

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.

January 3, 2021
10:30 am

Welcome!

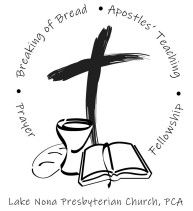
We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope you find our service to be friendly and reverent. Most of all, we hope you experience Christ this morning.

THE LORD'S SERVICE

PREPARATION

Silent Preparation for Worship

The congregation may sing or prepare quietly for worship.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

Salutation and Responsive Scriptures*

Leader:

The Lord be with you!

People:

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

**In the Name of the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit! Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 95:6-7

Leader:

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (ESV)

Song of Adoration: **O Come All Ye Faithful**

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Verse 1

*O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him Born the King of angels*

Chorus

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*

Verse 2

*Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God all Glory in the highest*

Verse 3

*Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing*

We Pray for God to Help Us Worship*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins

Isaiah 1:27

*Leader: From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand." (ESV)*

We Confess Our Sins

All: Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.

God Declares Our Forgiveness

Romans 5:10-11

Leader: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (ESV)

Song of Gospel Thanksgiving: **His Mercy Is More**

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Verse 1

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Verse 2

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Verse 3

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Children's Catechism Questions:

Question 1: Who made you?

Answer: God.

Question 2: What else did God make?

Answer: God made all things.

We Confess our Faith

from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We Pray Together

Reconciled to God, We Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

Leader:

The peace of Christ be with you!

People:

And also with you!

Song of Praise: **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

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Verse 1

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 2

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 3

*No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 4

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1-4

¹ “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” (ESV)

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading

Acts 24:1-21

¹ And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul. ² And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:

“Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, ³ in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude. ⁴ But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. ⁵ For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. ⁶ He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him.

⁷ ⁸ By examining him yourself you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him.”

⁹ The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so.

¹⁰ And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied: “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. ¹¹ You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, ¹² and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. ¹³ Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. ¹⁴ But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, ¹⁵ having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. ¹⁶ So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. ¹⁷ Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present

offerings. ¹⁸ While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia-- ¹⁹ they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. ²⁰ Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, ²¹ other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: 'It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.'" (ESV)

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Persecution for His Name's Sake Acts 24:1-21 Angel Roman

1. Because Christ is _____ over all, believers can be both respectful and honest towards _____.
2. Because Christ was persecuted for _____ sake, believers can endure persecution with _____ towards the world.
3. Because there will be a _____ of both just and unjust, believers are to face opposition to the gospel with _____ and truth.

Key Truth: Because opposition to the gospel is part of the Christian's transformation into _____, believers are to always strive to have a clear _____ before the watching world.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response: **The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail**

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Verse 1

*We travel through a barren land,
With dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale;
O, the Christian's hope can never fail.*

Verse 2

*Huge sorrows meet us as we go,
And devils aim to overthrow;
But vile infernals can't prevail;
O, the Christian's hope shall never fail.*

Verse 3

*Sometimes we're tempted to despair,
 But Jesus makes us then His care;
 Though numerous foes our souls assail;
 O, the Christian's hope can never fail.*

Verse 4

*We trust upon the sacred word,
 The oath and promise of the Lord;
 And safely through each tempest sail;
 O, the Christian's hope can never fail.*

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 BLESSES US AND COMMISSIONS US

Closing Prayer*

Doxology*

*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
 Amen*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Art of Parenting
normpdent@gmail.com

This class will begin Sunday January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Norm and Sue's home. If you are interested, please see or email Norm.

Pre-Service Prayer
 9:30-10:00
 Zoom link in the church email

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.

Wednesday Prayer
 8:00pm
 Zoom link in the church email Jovani Pink

Wednesday nights you are welcome to join a Zoom prayer meeting for our service and church family.

LIFE GROUPS

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. Our next meeting will be January 7th. Dinner is provided. We will discuss our future study prospects.

Quigley Life Group

Ed Quigley
980-328-4503

Quigley life group will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. We will begin with a study 1 John. We'd love for you to join. If interested, please contact Ed or Susan.

Youth Bible Study

Sunday 7-8:30 pm
419-509-9412

youth@lnpca.church

Youth Sunday school is currently on hold as our youth leaders adjust to the birth of their baby girl.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Spring Children's Church

Fay Augenstein
kids@lnpca.church

The Children's Ministry is on break until February 7th.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Biblical Hebrew Study

andrea@lnpca.church

The Hebrew group is on break until January. For more info, contact Andrea Milgate or Susan.

GIVING

Last Week: \$3983 **Year to Date:** \$195,257

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$195,371

