



Lake Nona Presbyterian Church exists as a community of believers committed to the Apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer in Acts 2:42.

April 18, 2021

Welcome!

We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope you find our service to be friendly and reverent. Most of all, we hope you experience Christ this morning.

If you have questions, need the help of Pastor BJ or an elder, or are interested in church membership, visit our website www.lnpca.church/leadership or contact the church at 407-573-2208. Leader email addresses are hyperlinked to their names on the website.

Children

Children are part of God's family and we welcome them in our worship service! We appreciate your understanding of the occasional disruption.

Throughout the service there is a nursery available for infants to age 3. Ages 4 to 5th grade attending children's church are dismissed prior to the scripture reading and will return after the sermon. On the 4th Sunday of the month, instead of going to children's church, children remain in the service.

The Lord's Supper

At Lake Nona Presbyterian Church, we offer communion every week. We believe that it adds a tremendous sensory experience to worship and provides a deep encounter with Christ.

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper please speak to our pastor.

**Gluten-free bread is available.* Simply raise your hand, and the pastor will serve you.

The red cups are wine; the white cups are grape juice.

Elders will hold the elements at the front. If you would like to receive communion come to the front when your row is dismissed. Please take each element to your seat and hold onto them until all have been served so we can partake together. We will say, "*The body of Christ, broken for you*" as you receive the bread. As you receive the wine, we will say, "*The blood of Christ, poured out for you.*"

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*Song of Gospel Thanksgiving**

Children's
Catechism
Questions 20-21

Question: Do you have a soul as well as a body?
Answer: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Question: How do you know your soul will last forever?
Answer: Because the Bible tells me so.

We Confess Our
Faith

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
(1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV)

We Pray Together

Leader: *The peace of Christ be with you!*
People: **And also with you!**

*Song of Praise**

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

¹⁶ I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷ And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. (ESV)

Leader: *This is the word of the Lord!*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (ESV)

Leader: *This is the word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Dark Night of the Soul Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 Pastor BJ Milgate

1. We can honestly admit that God’s _____ can be _____ in the dark times of our lives (v. 12-13).
2. We can admit that our ability to fully grasp all the _____ in life is as _____ as holding the wind in your hand (v. 14-17).
3. In our sorrow, we can be _____ by Jesus who is a man of sorrows and _____ with grief (v. 18).

Key Truth: Because the Lord Jesus has faced the _____ of human life, we can _____ on him as we wrestle through the darkness.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Song of Response**

We Give Our Offerings to God

Leader: What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?

People: **We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving.**
We offer our tithes and offerings for the sake of the world.

THE LORD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

THE LORD BLESSES US AND COMMISSIONS US

We Receive the Benediction*

*Gloria Patri / Doxology**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Milgate Baby Shower

April 24, 10:00 a.m.

All women and girls in the church are invited to attend a shower celebrating baby Milgate! It will be at the Wycliffe Volunteer Center at 10306 John Wycliffe Blvd, Orlando, FL 32832. To receive the evite or to sign up to bring something for the brunch, contact fay.augenstein@cru.org.

Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-10:00

Ruth Cowan

Every Sunday morning 9:30-10:00 you are welcome to join a Zoom prayer time for our service and church family. You are welcome for all or part of the time. The Zoom link is in the church email.

Wednesday Prayer 9:15pm

Jovani Pink

Wednesday night prayer time is changing to 9:15 to accommodate the babies' bedtime. You are welcome to join our Zoom meeting to pray for our service and church family. The Zoom link is in the church email.

Bailey Family

Kim McGill

kim@lnpca.church

We want to continue to provide a meal each Thursday to help the Baileys during this time. Joe would like us to include the recipe to help him learn and plan future meals. We have only one more week covered. If you would like to sign up for another Thursday, please contact Kim McGill.

LIFE GROUPS AND YOUTH GROUP

Bentley Life Group

scott@lnpca.church

407-803-1562

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays 4-6 pm on Zoom. For more information, please contact Scott.

McGill Life Group

kim@lnpca.church

McGill life group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. We are studying Ephesians. Dinner is provided.

Quigley Life Group

980-328-4503

Quigley life group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. We are studying 1 John. We'd love for you to join us. If interested, please contact Ed or Susan.

Youth Bible Study

youth@lnpca.church

Sunday, 9-10am

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to study the Word together Sundays before church. If the weather permits, we will meet outside the cafe. Otherwise, we will meet in the nursery. Contact Joe Donaldson at youth@lnpca.church for more information, and keep a lookout for upcoming events.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Aging with Grace

Saturdays at
8:30 am via Zoom
(302) 229-9695

For all women who desire to know the transforming power and beauty of God's Grace afresh through His Gospel. Jane Anne Wilson is leading the weekly virtual study for 8 weeks. See the weekly email or text Elizabeth Eno for more info.

Bible Study

Stay tuned for
details

Women who want to study the Bible using the techniques taught by Pastor BJ will be given the opportunity to meet in a small group or one on one. If interested email women@lnpca.church or contact Linda Selden.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Meeting Tuesday

7:00-8:00 p.m.

nicholasbrawand@gmail.com

The Men's Bible meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. We're studying the life of David from 1 Samuel. Contact Nick Brawand for directions or to connect on Zoom.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church

Fay Augenstein
kids@lnpca.church

The children's ministry has resumed for the Spring quarter. Parents, please check in your children at the registration table upon arrival. Masks are required (except for children 2 and under). For more information, contact Fay.

GIVING

Last Week: \$4,752

Year to Date: \$57,526

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$63,743

