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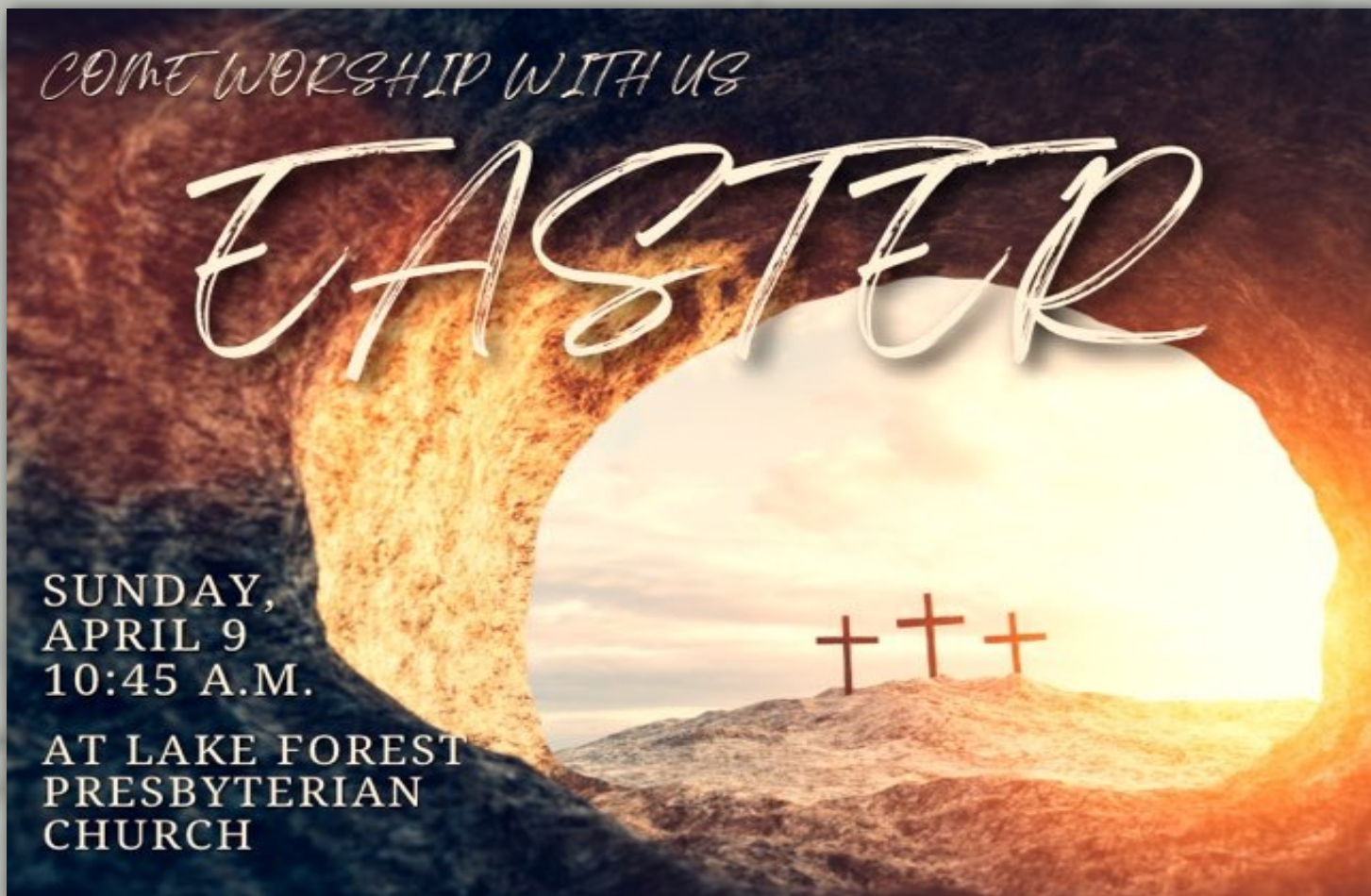
Welcoming Our New Pastor

We are overjoyed to be welcoming our pastor to LFPC! Chad Wright-Pittman, a native of Knoxville, earned a B.M. in Music Education from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. From his musical background, he has several past connections with our church family, including Seth and Bethany Maples (sang in Knoxville Children's Choir together) and Mark Cardwell (son of Allen Cardwell, played in MTSU band together). Chad is currently the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, South Carolina, where he has served since 2019.



