

# Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church

## WELCOME GUESTS

We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us today. We trust that you will find our fellowship to be warm and sincere. We want to get to know you better so please allow us that pleasure by meeting those around you before and after the service. Please register your attendance with us in the Friendship Register as it is passed during the worship celebration. WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

## OUR VISION

LOPC exists to: Worship God, Nurture and Equip God's People, and Mobilize the Church to Build his Kingdom.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are our small groups which meet in homes or at the church that focus on growth in the Word, prayer, and serving together on mission. Each group seeks to reach people, in a place, with purpose where they live, work, learn or play. If you would like to learn more about Community Groups, contact Mike Palombo at Mike.Palombo@lopc-pca.org.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry provides fellowship, activities, and opportunities for spiritual growth and service. The purpose of the Women's Ministry is that every woman would know Christ personally and be committed to extending his kingdom in her life, home, church community and throughout the world.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church membership is not mandatory to participate in the life and ministry of Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church. However, for those who desire to know more about the vision and ministry of Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church or for those who desire to become members, we invite you to participate in the "Inquirer's Class". The "Inquirer's Class" is offered several times a year. This class answers many questions regarding church membership and is required for those desiring to become members. Please call the church office or talk to the Pastor for more information.

## NURSING ROOM AVAILABLE

A quiet space for nursing mothers is available just off the Sanctuary hallway between the Narthex and restrooms. Look for signs or ask an usher for assistance.

## NURSERY & CHILDREN

A nursery is provided for children ages three years and under. During our "Doxology" and before the sermon, children ages 4 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for Children's Worship. There are also Sunday School opportunities for toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information about our Children's Ministry contact Ellen Skillingstad 843-906-9498 or by email at [ellen.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org](mailto:ellen.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org).

## WAVE (Youth Group)

Wave, (Youth Group) is for rising 6th grade students through high school. We are looking for all middle and high school kids in and out of LOPC. For information about youth events contact Travis Skillingstad 770-715-7641 or by email at [travis.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org](mailto:travis.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org).

## DENOMINATION

The Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

## SERMONS

A free download of today's sermon is available on our website ([www.lopc-pca.org](http://www.lopc-pca.org)). If you are unable to download audio files from our website and would like assistance in obtaining a copy of today's sermon, please contact the church office.

**Hearing impaired devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary.**

**Are you receiving our weekly e-blasts?**

**If not, please call the church office at 706-484-0600.**

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## CHURCH PERSONNEL

Rev. Jeffrey (Jeff) R. Birch – Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael (Mike) D. Palombo – Assistant Pastor

Hunter Tomlin – Director of Worship & Outreach

Travis Skillingstad – Youth Director

Ellen Skillingstad – Children's Ministry Director

Terri Forrester – Treasurer

Amy Reber - Choir Director & Pianist

Rhonda Manis, President – Women's Ministry Leadership Team

Yvonne Beasley – Office Administrator

Meagan McCutchin – Publications / Social Media

## THE SESSION

Rev. Jeffrey R. Birch – (Moderator)

Jim Hildebrand (Clerk of Session)

Bill Benzur Rich Driessnack

Randy Gritters Bill McCartney

Bob Patton George Rountree

Harley Wood

## THE DEACONS

John Morrison (Chairman)

Doug Attaway Trent Blankenship

Bill Burmeister Dennis Clark

Dick Forrester Brent Johansen

Paul Slifko Gary Thomas

## MISSIONS

Chris & Cary Drinkard .....Campus Outreach..... Manila, Philippines

Jim & Carole Fitzgerald.....Equipping Pastors International.....Middle East/N. Africa

Jim & Carin Fredere.....Church Plant.....Brooklyn, NY

Chuck Garriott .....Ministry to State.....Washington, D.C.

