

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.

December 03, 2023

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 2. Ages 3 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.

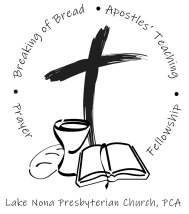
**Gluten-free bread is available. Simply raise your hand, and the pastor will serve you.*

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.*"

Officer In Charge Today - Kevin Chase

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

10:30 am

PREPARATION

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Prelude**

The congregation may sing or prepare quietly for worship.

Welcome

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

Please stand (if able). Words in **bold are read aloud by the congregation.*

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 (ESV)

God Calls Us to Worship*

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Leader:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (ESV)

Song of Adoration

We Pray for God to Help Us Worship*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins

Psalms 119:123-124

Leader:

My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. (ESV)

We Confess Our Sins

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

But you, O Lord, have pity on us who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake

of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

God Declares Our Forgiveness

1 John 1:7

Leader:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (ESV)

Song of Gospel Thanksgiving

Children's Catechism: Questions 33-34

Question 33: What was the sin of our first parents?

Answer: Eating the forbidden fruit.

Question 34: Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?

Answer: Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

We Confess Our Faith

Based on Philippians 2:6-11, ESV

All: Though Christ Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (ESV)

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

New Testament Reading

John 8:12-20

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. (ESV)

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SERMON

Sermon Notes: *I Am The Light of the World* John 8:12-20 Pastor BJ Milgate

1. Because Jesus _____ the _____ to life with God, Christians follow his light (v. 12-14).
2. Because the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bear _____ to Jesus through the _____, Christians follow his light (v. 15-18).

3. Because Jesus' light reveals our _____ and the Father's _____ for us in sending Christ, Christians follow his light (v.19-20).

Key Truth: Because Jesus is the light of the world who leads us to true life with God, Christians _____ his _____.

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

Hoodie Drive
Dec. 3rd-17th

We are collecting hoodies for students in Cocoa Beach. If you have an old hoodie, bring it to church and leave it at the welcome table.

LIFE GROUPS AND YOUTH GROUP

Bentley Life Group
Open - Dec. 3

We gather on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Lake Nona area. Email Scott or call/text 407-803-1562 for more info.

McGill Life Group
Open -

We meet at our home in Saint Cloud from 6-8. We are studying Zephaniah. Dinner is provided. Contact Kim: Kim@lnpca.church.

Quigley Group
Open - Dec 12

We meet in the Lake Nona area on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Contact Ed Q at 980-328-4503.

Roman Group
Open

We meet in Saint Cloud on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Text Sandra at 321-230-3223.

Youth Group
Wed, Dec. 13th
6pm-8pm

Youth group will meet at the Milgates' house. 1118 California Ave. St. Cloud, FL 34769. Contact BJ for more info at bj@lnpca.church.

WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRY

Pre-church Prayer
Sunday, 9:45-10:15

Sunday pre-service prayer is in Trotter 3. For more information, contact Ruth Cowan.

Women's Fall Bible Study
Thurs, 7pm, TBD, Ch 6
Friday 10am, Dec 15, Ch 5

The book of Revelation as you probably haven't seen it before, using Nancy Guthrie's book Blessed. We meet every 2 weeks. For more info: women@lnpca.church.

Men's Meeting
2nd & 4th Thurs, 7pm

We are studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Kevin at Kevin_Chase@wycliffe.org or 407-620-6143.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Kingdom Kids
Discipleship Class**
For kids age 3 to grade 5

During the sermon, kids are invited to come learn a Bible lesson with their age group. Our nursery for children 0-2 is open from 10:15 until the end of service.

Playgroup
1st Friday, 10am

Join us for an upcoming playgroup at Chisholm Park in St. Cloud. Contact Grace at 407-373-4175.

GIVING

Last Week: \$5,139 **Year to Date:** \$207,413
Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$237,123