



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**

**Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024
10:30am**

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The Session

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Class of 2026

Elaine Branda
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Unison: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***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

Rev. Herrin

(Children through 5th grade may leave for Nursery or Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (adapted from prayers by John Knox)

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make a Change

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Tom Smith, soloist

Samuel Liddle

***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**

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

Rev. Johnson

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision (vv. 1 - 3)

Anthem

On Christ I Stand

Benjamin Harlan

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 44)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Seeing by Faith”

Rev. Chris Herrin

*Hymn #649

Amazing Grace

(vv. 1 & 2 Karen and Robin, congregation join in on remaining verses)
(offering of pledges)

*Dedication of Pledges

Rev. Herrin

*Benediction

*Postlude

Salzburg

by Rosalie Bonighton

* Those who are able, please stand.

** The Heidelberg Catechism, completed in 1562 in Heidelberg, was written early in the reformation, designed to unify various strains of thought around common theological affirmations. Each of the 129 questions that are answered, is personal, addressed “to you,” using as much Biblical language as possible. It’s influence on the church’s preaching and teaching is still felt in much of the reformed church. The rest of the catechism may be read in the *Book of Confessions*, copies of which are available in the LPC library in the parlor.

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.

Today is Dedication Sunday. You are invited to bring forward your pledges during the singing of the final hymn and place in either basket at the front of the sanctuary. All who participate in any way at LPC are welcome to pledge. Extra pledge cards and stewardship packets including pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Pledge cards may also be dropped off in the office or mailed.

A Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregational Officer Nominating Committee to elect elders to the Session for the class of 2027: Sandy Iams, Gigi Johnston, Michael Koch and Class of 2026, Anne Redlus. Bio sheets are in the Narthex.

**The flowers today are to the glory of God, given by
Judy Placer in memory of her loving husband Jose.**

Adult Sunday School is held in the parlor at 9:15am. Next Sunday we will learn about 1 Kings 17 Call of Isaiah. We would love to have you join us.

Children's Sunday School is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after the Children's Moment.

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 is taught at **2:15pm and 6pm on Tuesdays** continuing through November 26.

Families with children up through elementary school age are invited to Lego Church, Sunday, November 3rd at 4 pm in Thomas Hall. After an interactive faith building time, the families will also enjoy dinner together. Please contact Elaine Branda to sign-up or if you have any questions at hhgolfer@gmail.com

"Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World" by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. The Earthcare and Social Witness Ministry invites you to read and come together for discussion at 4:30pm in the parlor for the next 3 Thursday afternoons. Read up through chapter 9, page 109. Discussion will be led by Rev. Johnson. Come to any of the sessions you can!

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**. In order to reduce our waste, we ask that you bring your own re-usable cup or mug.

LPC's monthly Grief Support Group led by Rev. Herrin will meet **TODAY** in the back room by the nursery following worship and the congregational meeting.

Change Can Make a Change for October will provide funds for Thanksgiving Dinners that the Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen and Agape Family Life Center prepare for neighbors in the surrounding area.

LPC volunteers will be packing food bags for Backpack Buddies on Tuesday, November 5th. We will meet at St. Andrews By The Sea United Methodist Church, 39 Persimmon St., Suite 203, at 12:00 p.m. This year we will be providing food for the students at Red Cedar Elementary. So that you can plan ahead, future packing dates are January 7th, March 4th and May 6th. Sandy Benninger 248-756-6666

Looking for ESL teachers. The Mission Team is working with NOC (Neighborhood Outreach Connection) who runs an after-school tutoring program in our Thomas Hall, to begin ESL classes for the parents of the children. If you or someone you know might help, please contact Elder Anne Redlus at anneredlus@gmail.com.

Hurricane Disaster Relief. If you'd like to contribute through LPC to efforts by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and All Hands and Hearts who are on the ground now in NC, SC, and TN, please make your check payable to LPC, and marked for Disaster Relief. Through our Mission budget we have donated to both in the past and have also sent work teams to volunteer with them. LPC will pursue such opportunities in the new year. At the end of October, what we collect at LPC will be divided between the two.

Agape Thanksgiving Food Drive Sunday, November 10th 11:30am - 1pm

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! Please bring your food donations to LPC after worship and we will unload your vehicle. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and filling our cars with your generous donations! Most needed items including Thanksgiving supplies :

apples and oranges	sweet and white potatoes	stuffing mix
gravy	cranberry sauce	canned vegetable
Mascea (flour for tortilla)	cereal	canned fruit
peanut butter and jelly	canned chicken and tuna	baby food
dry and canned beans and rice		

If you have questions, please contact Jan Catanese (248)766-0402

Our next Family Promise 2024 host days to provide meals for up to 4 families are **November 12, 14, 19 and 21**. We are asking volunteers (or several working together) to prepare or purchase evening meals for all families on one of these days. Each family will need an entrée, two side dishes and a dessert. Containers and labels will be available in the church office to use. Delivery and other details will be provided. For more complete information or questions, please contact Diane Mikkelson @ 843-368-6865 or dianemikke@aol.com. A thank you in advance for providing this Christian hospitality. Your generosity is so appreciated. (For more information about Family Promise of Beaufort County or the new Freedom House, go to the website familypromisebeaufortcounty.org).

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!

There are photo directories for members still waiting to be picked up. They will be available for pick up today in the narthex before and after worship service. Please pick up your copy if you have not yet done so. Also, stop by and perhaps you will see one or two for a neighbor and you might deliver their copy to them.

If you are looking to take your camera skills and photography interest to the next level, or join a spiritually rewarding team, the LPC live stream crew would love to meet with you! We are looking for persons who would enjoy assisting once a month with presenting our worship service to at home or away individuals. No previous live stream or audio visual experience is necessary! All training and coaching is provided! Please contact Lila Wright at wrightlc268@yahoo.com or 334-703-0602.

The Upper Room Devotionals for November and December are available on the counter in the Narthex.

I certainly feel very blessed to have my knee replacement behind me this week—I am full of smiles daily—and so grateful to those of you at LPC who have supported me with emails, cards, and offers of meals! Hope to see you back at church soon! PS: I watched the Beaufort Memorial Hospital pre-surgery video that mentioned LPC as a free resource for post-surgery medical equipment—another reason to feel blessed!

My thanks, Gretchen Nickel