Dan & Rebecca Gregoire.....Church Plant.....Kosice, Slovakia

Bill & Jan Hager.....CRU Faculty Commons.....Arlington, MA

Jonathan & Beka Hastings.....Church Plant.....Stone Mountain, GA

Mark & Rahel Landrum .....Christian Witness to Israel .....Sydney, Australia

Coby & Pamela McGinty.....Student Ministry-CT Univ.....Cape Town, South Africa

Tracy McHam.....CRU.....Southeast Region, USA

Tim & Rhianna Mills.....Church Plant.....Bangkok, Thailand

John Parker .....Here's Life Africa .....Tanzania, East Africa

Mark & Melissa Peach.....Church Plant.....Dublin, Ireland

David & Erin Pervis.....Church Plant.....Athens, Greece

Dr. Colleen Redit.....Medical Ministry.....Chennai, South India

Steve & Tammi Resch.....Mentoring Leaders in Ministry.....Columbus, OH

Hernando & Debbie Saenz....MNA Hispanic American Min....Gwinnett County, GA

Robert & Jeanne Smith.....Church Plant.....Riga Latvia

Dony & Sharon St. Germain.....El Shaddai Ministries.....Miami/Haiti

Joel & Stephanie Swanson.....Church Plant.....Paris, France

Caring Solutions Pregnancy Center .....Milledgeville, GA

Covenant Care Services.....Adoption Services.....Macon, GA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Youth Evangelism.....Lake Oconee Region

First Call Pregnancy Center.....Greensboro, GA

Habitat for Humanity.....Greene & Putnam Counties

Kairos Prison Ministry, Georgia.....Roger Ervin

Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response.....PCA-Lawrenceville, GA

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

ATLAS Ministry, Inc.

Benevolence (Meeting Urgent Needs of Local Residents) – John Morrison

Dr. Ellen Cauthen Utley Scholarship at LOPC – Valerie Hunt

ESL (English as a Second Language) – Russell Puppe

Greene & Putnam Christian Outreach

Habitat for Humanity

Little Free Library – Rush Utley

Sheds of HOPE (Disaster Response) – Dick Forrester



*To all who are weary and need rest*

*To all who feel alone and want community*

*To all who mourn and long for comfort*

*To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares*

*To all who fail and desire strength*

*To all who worry and want peace*

*To all who sin and need a Savior*

*To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness*

*And to whoever will come – this church offers her welcome*

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Loving God, One Another, and the Community*

## MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day  
August 11, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

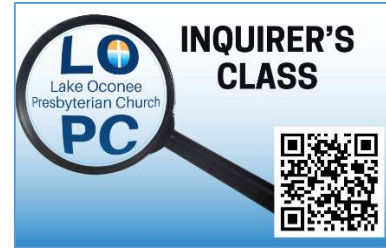
Welcome & Announcements Travis Skillingstad  
Prelude Amy Reber, piano  
Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1  
The Invocation  
Hymn of Praise 53  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Confession of Sin Pastor Mike Palombo  
Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism (unison)  
Song of Praise Hunter Tomlin, guitar  
*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*  
The Lord's Prayer (unison)/Pastoral Prayer  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Chancel Choir  
*Canticle of Heaven*  
By Craig Courtney  
Doxology 733  
*(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)*  
Sermon Text: Luke 7:36-50 (ESV) Pastor Jeff Birch  
Sermon: Overtaken by Love  
Hymn 252 (verses 1-2)  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Hymn 252 (verses 3-4)  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Benediction  
Postlude

All songs covered by CCLI license #1257045  
Please enjoy our complementary Wi-Fi at LOPC Public. Password not required.

### Upcoming Events

#### Save the Date

Ladies, the LOPC Women's Ministry invites you to the *Daughters of the King Dinner* on Monday, September 9, 6pm, in the outdoor pavilion. You are asked to bring ONE of the following: salad for 12, sandwiches for 12, or dessert for 12. Sign up in the Narthex and bring a friend.



### Inquirer's Class

Several times a year, we host an inquirer's class designed to answer questions about LOPC. This class is a two-part exploration of LOPC, our denomination (PCA), and what we believe as Christians. Our next class is August 16-17 (note date change). Scan the QR code for details and to register. This class is required for church membership but is open to anyone who desires a deeper dive into who we are and what our vision is as we serve a growing multi-generational community.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Want to serve but not sure how to start? Join the smallest of our church family in the nursery! We need eight more volunteers so we can re-open our baby nursery room in August. There will be a paid nursery worker alongside a volunteer. Volunteers would serve once every other month. No teaching experience required - just love for kids, willingness to be refreshed on the safety policies, and desire to show God's love! If you have any interest at all, please reach out to Ellen Skillingstad (ellen.skillingstad@gmail.com, 843-906-9498) to get more details before you commit!

### Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages resumes on August 11 at 9:15 a.m. For adults/youth, we will have a 3-week combined class on *Equipping in Relational Evangelism* led by Pastor Mike Palombo in room 102. Beginning September 1, there will be two adult options: *Listening to Scripture* led by Pastor Jeff Birch (room 105) and *The Gospel Project: The Gospels-From Death to Resurrection* led by Pastor Mike Palombo and team (room 104). Register and pick up class materials from the Narthex table. The youth class (6th-12th grade) is led by Travis Skillingstad (room 106/109). The children's class (Kindergarten-5th grade) is led by Evie Birch (room 110). The toddler class (2-4) is led by Shannon Strickland (room 107). Nursery is available for newborns-infants in rooms 108.

### Community Groups

Community Groups resume in the fall. Community Groups are small groups which grow as a community and go love the community. They grow in the Word and prayer while building relationships, serving needs, and sharing the Gospel with the community. To learn more, email Pastor Mike at [Mike.palombo@lopc-pca.org](mailto:Mike.palombo@lopc-pca.org).

### Meal Support

The Women's Ministry will coordinate meals to be provided for those in need due to illness, injury, recovery from hospitalization or after childbirth. Please contact Carol Johansen at 229-938-8337.

### Flower Ministry

The flowers are placed by Russell and Debbie Puppe in honor of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. To place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, sign up in the Narthex or call the office. The cost is \$80, payable to the church, due by the designated Sunday. Donors have the option of having the flowers placed in either the Sanctuary or Narthex. Please indicate your preference when you sign up. If no preference is indicated, they will be displayed in the Narthex on the mission bar.



### **1 Timothy 4:12**

WAVE (the LOPC youth group, grades 6 – 12) meets on Sunday evenings from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the church in Room 106/109. For information about youth events, please contact Travis Skillingstad at 770-715-7641 or [travis.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org](mailto:travis.skillingstad@lopc-pca.org).

### Nursery/Toddler

The Nursery is open to all newborns to age three in room 107/108  
Sunday School (9:15 a.m.) / Worship (10:30 a.m.)

Volunteer for August 11

Renee Benzur

Volunteer for August 18

Karen Tepper

### Children's Worship

*Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Desk.*

During the last song before the sermon, *children ages 4 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade* are dismissed to Children's Worship in Room 111.

Teachers for August 11

Barb Moore & Ellen Skillingstad

Teachers for August 18

Donna Jean Kendall & Peaches Hoyle

### This Week at LOPC

Are you receiving our weekly e-blasts?

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### **Today**

10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
4:00 p.m. ESL Summer School (Room 104)  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Room 106/109)  
6:00 p.m. Patton Community Group (678-662-6640)

### **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting (Conference Room)  
3:00 p.m. SOLO Sisters Meeting (Conference Room)  
4:00 p.m. SOLO Sisters Dinner & Movie  
6:00 p.m. Pickleball Open Play (Courts)

### **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (home of Karen Hildebrand)

### **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (Narthex)  
6:30 p.m. East Putnam Community Group (various homes)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 p.m. Officer Training (Conference Room)  
6:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class (home of Jeff & Evie Birch)

### **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Inquirer's Class (Conference Room)  
9:00 a.m. Pickleball Beginners Clinic (Courts)  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball Open Play (Courts)

### **Weekly Meditation Verse for Women in the Church**

<sup>25</sup> Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,  
but a good word makes him glad. Proverbs 12:25 (ESV)