

Calendar for the week of October 5, 2025

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

Monday, October 6	11:15 am Toddler Play Time 7:00 pm Ward Small Group
Tuesday, October 7	1:00 pm Dorcas Circle 1:30 Small Group Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm Huber Small Group 6:00 pm Sloan Small Group
Wednesday, October 8	9:30 am Sexton Small Group 2:15 pm Prayer with Pastors 6:00 pm Student Ministries
Thursday, October 9	10:00 am Teevin & Rich Small Group 6:00 pm Macpherson Small Group 6:00 pm Edwards Small Group 6:15 pm Prairie Bells
Friday, October 10	Office Closed No Events Scheduled
Saturday, October 11	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, October 12	9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Prairie Hall 11:00 am Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

On October 12th we will continue the series on 1 & 2 Timothy-*Staying the Course*.
Pastor will preach from 1 Timothy 5:1-16

WELCOME NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

Today we joyfully welcome Clayton and Sarah Lane as new Covenant Partners in our church family during our 9 am service. Please join us in celebrating their commitment and be sure to greet them warmly after the service!

SENIOR DINNER

You’re invited to our next Senior Dinner on **Wednesday, October 15th at 5:00 pm in Prairie Hall**. Please RSVP to the church office at **253-588-6631** by **October 12th** or **sign up on the sheets in the Narthex** . We look forward to sharing this special evening together!

FALL SMALL GROUPS

The Fall session of small groups will start this week. Please contact the church office or your small group hosts with any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For **Colleen Smart**, who fell and injured herself. She will be recovering at home.
- For **Phyllis Horst**, who fell and broke her ribs.
- For **Jack Wilcox**, who is recovering from a heart valve replacement..
- For **Lori Ward’s** parents, **Leland & Deloras Loney**. Prayers as they both start cancer treatments.
- For **Bill Emma’s** sister, **Missy Johnson**, who has cancer. Prayers also for her husband and caregiver, **Curtis**.

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

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| • Skip Smith | • Elaine Tierney | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Mary (Bob and Candy Tingstad) | • Bridget Upton | • Zilpha Mccarty |
| • Jim Kenoyer | • Esther Park (Helen Kim) | • Jean Rich |
| • Bill Ward | • Cindy Nelson’s brother, Richard Rogers | • Benedict and family |
| • Fred Smart (Coke Smart) | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Deanna Price |
| • Colleen Smart | • Lisa Semon | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Jerry Williams | • Mike Noreen | • Bev Conover |
| • Martha Kelcy | • Ruthie Faris | • Steve George |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Bill Price | • Inge Conner |
| • Bill & Jan Edwards | • Frances Hilliard | • Gordon Neu |
| • Joan Jackson | • Ed and Pam Konsmo | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |
| • Jim & Alyce Olsen | • Cathy McAllister | • Carmen Sterba-Russell |
| • Jim & Laura Pledger | • Mason Thompson (Cindy Nelson) | • Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker) |
| • Trisha Crane | • Johanna Henry | • Cindy Nelson |
| • Larry (Jennifer Stafford) | | • Mavery (Don and Rose Becker’s Great Granddaughter) |
| • Duncan & Hilary (Carolyn Lee) | | |

We pray for protection over the bodies, hearts and minds of our students of all ages and our educators, We pray for the preschoolers who are starting their new school year at LCOP Preschool, as well as their parents and teachers. We lift up the victims of gun violence and pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan, Israel, and Palestine. We ask for strength and encouragement for our church music ministries, caregivers, first responders, and those who are homebound. We pray for our student ministries to thrive, reaching and equipping the next generation. May our weekend services continue to strengthen and inspire our congregation, expanding God’s impact in our community. We also give thanks for our small groups, where we pray that participants will build meaningful relationships, deepen their faith, and grow together in Christ.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATIONAL GATHERINGS

There is still time to sign up for one of the small-group gatherings which will be held between October 5th and November 6th. Please contact Michelle at 253-588-6631 or officemgr.lcop@gmail.com. No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these meetings.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Join us on **Today October 5 or Sunday October 19** from **10:20–10:50 am in the Elgin Room** (between services) for a short Bible study on what God’s Word teaches about stewardship. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided, and childcare is available.
For questions, contact **Marilyn Sexton (253-365-3005)** or **Carolyn Teevin (253-359-5026)**.

2025 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in LCOP Prairie Hall

Handmade quilts, arts/crafts, baked goodies, Grannie’s Attic gently used items and a quilt drawing.
Enjoy homemade pie, coffee or tea (\$5.00) while visiting with friends. All are welcome!!

It is not too late to donate items for sale, so be thinking of your sewing, crafting, wood working or baking talents. The bazaar is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds are used to help support Presbyterian Women mission projects.

Contact Alice Amblad 584-3440 or Mary Church 307-2380 for information or questions.

LIBRARY RECYCLE, REUSE, AND RETAIN PROJECT

Join our library team one Saturday a month at 10 a.m. Our next meeting is **October 18th**. If you’d like to help or have questions, contact Gail Green at 253-219-4524.

OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES NEED YOU!

Do you love music? All of our music ministries are looking for people just like you! Join the **Choir** on **Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.** or come to **Prairie Bells** on **Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.**—no experience needed!

We also welcome instrumentalists and vocalists for the Worship Team on Sunday mornings. Please contact Molly Crane for more information.

Come share your gifts and be part of leading our congregation in joyful praise!

STUDENT MINISTRIES ARE BACK!

Middle and high school students, join us every **Wednesday from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** at church for fun, fellowship, and growing in faith. Led by Co-Directors Sasha Hueston and Kaitlin Kim. Don’t forget to bring a friend!



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Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship
September 28, 2025
Welcome Home! You are in the right place.

Worship Song: I Believe

** Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 27:1-4)*

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation –

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The LORD is the stronghold of my life –

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When the wicked advance against me to devour me,

People: It is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

Leader: Though an army besiege me,

People: My heart will not fear;

Leader: Though war break out against me,

People: Even then I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I ask from the LORD,

People: This only do I seek:

Leader: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

People: To gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Worship Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Children Welcomed to Children's Ministry

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and are guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for Christ is our hope and Redeemer. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Scripture | 1 Timothy 3:1-16

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Elders and Deacons: Servants Who Lead and Leaders Who Serve

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Worship Song: Goodness of God