

Worship Planner for Sunday, February 22, 2026- LPC

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting Christ Candle

Responsive Call to Worship

(See Lent Insert and on screen)

Opening Hymn #815 'New every morning is the love'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hear us now as we lift our confessions to you.

Merciful God; we confess our sin
and the sin of this world.

We have found peace in Christ,
but we are a people divided against ourselves.

We confess that we cling to the values of a broken world
rather than the principles of your kingdom.

In your mercy, heal us, forgive us and set us free
to serve you in the world as agents
of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray saying,

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 and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #357 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' (vs. 1 – 4)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 32

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.**

You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

**Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: From temptation to the cross

Hymn #625 'Seek ye first'

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #661

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #744 'Will your anchor hold'

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude