

The Offering:

A Service of Worship and Praise



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Welcome to The Offering!

The Offering is a place to come and worship Christ Jesus and experience the living power of God with other believers. The Offering is an experiential worship service that reaches out to our community and to our church body through free form contemporary worship. The worship experience will unite audio-visual elements with worship, praise, sermon and prayer. Each service will be unique and will have many different features to allow worshipers a variety of avenues to experience the resurrected Christ. Feel free to worship as you are led and to enjoy being a part of the body of faith at LNPC.

LNPC is a multi-generational Presbyterian Church.

Our Vision • To build a Family of Faith by welcoming all people into a life-changing journey together as servants of Jesus Christ through: Worship of a loving and sovereign God (Connect) - Intentional growth toward Christian maturity (Grow) - Personal discovery of God's gifts for ministry (Equip) - Loving service to our community and the world (Serve).

Our Mission • As a faith community, LNPC exists to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ who freely share God's life-transforming love with the world.

Information for Today's Service

Nursery Care • (0 – 3) available in the main Sanctuary building west hallway (the right hallway).

Sunday School • Families start worship together in our Sanctuary.

- During the service the children are invited up to the front steps for the Children's Blessing. Parents are welcome to join their children.
- After the Children's Blessing, all Pre-school through 5th grade students are escorted to their respective classrooms (listed below in bold) by their Sunday School teachers.
- After the service, parents can pick up their children from their classrooms in the McCullen Center building next to the church.
- **Pre-school and Kindergarten** – Sunshine Room located down the sidewalk between Sanctuary building & McCullen Center.
- **1st & 2nd Grades** – Room 204; **3rd – 5th Grades** – Room 202 located on the 2nd floor of the McCullen Center.
- **Youth (6th – 12th Grades)** - Youth meet upstairs in the Garage (down the long hallway).

Prayer Station • For those who would like to pray with someone, the prayer station is located at the back of the room. Please feel free at anytime during or after the service to seek support in this way.

Bibles and Church-Wide Printed Announcements are available in the back of the room. The announcements are free for the taking, but please return the Bible before going home. Please let us know if you would like a Bible to take home!

Coffee and Refreshments • Are available before and after the service. You are welcome to bring your coffee into the service. Bring your own travel mug or coffee cup next week to save on supplies and be more spill proof! Enjoy!

Offering Baskets • Will be passed during the service. Please place your attendance forms, tithes and offerings in the baskets.

Doubting Our Doubts

Scripture: John 20:24-31

- Doubting does not mean you don't believe
- To doubt is to be of "two minds"
- To believe or disbelieve is to be of "one mind"
- Doubting is easy — you don't have to do anything
- To believe (have faith) requires you to live as if it were true
- Faith has its reasons
- The Christian's reason: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead
- Faith is more than a proof or explanation
- Faith is not an emotion
- Faith is a choice!
- As a choice faith:
 - ♦ arises in the midst of doubts
 - ♦ is available to all
 - ♦ re-orientes our lives
- Faith is more powerful than a proof
- Faith is trust without reservation

Notes:

The following staff are supporting the service today:

Pastor:
Worship Pastor:
Worship Leader:

Dr. Randy Steele
Prentice Park
Brian Tong