

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.

May 7, 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.

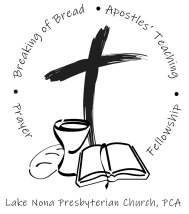
Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this 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.*"

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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*

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

Leader:

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (ESV)

Song of Adoration

We Pray for God to Help Us Worship*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins

Leviticus 16:21

Leader:

And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. (ESV)

We Confess Our Sins

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to

change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Declares Our Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader:

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (ESV)

*Song of Gospel Thanksgiving**

Children's Catechism: Questions 147-149

Question 147: Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again?

Answer: Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.

Question 148: What will God do to unbelievers at the last day?

Answer: He will judge them, and condemn them to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.

Question 149: What will God do for believers at the last day?

Answer: He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

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

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, ⁸but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. ⁹Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. ¹⁰You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' (ESV)

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:1-6

¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (ESV)

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SERMON

Sermon Notes: *The Praise of Men or the Praise of God* Matthew 6:1-6 Pastor BJ Milgate

1. Christians guard against _____ their sacrificial giving in order to earn the _____ of others (v. 1-2).
2. Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit find _____ in looking at _____ less and focusing on Christ more (v. 3-4).

3. Christian's pray in our _____ spaces loving the
_____ Christ has given us to our Father (v. 5-6).

Key Truth: Because the Father _____ and rewards all those who
faithfully serve him with hearts set on Jesus, the Christian _____
against a longing for the praises of others.

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

LIFE GROUPS AND YOUTH GROUP

Bentley Life Group
Full

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. For more info, contact scott@lnpca.church

McGill Life Group
Open

We will have at least one summer fun day (TBA) and then resume in August. Contact Kim@lnpca.church.

Quigley Group
Open

We meet in the Lake Nona area on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00PM. Contact Ed Q at 980-328-4503.

Roman Group
Open

We meet in Saint Cloud on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1-3 PM. Lunch is provided. Text Sandra at 321-230-3223.

Youth Group
Middle & high school
May 10th, 6-8:00 p.m.

We will meet at the Esthers' home. Youth will now finish at 8:00 p.m. Bible study, food, and games. For more info, email bj@lnpca.church.

WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School
9:00 am in Trotter 3

Come & study the greatest story of all, the story of God wanting to be with His people!

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

Sunday pre-service prayer is in the cafe. For more information, contact Ruth Cowan.

Women's Bible Study
2nd & 4th Thursdays
women@lnpca.church.

We are studying the book of Ruth at Lauren Ogle's home: 12325 Great Commission Way. Upcoming dates: May 11 & 25.

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

We are currently studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Nick at nicholasbrawand@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

Please see the first page of this bulletin.

**End of school year
Celebration**
May 28, after the service

May 21st will be the last day of Sunday school for this school year. On May 28th we will have an end-of-year celebration & cookie party for kids and volunteers.

Playgroup
1st & 3rd Friday, 10am

We would love for you to join us for an upcoming playgroup. Contact Grace at 407-373-4175.

GIVING

Last Week: \$ 4,414 **Year to Date:** \$79,364 **Budgeted Expenses to Date:** \$ 86,226