

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! Whether you are a longtime LPC member or are visiting for the first time, we are *so* glad you are here! We hope you will register your presence in worship with us in the black friendship pads, located in the pew racks toward the center aisle, so we can keep in touch.

January Birthdays: This coming Sunday there will be light refreshments to celebrate the New Year. For the new year moving forward, birthday Sunday will be celebrated on potluck Sundays. Our next potluck Sunday is February 2nd. We still want to recognize monthly birthdays. The January birthdays are the following:

Pat Sharpe - 1/2
Theodore Villanueva - 1/2
Markie Allen - 1/12
Cole Chrestman - 1/12
Susan Zimmerman - 1/16
CeCe Andre - 1/24
John New - 1/24
Amanda England - 1/28
Christian Prigmore - 1/30

Adult Sunday School: Please join the adult library Sunday school class each Sunday morning at 9 am. Prior to starting class, we'll pray for the concerns facing our church.

CUBA—News Update and Donations Request
In 2025, our partner congregation, Juan G Hall is celebrating their 125th Anniversary! Susan Zimmermann and Charlene Berry will travel to Cardenas from February 13–17, 2025 to represent LPC for this important celebration. Like past trips, Charlene and Susan will each still take two 50 lb. bags of supplies, and their request from LPC is primarily Over The Counter medications. Representatives from other US sister churches will focus on other items. For this trip “Over the Counter medicines” includes: allergy meds, topical antibiotic ointments, topical pain relievers, pain/fever relievers in pill form, vitamins for Seniors Adults or Children (but NO Gummies or liquids), toothpaste (travel size is good because it can be given to more people), etc... Just go up and down the pharmacy aisle and remember that they can buy almost none of what you see!

The living situation has greatly deteriorated with each recent visit. They have difficulty getting food (even if willing to pay black market prices or stand in long lines); they do not have consistent electricity on a daily basis (sometimes total black outs for over 24 hours, often they only get approx 5 hours of inconsistent power a day). Their lives are extremely difficult and they rely on our generosity to simply get by.

We will have our annual “Cuba Sunday” a little early this year: **January 12th** to collect donations (OTC medications or cash donations for a team member to purchase). Please start looking for sales at your local drug store and gathering items you would need in your own home. Each Christmas Season we are to think of others as we prepare for the Christ Child. Thank you for seeing the face of God in each of the people we love in Cardenas, Cuba.

Support Okra Abbey During This Holiday Season

Okra Abbey is a new worshipping community of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and food justice ministry in Pigeontown (the corner of Hickory and Eagle, NOLA 70118). This holiday season, you can help sustain OA's mission with a gift of money or of food. Visit www.pbysouthla.org to make a financial contribution. Click the banner atop the website to reach the donation page where you can insert an amount for Okra Abbey. The Abbey's weekly meal, known as “Grace and Greens” is served every Wednesday at noon. All are welcome to come eat and share the holiday joy! Thank you for your generosity and for helping us build a community where everyone has access to healthy food and a seat at the table.

Andy Kates was recently moved to St. Margaret's at Mercy Nursing Home, Room 125, 3525 Bienville Street, N.O. Please consider visiting him and letting a member of your church family know that he is loved. The best visiting times are between 10 am-3 pm. Although Andy can only communicate by raising his eyebrow, you can communicate with him by: sitting with him; holding his hand; giving him a hug; saying a prayer; reading a devotion to him; telling him something that you enjoy doing or something about the Saints; playing on your phone your favorite hymn

or song, etc. Pat Sharpe previously worked at St. Margaret's, and she is willing to go with you on your visit with Andy if you'd like some company.

Monsieur Crocodile's Scales

Thank you all so much for purchasing scales for our pulpit supply fund! Goal achieved!

Pulpit Supply / Communion Schedule

January - April 2025

Pastor Alex begins the first stint of his family leave on October 28. A BIG thank you to all the LPC members who have agreed to offer their gifts to preach and lead worship in his absence. You can participate in this effort by contributing to the pulpit supply fund, which will compensate Kelly Couch and Richard Williams, our two professionally trained worship leaders who will also fill the pulpit. See the schedule below:

January 5 Jennifer Beasley

END holiday vacation on 1/6

January 12 Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell *Communion*

January 19, 26; February 2 - Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

February 9 Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell *Communion*

BEGIN Family Leave (part 2) on 2/10

February 16 Rev. Richard Williams, SE Louisiana Presbytery (Ordained)

February 23 Charlene Berry

March 2 Kelly Couch Begin Lenten Series

March 9 Kelly Couch

March 16 Kelly Couch *Communion*

March 23, 30; April 6 - Kelly Couch

END Family leave on 4/7

April 13 Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell (Palm Sunday)

2025 Pledge Cards: It's not too late to make a pledge to give to LPC for 2025! The green pledge cards can be found in the church office and on the bulletin board right outside the door at the front of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute your spiritual and financial gifts to LPC's ministry in the year ahead. Everyone is encouraged to make a pledge—that is, a promise to give a regular financial contribution. Our pledges help the Session develop a budget and plan for the combined ministry of Lakeview Presbyterian Church and Weekday School.

This includes paying our staff, maintaining a safe, welcoming, insured, and functional church and school campus, and providing the resources for mission, education, outreach, fellowship and worship.

Make a gift! Your financial contribution to Lakeview Presbyterian Church supports LPC's ministries of education, worship, and outreach. You can give by placing a check or cash in the



offering plate during worship, mailing a check to the church office, or visiting our secure online portal at lpcno.org/give (or scan the QR code) to give by credit/debit card.