Prior to his current role, Chad was the City Director for the Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) program, a major non-profit based in Atlanta. Chad also brings multiple years of experience as both a youth director and a music director, with a collective 10+ years of overall experience in the ministry. We are delighted to also welcome Chad's wife, Lauren, and their 1-year-old son, Hopper, to our Lake Forest family.

Chad will begin his call at Lake Forest on May 1, and his first Sunday worship service at LFPC will be on May 7. Mark your calendars, because we will be welcoming Chad and his family to Lake Forest with a potluck lunch on May 7 in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.



At Lake Forest Presbyterian Church
We Gather for an In-Person Worship Service
each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

We continue to offer a variety of options for joining in worship with us:

- Participating in person at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.
- Participating in our live streamed service during the regular 10:45 a.m. worship time through our Facebook page.
- Viewing an archived video of our worship service, found on our Facebook page.

At this time, wearing masks is optional at all our church gatherings.



Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page. If you can't join us in person, we invite you to participate with us in worship as our worship service streams online.

In our Sunday Worship Email, we send a link to our Facebook page where our live video feed is available. You will also find a .pdf of the bulletin in the weekly email as well, so that you can fully participate in the liturgy. If you miss viewing the service as it is streaming live at 10:45 a.m., an archive of the service will be available for viewing at your convenience almost immediately after our 10:45 a.m. service ends on our Facebook page.

(The link to our Facebook page as well as the audio of each week's sermon and anthem can be found on our church's website as well.)





Lent

*A season of
prayer, fasting,
and repentance.*



**SATURDAY
APRIL 1**

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**GET THOSE
BASKETS
READY!**





JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE

APRIL 2
10:45 A.M.

Palm Sunday



Join us for our
Maundy Thursday Service
April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
at Lake Forest Presbyterian Church



Confirmation Sunday is April 16

Our confirmation class for all students in grades 5-9 has been meeting for the past several weeks with Rev. George Waters and Michael Kelley.

On Sunday, April 16, our students will share in our 10:45 a.m. worship service as they confirm their faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear..."

1 Peter 3:15 KJV



Our next Family Promise Host Week is April 16-23, 2023 and we will be returning to hosting the families in our church. We will need a male volunteer and a female volunteer to spend the night in our church each night as well as help providing the meals for the families that we are hosting. If you would like to volunteer, you may do so by clicking on the link below. If you have any questions about our partnership with Family Promise please talk with Lindsay Johnson or email the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org

On Sunday, April 30, we will collect our 5th Sunday offering for Leith and Carol Fujii.

Leith Fujii and his wife, Carol, were appointed by the PC(USA) as mission co-workers in 1998. Working in partnership with the Church of Christ in Thailand, Carol and Leith see evangelism as a way of being rather than as a “doing” activity, they have said. “What it amounts to is investing in people,” Carol says. Leith is an instructor in theology and evangelism at the Bangkok Institute of Theology (BIT), a flagship school of the Church of Christ in Thailand. The school trains clergy and lay leaders for Christian churches throughout a country where Christians comprise less than one percent of the population. Leith also assists with a program for lay theological training. Carol teaches English to the entering class at BIT and is also involved in outreach ministries with Thai congregations.

Carol and Leith have said their purpose in Thailand is “to fulfill God’s kingdom purposes and plans, and to glorify God with all that we are and all that we have been entrusted, and to share his joyous life with others so that they too can know life in its fullness in Christ.”

(excerpt reprinted from Better Together Mission Yearbook at www.pcusa.org)

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support the Fujii's vital ministry to the people of Southeast Asia.





If you know of anyone in our church family who is graduating this school year, 2022-2023, please let us know by emailing the church office. This would include any graduate level program in person or online. We want to recognize all who are graduating for this outstanding achievement.



God has blessed us with musicians who provide a rich and vibrant worship experience through every piece that is played or sung in our church. This beautiful array of sacred music is the culmination of the devoted preparation of those who serve our church family with their musical gifts. As we join them in praise and worship, let's do so with grateful hearts for those who lead us into the very presence of God through music.

Weekly rehearsal schedule:

- Handbell Choir rehearses at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday.
- Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.
- Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.

FEBRUARY 2023	Operating
Giving	11,084.17
Expenses	10,301.48
Surplus (Deficit)	782.69
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
Giving	31,961.91
Expenses	19,491.54
Surplus (Deficit)	12,470.37



Our Youth Group

is a Wednesday night program filled with fun, games, music and listening for God's Word. We also look for opportunities throughout the school year to get outside the walls of the church to have fun as a group at some exciting events.

Our youth group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month throughout the school year from 6-7 p.m. in the youth room.

