

Worship Planner for Sunday, October 11, 2026 - LPC

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Responsive Call to Worship

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Here God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Opening Hymn #78 'This is the day'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

God of all time and space; You have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Hear now our prayer of confession:

God of all life and each life;

you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes.

We confess we are often anxious to see results.

We lose patience when we cannot see progress.

We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us.

Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious

as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us 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

While it is true we have all sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.

So be at peace with God,
with yourself and with one another.

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #802 'For the fruits of all creation'

Prayer for Illumination

God of prophets and parables; we gather to listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. By your Spirit, grant us fresh understanding, and challenge us to live according to your transforming grace. Amen.

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

Those who honor the Lord,
who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

Their descendants will be strong throughout the land.

The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;
wealth and riches will be in their houses.

Their righteousness stands forever.

They shine in the dark for others who do right.

They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

Those who lend generously are good people—
as are those who conduct their affairs with justice.

Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken;
the righteous will be remembered forever!

They won't be frightened at bad news.

Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.

Their hearts are firm; they aren't afraid.

In the end, they will witness their enemies' defeat.

They give freely to those in need.

Their righteousness stands forever.

Their strength increases gloriously.

The wicked see all this and fume;

they grind their teeth, but disappear to nothing.

What the wicked want to see happen comes to nothing!

2 Samuel 5: 1-5 David becomes King over Israel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

2 Samuel 11: 1- 12, 14-17, 26-27 David and Bathsheba

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite [Bathsheba's husband]." And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!" Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died. When Uriah's wife [Bathsheba] heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Hymn #324 'Great is thy faithfulness'

Invitation to the Offering

The Apostle Paul urges us to think on things
that are honourable and just, commendable, and true.
To share what we have is honourable.
Our gifts can help create justice,
and work for truth to prevail.
So, trust your gifts to God
and know they are pleasing to God.

Doxology #79

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

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God; we offer to you part of the abundance your share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Almighty God; in the noise and confusion of life, we pray for peace in our hearts. In this time of prayer we bring before you our prayers for the church, the world, and our local community. We ask for your help and guidance as we journey through our earthly life, and we give you thanks and praise for the many blessings that you provide for us. We pray for your Church today, gathering to praise you, to hear your holy word, and to meet you in remembering the sacrifice of your Son Jesus. We pray for your blessing on this congregation. Guide us in all that we do as we seek to serve our community friends and neighbours.

Creator God; we pray for peace in the world; that every nation will seek the way that leads to peace; that human rights and freedoms will be respected; and that the world's resources will be shared fairly. We pray for all world leaders and organizations that are trying to bring an end to the conflicts in many countries.

Loving God; we pray for all those who are unwell in body, mind, or spirit today. We pray for healing and comfort for those in need, and patience and compassion for those who care for them. We ask you to draw close to them that they may be aware of your healing presence, and we ask you to provide your peace and comfort for them at this time.

Gracious God; we pray for those who have died either recently or at this time of year and for those who mourn. We ask for your comfort for those who mourn and eternal rest in your kingdom for those whose earthly life is over. We give thanks for those whose faith was a witness to us and for those whose faith was known only to you.

Everlasting God; let our faith in you be ever stronger, our life with you ever deeper, our praying ever more awake to your glory, our hold on you ever firmer, and our love for you ever increasing. Here us now in our silent prayers. (silence).

Merciful Father; accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn #497 'Word of God, across the ages'

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude