

Traditional Worship

February 16, 2025

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Deena Saffel

Gathering Music, Jinshil Yi

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

***“Doxology” No 625**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prelude, Jinshil Yi

**Call to Worship:*

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

Leader: and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

People: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Leader: yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

People: He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

Leader: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with his stripes we are healed.

***Hymn of Praise No. 262**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: We confess that we are spiritually blind, for we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you this day. We know some of the depraved thoughts, words, and deeds, of which we are ashamed, but other sins are known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Open our eyes to your grace that we might walk in your ways and bring glory to your name. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response, “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and

Ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music | Chancel Choir

Teach Me, Lord, to Wait

arr. by Mary McDonald

Scripture Lesson | 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Better Let Me Handle This...

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment No. 513**

O, How He Loves You and Me

***Benediction**

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

**Please stand if you are able*

Calendar for the week of February 16, 2025

Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodcop.com/events

Greeters: Diane Tatham & Lizza Lockett | Usher: Marilyn Sexton

Monday, Feb. 17	Office Closed – Presidents’ Day 11:15 am Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room 7:00 pm Small Group 1 (Ward)
Tuesday, Feb. 18	1:00 pm Dorcas Circle 6:00 pm Small Group 2 (Huber) 6:00 pm Small Group 3 (Trevino) 7:00 pm Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah Class
Wednesday, Feb. 19	9:30 am Small Group 4 (Sexton) 1:00 pm Choir Practice 1:00 pm Book of Acts Bible Study 3:30 pm Small Group 5 (Brockhoff) 5:30 pm Student Ministries 5:30 pm Small Group 6 (Epperson) 6:00 pm Prayer and Praise with the Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 20	10:00 am Teevin and Rich Small Group 5:30 pm Kids’ Dance Class 6:15 pm Prairie Handbells
Friday, Feb. 21	<i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 pm Boomer Happy Hour at the Hudson’s
Saturday, Feb. 22	1:00 pm Tim Gary’s Memorial Service
Sunday, Feb. 23	9:00 am Traditional Worship at Little Church 10:00 am Fellowship in Prairie Hall 11:00 am Contemporary Worship at Lakewoodgrace 12:30 pm All Church Clean up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON

Next week, the Pastors will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 6.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, we will hold our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 pm.

FEBRUARY IS DEACONS FUND OFFERING MONTH

February is Deacons’ offering month! Our Deacons are the hands and feet of the church and work hard to provide receptions after memorials and utility assistance to members of our community. Please consider donating to the Deacons’ offering this February so they can continue sharing Jesus’s love with all.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers **Ed and Pam Konsmo**. Pam is coming home in a month from memory care. Prayers for Ed as he cares for her.
- Prayers for **Cathy McAllister**, a member of our Bell Choir. She was in a car accident and has challenging injuries to her hand and arm,
- Prayers for the **George family (Karen and Steve and Mike and Robin)**. Mike and Robin’s daughter, **Anya**, passed away on January 30th.
- Prayers for **Carmen Sterba-Russell**. She has been moved to an Adult Family home. Prayers for a smooth transition.
- Prayers for **Helen Kim’s** mom, **Esther**, as she recovers from a stroke.
- Prayers for **Steve Walker, Cuppy’s husband**. He will be moved to a care facility soon.
- For **Rick & Cathy Norberg**. **Rick’s** mom, **Ruth**, passed away Feb. 11th. She was 103.
- Prayers for the family of **Tim Gary**. Tim passed away on January 16th. His memorial service will be February 22nd at 1:00 pm.
- For preschool mom, **Monica Rameriz**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently undergoing chemo.
- For **Zilpha McCarty’s** son, **Jeff**, who is recovering from major back surgery.
- Prayers for a former preschool family and their son, **Benedict**, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- For **Carolyn Lee’s** son-in-law **Duncan** whose melanoma has spread to his lymph nodes. Prayers also for Carolyn’s daughter **Hilary** as she cares for Duncan.

Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Colleen Smart | • Cindy Nelson’s brother, Richard Rogers | • Tal Edman |
| • Jerry Williams | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Deanna Price |
| • Martha Kelley | • Floyd Collins | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Lisa Semon | • Bev Conover |
| • Bill Edwards | • Mike Noreen | • Steve George |
| • Joan Jackson | • Ruthie Faris | • Inge Conner |
| • Bridget Upton | • Bill Price | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Jim & Alyce Olsen | • Amy Bettsworth (Peter Sloan) | • Gordon Neu |
| • Jim Pledger | | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |
| • Trisha Crane | | |
| • Larry (Jennifer Stafford) | | |

Prayers for healthy preschoolers, victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. For our church music ministries, caregivers, first responders, and the homebound. For our student ministries to thrive and our weekend services to strengthen and equip our members, expanding God’s impact.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING COFFEE & TEA PARTY

Wednesday, March 5th | 1:00 pm

Join us on Wednesday, March 5th, at 1:00 PM in Prairie Hall for a delightful afternoon hosted by Sunrise Circle, where we will enjoy coffee, tea, and dessert. Our guest speaker, Shyla Vadjinia, will share about the Path from Poverty mission. We will also be supporting Path From Poverty and the Tacoma Rescue Mission Women's Shelter as our mission recipients. In addition, we will vote on new Presbyterian Women officers and review the 2025 Budget. This gathering is a great opportunity to hear mission updates, connect, and enjoy fellowship. All women are welcome—please invite a friend!

EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK HUNGER WALK 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 9 am at Ft. Steilacoom Park

Please join Little Church & Lakewoodgrace Team on May 3, 2025 - 9 am at Fort Steilacoom Park Waughop Lake to support Emergency Food Network's Hunger Walk 2025. The team cost to walk is \$15 if you join by February 23, 2025. Emergency Food Network (EFN) supplies food to over 80 food banks as well as Tacoma Rescue Mission. The link to join our team can be found at www.lakewoodcop.com/events. Please join us for this fun and important event to raise funds for our hungry neighbors. Please call Gayle West 253-219-9790 if you have any questions or need help registering.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in Prairie Hall for fellowship immediately following today's church service. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and enjoy time with each other

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – OPERATION DOUBLE IT!

Operation Christmas Child starts early this year so we can take advantage of Spring and Summer sales and avoid the Fall rush. Given the great need, we're asking everyone to double their impact—if you packed one box, pack two; if you packed two, pack four!

Each month, we'll share collection ideas. For February, think *Heart Month* and *Valentine's Day*—check Walmart and Hobby Lobby for stuffed animals, coloring books, and stickers. Start collecting now! Shoeboxes will be available later. More details can be found in the narthex and office.

ALL-CHURCH CLEAN UP

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 pm. We are hosting an all-church clean-up on the main campus. Youth are especially encouraged to join us!



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