We also offer a weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth. It is taught by Michael Kelley and Carol Vinson and meets in the educational wing at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a part of the team that leads our youth on Wednesday nights throughout the school year, please email the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org



Children's Worship Group

is a fantastic way to teach our kids about God and have a blast doing it. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will invite your friends to join us for this awesome part of our Wednesday night lineup of activities.

We have Sunday School classes for our children that meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the education wing of our church. Here's our line-up of Sunday School classes and teachers who have committed to discipling our children:

PreK- K - Debbi Potts and Karen Talley

1-3 grade - Matt and Megan Talley

4-5 grade - Taylor Baker and Molly McGill

If you would like more information on our Children's ministry or have any questions concerning our children's program, you can contact our Christian Education & Discipleship Committee Chairperson - Carol Vinson or email us in the church office (office@lakeforestpc.org)



Did we miss wishing a "Happy Birthday" to someone who is a part of our church family? If so, please help us keep our birthday list up-to-date by emailing us at office@lakeforestpc.org.












April 6 – Allyson Compton	April 23 - Matt Talley
April 14 – Bethany Maples	April 28 – Braden Johnson
April 15 – Jennifer McKinney	April 29 – Fran Dunn
April 19 – Greg Julian	April 30 – Ann Kennedy
April 22 – Pat Farley	
Roland Julian	
Brent Norvell	

Would you like to hear the stories of the Bible come alive to our Lake Forest kids? Why not consider becoming one member of our rotating team of Children's Time Speakers



Children's Time is a special moment in our Sunday morning worship service. During this time we teach the truth of God's Word in ways specifically designed to touch the hearts of our children. If you would be open to learning more about leading our Children's Time, or participating in training so that you can join the team of volunteers that serve our children in this way, please contact the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org.

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 
2 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook 	3 Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m. 	4 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	5 6:00 p.m. Youth Group No Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. 	7 	8
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16 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook Confirmation Sunday  The Session immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service	17 	18 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	19 6:00 p.m. Youth Group No Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 	21  LFPC Bonfire	22 Rain Date for Bonfire
23 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook Fifth Sunday Offering for the Fujii's	24 31	25 Deadline for May FOCUS  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	26 Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. No Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29



& Prayers & PRAISES

Our Lake Forest Church family so often gets to see the love of God flow through our commitment to pray for each other. God has worked in miraculous ways among us and we consider it a joy and privilege to pray for each other and watch to see how God answers our prayers.

If you have a need - if you are facing a healthcare concern or crisis, have experienced the loss of a job, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or are asking God to work in a specific situation in your life that needs His powerful touch, please let us know so that we can pray for you.

You can email us at office@lakeforestpc.org whenever you have a prayer need that you would like to share. We send out a Prayers & Praises email each week on Thursday morning so that we can know how to pray for each other and celebrate what God is doing in our body.

If you know someone who is not currently receiving the Prayers & Praises email and would like to be added to our list, please ask them to let us know by sending their email address to the church office at the email address above.

And don't forget to send us updates of how God has responded to your prayer need or anytime you have something that we can celebrate with you. We want to make sure that we are as attentive to the praises part of our list as we are to each individual prayer need. So be sure to let us know how God has been working in your life by emailing us in the church office as well.

Thanks for being a
praying church family!



If you have an announcement about an upcoming event, a volunteer list, a committee meeting date and time, or any other information that needs to be included in the April 2023 issue of the Lake Forest FOCUS, please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to: office@lakeforestpc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the May FOCUS is:

Tuesday, April 25



Our Session Meets on the third Sunday of each month immediately following our 10:45 a.m. service in the YAYF classroom.

The Session Will Meet:

Sunday, April 16
immediately following our
10:45 a.m. worship service



COMING
Soon

SO STAY TUNED

GRADUATE SUNDAY
IS MAY 7



Please make plans
to join us for a
**POTLUCK
LUNCH**
Sunday, May 7
as we welcome
Lake Forest's new pastor

COME MAKE
SOME MEMORIES
FATHER-SON
CAMP

May 19-21
John Knox
Center
Ten Mile, TN



Sign up to be part of
Father-Son Camp on the
sign-up sheet in the
narthex today!

Lake Forest
**Vacation
Bibleschool**

Sunday -
Wednesday
June 25-28
6-8 p.m. nightly



Start Inviting Your Friends Today!

If you would like to volunteer to
be a part of making this year's
VBS an incredible time for all our
boys and girls please let us know
by emailing the church office
(office@lakeforestpc.org)



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