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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

Rev. Wyn Bryant is our interim pastor.

He is in the office each week, usually on Wednesday, but can be reached at any time on his cell phone (865-254-1114) or by email (wyn@lakeforestpc.org).



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 each week's 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.)









Please be much in prayer for these willing servants of God, that He will protect them, guide them with clarity and unity, and that, through them, He will bring our church family His chosen servant leaders who will wisely, lovingly and selflessly serve Him among us.



Lake Forest Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee :

Stan Boren
Stephanie Carpenter
Michele Galindo
Andy Graf
Mandy Irvin
Seth Maples
Jim Watson

Those serving on our 2022 Nominating Committee:

Miriam Broome Pat Farley Brad Johnson Bethany Maples







Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 6
at 2 a.m.
Be sure to turn your
clock back one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday night.



Veterans
Day
is
Friday,
November 11





Please make plans to bring your favorite dish(s) and join us as we gather as a church family to share a meal with grateful hearts.



During Advent the front of our church will be adorned with vibrant poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone you love, you can reserve those by filling out the information on the Christmas Poinsettia Sign Up Sheet located in the narthex and the gallery or by clicking this link to email your poinsettia request to the church office. These poinsettias will be available for you to take with you after the Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$15.

The deadline for reserving your poinsettia(s) is Sunday, November 20.



Dedication Sunday November 20

As we dedicate who we are and what we have to the ford.

Dedication Sunday is Sunday, November 20!

Dear Lake Forest Family,

On behalf of the Session and all the committees of the church, we want to THANK YOU for your continued support of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church. We are not solely thanking you for your financial support. We are thankful for the countless hours you spend doing everything from lifting the church up in prayer to vacuuming every single pew pad to decorating a trunk at the Fall Festival.

In the spirit of thankfulness and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that stewardship season is upon us, and Dedication Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 20th. Please mark your calendars! In the midst of Friendsgivings, festivals, football and Family Promise, our committee is working fervently to get the church's finances in order for the upcoming calendar year.

Lake Forest has a traditional annual operating budget of approximately \$200,000. As you know, the operating budget supports the primary functions of the church, including staff, worship, Christian education and outreach efforts. Also, maintenance of the church facilities and administrative expenses come from the operating budget. In 2022, our largest traditional expense, which is a full-time pastor's compensation package, was absent. While this helped us in terms of cost savings (a reduction of 25%), we have not "come out on top" as we had hoped, due to a decrease in giving of 30% from September 30, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

The church endeavors to continue the good works our legacy members started long ago while balancing an effort to invest in the future of our members and community. One of the ways we plan to do this, via the 2023 budget funds, is with staff raises. We have not been financially able to give our faithful staff raises in five years. We value our staff and recognize how much they add to the mission of Lake Forest. With a 7% increase in your giving, we could give these well-deserved staff raises across the board. If you currently give \$100 per month, could you give \$107 per month?

Making your pledge in November helps our committees plan for the upcoming year. Below is a link and QR code. The link is also accessible through the church website. Simply select "Stewardship Campaign" from the homepage. Traditional pledge cards will also be available. Stay tuned in November for more information about Dedication Sunday, and please be in prayer about your pledge in the meantime!

With sincerest thanks and love,

The Finance Committee of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2RNYUX1x3UWeypqhnAnW-WFel7IikTdNlQSMXr4yzedURVVIMUdHWEdWT000WTRTRjBNQklKVFVVVy4u





Place Your Order Today for one (or more) of our new Lake Forest T-shirts



Joyful Noise shirt



Happy Camper shirt



LFPC Word shirt

Order forms are available in the narthex and gallery.

Just fill in your information and return your order form to Lindsay Johnson or the church office.

Deadline for shirt orders is November 20.









Every worship experience at
Lake Forest is enhanced
by the incredible gifts and
talents of our dedicated
musicians and vocalists who
serve us each Sunday,
encouraging our hearts,
reminding us of the beautiful
character of our God, inviting
us into themiracle of
His presence among us.

Weekly rehearsal schedule:

- Handbell Choir rehearses each Wednesday night at 6 p.m.
- Chancel choir rehearsal is on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.

Our choirs will not rehearse on Wednesday, November 23, which is the night before Thanksgiving, so that all our musicians can prepare to celebrate the holiday with family and friends.



| Monthly Financial | SEPTEMBER 2022 | Operating |
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| | Surplus (Deficit) | (4,778.18) |
| | YEAR-TO-DATE 2022 | Operating |
| 0 0 | Giving | 104,555.52 |
| | Expenses | 108,583.89 |
| | Surplus (Deficit) | (4,028.37) |

Our 5th Sunday Offering
was collected
on Sunday,
October 30,
to benefit the
FISH Hospitality Pantries



By partnering with the FISH pantries our church family can help provide food and other necessities to our neighbors in need. If you were unable to give on October 30, you can still be a part of our church's gift by dropping your offering in the offering plate on Sunday or mailing your contribution to the church office. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this opportunity to help feed families right here in our own community. And please include the words "5th Sunday Offering" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check to ensure your gift will go to this worthy cause.





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.

There will be no Children's Worship Group or other Wednesday night activities on Wednesday, November 23, so that our families can prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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)





We sure have missed our monthly gathering with our Lunch Bunch friends throughout the months of the pandemic. We're looking forward to a day when we will be able to gather around the table again to share a meal, discover something new, and tell a funny story or two. Even though we haven't been able to have our monthly meal during this uncertain season, our lunch bunch crew, young and old, have been close to our hearts and always in our thoughts and prayers.

With the health and safety of those who meet with us always our guiding principle, the Lunch Bunch has not yet scheduled our next gathering. We're hoping it won't be too much longer until it will be safe for us to have lunch again. Until then, we hope each of you, as well as those you love, are staying safe and happy.

If there is ever any way our church can serve you or pray for you, please let us know by calling the church office at 865-577-2800 or sending us an email at office@lakeforestpc.org.

&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!



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.



November 2 - Audra Compton

November 5 - Melinda Kelley

November 10 - Lisa Griffith Mason Talley

November 11 - Oscar Maples

November 14 - Joanna Gasperson

November 16 - Allen Cardwell

November 25 - Laura Buckner

November 26 - Tim Griffith

November 30 - Brian Buckner

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.

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| 6 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 Daylight Savings Time Ends | Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m | AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) | 9 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group No Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 10 | Veterans Day Thank You Tryour sacrifice + service be our nation. | 12 |
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| Sunday Sunday 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 11:45 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Christ the King | 21 | Deadline for the November Lake Forest FOCUS You've got this! Help Is Make Sure twoyne the Does Tool AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) | No Wednesday Night Activities | Happy Thanksgiving Thanksgiving The Break Control Family To Yourn To Yourn | 25 | 26 |
| 27 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 We will observe the Sacrament of Communion First Sunday of Advent | 28 | AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) | 30 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Children's Worship Group and/or Youth Group - TBD | | | |







The deadline for the December Lake Forest FOCUS is

Tuesday, November 22

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 please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to: office@lakeforestpc.org

The Session
Will Meet
Tuesday,
November 15
at 6:30 p.m.



And Coming in December...





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