. Chris Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us, but we often take too long to turn to you, forgetting you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Instead we fall into the ways of the world pursuing earthly power from wealth and comfort to take care of our own. We ignore your command to love neighbor and thus neglect to take care of the weak and the vulnerable. We sin. Forgive us and help us to draw near to you that you will draw near to us and show us how to live faithfully as your disciples. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #582 (v. 1) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***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.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Moment for Stewardship

Chad Copenhaver

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make A Change

Offertory

The Gospel According to Luke
Dale Nordby, soloist

Skip Ewing

***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**

***Hymn #465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Anthem

Goodness of God

Tim Oslek

Scripture Reading James 5:13-20 (pg. 217)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Prayer that is Powerful” Rev. Chris Herrin

*Hymn #396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

*Benediction

*Postlude *Adoro Te Devote* by Andrew Moore

* Those who are able, please stand.

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 thru 6 years old during worship is provided in the nursery at the 10:30am service. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Thank you to Dale Nordby and Dom Costabile for sharing their musical gifts.

Rev. Johnson has been on study leave and will return to the office on Monday.

2025 Stewardship Campaign - Elders will be sharing a stewardship message at worship services during the campaign highlighting how your gifts support the mission of the church. A Stewardship Dinner featuring Jim N Nick’s BBQ will be held October 23. Cost: \$15 per person or \$30 per family to be paid at the door. Sign-up in the Narthex or online. Rev. Johnson will be our speaker.

The 3 week New Member and Inquirers’ Class begins today from 3pm to 5pm and continues October 6th and 13th in Thomas Hall. Information about the PCUSA and our church will be offered, along with faith discussion and refreshments. Even if you have not signed up, you are welcome. See Rev. Herrin with questions.

Your Vote Counts - Wednesday, October 2 at 6pm in Thomas Hall

Session 2 is titled, “Your vote, from registration to certification.”

Ms. Xiaodan Li, author of legislation that became South Carolina’s omnibus election integrity bill in 2022 will outline the many safeguards to eliminate fraud and insure an accurate vote.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God, given by Betty Smith in loving memory of her husband Bob.

We Walked So Others Don't Have To! Our LPC team of 45, led by Captains Don & Betsy Hamburger, at the September 21 Walk for Water in Old Town. raised \$5,138—of the Walk's \$13,300! The combined Bluffton and Port Royal Walks raised more than \$82,500 for N. Charleston's Christian-based Water Mission and their water filtration systems. Thanks to all who participated with their support and donations! You have changed lives by providing clean water to those who have never had access to it! Donations to the Bluffton Walk can still be made online until October 25 to support the LPC team at walkforwater/beaufort. Thank you!

LPC's monthly Grief Support Group led by Rev. Herrin will meet today following worship in the back room by the nursery.

Adult Sunday School will be held in the parlor at 9:15am. Next Sunday we will learn about the Golden Calf; Exodus 32 . We would love to have you join us. It is a good opportunity to learn and connect with your church family.

Children's Sunday School is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The children will sit with their parents in worship until after the Children's Moment. Those K- 5th grade, who wish to attend Sunday School, will exit the Sanctuary where they will be escorted to their classroom.

The Youngish Adult Group will meet Tuesday, October 1st at 6pm. Young Adults in their 30's to 40's, single and married, meet monthly for pizza and faith discussion led by Chris Herrin. Childcare is provided. Contact Chris if you are coming for the first time.

Fall Bible Study: The prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah was called to speak God's word to Jerusalem during the tumultuous last years before it's fall to Babylon. He was simultaneously known as "the weeping prophet" and a "prophet of hope." His words, like the whole of the scriptures, are particularly appropriate for our world today. Each stand-alone class will be taught at **2:15pm and 6pm on Tuesdays** beginning October 8 and continuing through November 26.

Second Saturday for Men: Reflections on Scripture and Life

Men are invited to gather monthly for an hour of devotions and conversation at the crossroads of life and faith, led by Rev. Johnson. We'll have the coffee on at 9am, **Saturday, October 12** in the parlor. Come check it out.

“Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World” by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. A Christian and chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy, and named as one of the 100 most influential people by Time Magazine, Katharine was a lead author for the US second, third, and fourth National Climate Assessment. The Earthcare and Social Witness Ministry invites you to read and come together for discussion at 4:30pm in the parlor on four Thursday afternoons, beginning October 24.

Change Can Make a Change for September is for the Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine which provides free medical care in a compassionate and professional manner to the uninsured of Bluffton and Jasper County with emphasis on preventative care and health education.

Sun City Connections - Did you know LPC has 100 members who live in Sun City? Your Membership Ministry wants to help you who live near each other gather periodically to deepen connections. LPC members in other communities gather several times a year for lunch after church at a restaurant and enjoy stronger bonds as a result. If you are willing to be part of a group to get these neighborhood groups organized, contact Dale Wilkes at dalewilkes207@gmail.com or Maureen Kalmbach at maureen.kalmbach@gmail.com

LPC's Bound Together Book Club will meet on October 10th at 2pm to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. All are invited to read and discuss this best seller about a nurse in Vietnam. The book covers the chaos and destruction of that war along with what she faces when she comes home to a divided country. The group is led Alane Peragallo and Betty Smith with assistance from Rev. Herrin. Sign up in the Narthex or on-line or simply show up.

The Highway Clean-up Day has been re-scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 10:30am. Join LPC members to collect trash along Simmonsville Rd. Necessary supplies, coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Dave Casperson with questions, 843-338-6909.

Lowcountry Boil in Thomas Hall on Saturday, November 2nd at 5:30pm
Come and celebrate the first anniversary of the newly renovated Thomas Hall with a meal catered by Bluffton Oyster Company. Enjoy a Lowcountry Boil (fresh local shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, and kielbasa sausage), with cornbread, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. Tickets are available in the Narthex before and after services or in the church office, \$25 each. Please purchase your tickets by October 29th.

Our annual Kirkin' O the Tartans Service will be held on February 9, 2025. It will include a procession/recession of Tartan (Clan) banners.

If you are interested in ordering a banner to participate or any other clan accessories (such as ties, scarves and shawls), please contact:

Fran Parker at 843-757-8181 or frannieparker38@gmail.com.

Orders must be placed by October 31st for delivery in time for the service.

Look for more information closer to the date of the Kirkin' on our eblasts and website!

Dine Around - November 2024 – April 2025 - Groups of 8 (singles and couples) meet for a meal once a month, either Sunday brunch or dinner during the week at a restaurant. Members of the group rotate choosing the location. Sign-up by October 6 in the Narthex or online. Members and visitors are invited to participate. Contact Elder Dale Wilkes at 207-299-6693 or dalewilkes207@gmail.com with any questions.

The May River Eco-Tour is FULL with a waiting list, so a second trip will be planned if there is enough interest. Please sign up in the Narthex or online if you are interested in a second trip this Fall. It's not a commitment as we don't have a date, but without enough interest another trip will not be planned. It would also be 2-hour scientific tour on the May River led by Captain Amber at Spartina Charters, for a cost of \$30 per person. Let us know of your interest!

Building Use: AA meets in Thomas Hall Monday thru Friday from 11:30-1:30 and on Saturday from 9:30-11:00. We are asking all LPC members to please respect their privacy and not use the building's front door and lobby to access the kitchen during those times.

September/October newsletters are available in the Narthex.

Sermon Notes: