Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church
White Horse Pike and Merchant Street
(18 W. Merchant)
Audubon, NJ 08106

Order for Worship

November 1, 2026 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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The Approach to God

Welcome and Ministry Concerns

Prelude: "Prelude in B minor" Frédéric Chopin

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who created the heavens and the earth.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Gather us in, O God, from east and west and north and south.

People: *Bring us together in the light of Your truth, that we may be fed and restored in body and spirit.*

Pastor: Turn the deserts of our longing and despair into life-giving springs of forgiveness and hope.

People*: Lead us to the feet of Jesus that we may learn ways of humility and love.*

Pastor: Let us hear again of the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus,

People: *that we may rejoice and give thanks to the Lord our God.*

Salutation

***Hymn of Praise:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #634

***Prayer of Confession:** *Merciful God, You deliver from distress those who cry to You in their trouble. We who are in trouble raise our voices to You. Deliver us, we pray, from the burden of sin: from wanting too much to impress others and needing to prove our worth; from inner confusion that has us say one thing but do another— foolishly pursuing what does not lead to life; from oppressive and unjust practices; and from bondage to greed and desire. Lord, deliver and redeem us. Gather us in from our wandering and lead us by Your way, until we reach the place You prepare for those who follow You. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and the south, drawing us into a caring community where burdens are shared, hope is renewed, and people are freed and equipped to use their God-given gift. Springs of water emerge from parched lands as we alert one another to blessings we had overlooked. Let the redeemed of the Creator say so. Let us give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Summary of the Law

***Words of Welcome for One Another**

***Gloria Patri** #805

The Word of God

Anthem: "Holy Manna" Kenneth Lowenberg

Old Testament Lesson Micah 3:5-12

New Testament Lesson Matthew 23:1-12

***Hymn of Meditation:** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" #433

Sermon: "What Costume Did You Wear"
Reverend Keith Schmitt

The Response to the Word

***Confession of Faith**

Offering

Offertory: "Largo" Frédéric Chopin

***Doxology** #809

***Prayer of Dedication:** Let Your Word be at work in us, gracious God, and through the offerings we present for your blessing. We offer here our support for the work of teaching, preaching, and good counsel, our assistance for those who are burdened and hungry and lost, our encouragement for questioners, seekers, and risk-takers intent on leading a life worthy of Your approval. We are all Your students. Let us also be Your humble servants, through the offering of our substance and ourselves. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn of Departure:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" #22

Commissioning and Benediction: "Dresden Amen" #820

Postlude: "Jerusalem" C. Hubert H. Parry

*Please stand if able

The Church Staff:

Reverend Keith Schmitt, Ph.D., Interim Pastor
William Braun, Music Director
Lisa Hanson, Treasurer
Lesley Echols, Administrative Assistant
Mark Hall, Sexton

This Week in Our Church:

Sunday:	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Monday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Thrift Store Workers	9:00 a.m. – noon
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Friday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.

WELCOME! We welcome you to our church in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, please sign the guest register in the narthex or place a pew card in the offering plate.
Children are welcome in this congregation. An unstaffed playroom is on the second floor of the Christian Ed. building for ages six and younger. This room is available during the worship hour if your child needs a place to "let off steam." Activity bags (in back of church) are available for other children who stay for services. Please be considerate of other worshipers if your child should become agitated. Please step outside the sanctuary until the child is calm.

THE SERMON can be found in the literature rack in the family life center most Sundays. A few people have copies emailed to them the following week. If you would like one or like to be added to the list, contact the church office.

FLOWERS:
Placed by Joan DeFrates in Loving Memory of her parents and in Honor of Joan's 95th birthday
Placed by Amy Whildin in Memory of Richard "Dick" Geisler on his 103rd birthday

PRAYER REQUESTS:
The Cashman Family's niece Gina with kidney stones
Joan Ferrari, 88 years old, in car accident and requiring surgery on her foot and ankle
Sara Lavecchio continuing her rehab at Elmwood Hills Rehab Center