

*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.*

**November 15, 2020**  
**10:30 am**

**Welcome!**

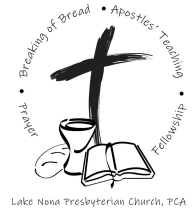
We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope you find our service to be friendly and reverent. Most of all, we hope you experience Christ this morning.

## 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 107:1-2

*Leader:*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the  
redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has  
redeemed from trouble. (ESV)*

## Song of Adoration: **Our Great God**

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### Verse 1

*Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown Your boundless love  
Unfailing grace and mercy shown Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around Your glorious throne They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone*

### Chorus

*Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God*

## Verse 2

*Lord we are weak and frail Helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels Hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee Before our sov'reign God*

## Verse 3

*Let ev'ry creature in the sea And ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain Ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars In all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word*

We Pray for God to Help Us Worship\*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins

Psalm 51:17

*Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a  
broken and contrite heart, O God, you will  
not despise. (ESV)*

We Confess Our Sins

Based on Psalm 51

**All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

God Declares Our Forgiveness

Psalm 130:5, 7-8

*Leader: "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in  
his word I hope; O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption. And he  
will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.  
(ESV)*

Song of Gospel Thanksgiving: **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

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## Verse 1

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us*

## Verse 2

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law in Him we stand*

## Verse 3

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured love untold*

## Verse 4

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes*

Children's Catechism:

Question 137: What sign is used in the Lord's Supper?

**Answer: Eating bread and drinking wine to remember the suffering and death of Jesus.**

Question 140: Who may rightly partake of the Lord's Supper?

**Answer: Those who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, live a godly life, and profess their faith before the Church.**

We Confess our Faith

from The Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.**

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: **The Power of the Cross**

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**Verse 1**

*Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then Nailed to a cross of wood*

**Chorus 1**

*This the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross*

**Verse 2**

*Oh to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow*

**Verse 3**

*Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life Finished the vict'ry cry*

**Verse 4**

*Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suffering I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live Won through Your selfless  
love*

**Chorus 2**

*This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross*

**THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 22:28

<sup>28</sup> "You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people." (ESV)

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading

Acts 23:1-11

<sup>1</sup> And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this

day." <sup>2</sup> And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" <sup>4</sup> Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" <sup>5</sup> And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

<sup>6</sup> Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." <sup>7</sup> And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup> For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. <sup>9</sup> Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" <sup>10</sup> And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

<sup>11</sup> The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome." (ESV)

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

*People:*                      **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*When it Feels Like it's All in Vain* Acts 23:1-11      Pastor BJ

Milgate

1. The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ Christ by honoring those in \_\_\_\_\_ over us (v. 1-5).
2. A Christian centers our witness on Jesus' life, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to our context (v. 6-9).
3. The Christian is to trust that Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ even when we can't see \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10-11).

**Key Truth:** Because Christ is moving his gospel through the efforts of believers, we continue to be his \_\_\_\_\_ even when we can't see how it's working for the \_\_\_\_\_.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response: **Whatever my God Ordains is Right**

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### Verse 1

*Whatever my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.  
I will be still whatever He does, And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, Though dark my road.  
He holds me that I shall not fall Wherefore to Him I leave it all*

### Verse 2

*Whatever my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me  
I take, content, What He hath sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day*

### Verse 3

*Whatever my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true, Each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart*

### Verse 4

*Whatever my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken  
My Father's care Is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all*

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\*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Art of Parenting**  
[normpdent@gmail.com](mailto:normpdent@gmail.com)

This class will begin in January. If you are interested, please see or email Norm and Sue Patterson.

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

The Zoom prayer meeting is cancelled next Sunday. It will start up again Nov 29.

**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.

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### LIFE GROUPS

**Bentley Life Group**  
[scott@lnpca.church](mailto:scott@lnpca.church)

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays 4-6 pm on Zoom.

**McGill Life Group**  
[kim@lnpca.church](mailto:kim@lnpca.church)

McGill life group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. In person and Zoom options are available. Dinner is provided. Email Kim if you have questions. After Nov 17 the group will be on hold indefinitely.

**Quigley Life Group**  
Tues, Nov 17  
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

We have started a twice-a-month Bible study for the youth grades 6-12. We will meet tonight to talk about God's Word, discuss

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questions about faith and life, and pray for each other. We will use Zoom until we can gather in person again.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Fall Children's Church

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[kids@lnpca.church](mailto:kids@lnpca.church)

We are doing an online study of "The Biggest Story" by Kevin DeYoung. On the first three Sundays of the month in Sept, Oct, & Nov, a video of that week's chapter will be posted to our LNPC KIDS facebook page with questions for discussion. For more info please email [kids@lnpca.church](mailto:kids@lnpca.church).

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's Bible Study

Nov 19th

7:00 pm

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, studying Romans 8 using the book, "How the Gospel Brings Us All the Way Home" by Derek Thomas. You have the option of meeting at Cathy Williams' home or via Zoom. For more info, see Cathy Williams or Linda Selden at church, or text Chantal Jones (407-701-9735)

### Biblical Hebrew Study

[andrea@lnpca.church](mailto:andrea@lnpca.church)

Next meeting is Nov 22nd at 1:30 by Zoom. For more info, contact Andrea Milgate or Susan.

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## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Ministry Meeting

Dec. 8th

6:00 pm email:

[bj@lnpca.church](mailto:bj@lnpca.church)  
[nicholasbrawnd@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasbrawnd@gmail.com)

We will plan to have a fellowship night with burgers, beer, and brats at Pastor BJ's house. There will be a fire in the back-yard. BJ's address is 1118 California Ave. St. Cloud, FL 34769. Even if you've never come to men's Bible study, come out for fellowship that night. Please let BJ know if you plan to attend.

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## GIVING

Last Week: \$3,225 Year to Date: \$163,098

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$169,070





