

Long Beach Presbyterian Church

and

Pineville Presbyterian Church

“Reaching up to God – Reaching out to others”

August 23, 2026

As we enter the Sanctuary we speak to God.

As we remain, God speaks to us.

As we depart, we speak to each other.

PRELUDE

Pianist – Mary Monsted

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks to God with all our hearts,

People: for God’s faithful love endures forever.

Leader: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

People: for God’s promises declare God’s goodness to all the earth.

Leader: We place our trust in God with full confidence,

People: and we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

*HYMN #210

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN #488

“Just as I Am”

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Leader: Lord in Your mercy...

People: Hear our prayers.

*HYMN #813

“Glory Be to the Father”

THE LESSONS

Romans 12:1-8 (p. 1305)

Amanda Braud

Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 1131)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Rhetorical Questions”

Keith Cox

VIDEO ANTHEM

“Who You Say I Am”

Hillsong Worship

THE OFFERING

*HYMN #815

“The Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #424

“The Servant Song”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us. If you are interested in joining Long Beach Presbyterian Church or becoming an Associate Member, please speak with any member of the Session.

This morning we welcome the congregation and friends of Pineville Presbyterian Church as we come together for this joint worship service.

Please stay after the service as we enjoy refreshments in the dining room.

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AUGUST – OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Aug 23rd - Worship Service with Pineville, 11:00 AM
- Aug 30th - Joint Worship Service **at Pineville**, 11:00 AM
- Sept 6th - Worship Service and Communion, 11:00 AM
Congregational Meeting to elect a member of the congregation to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.
Fellowship Lunch (after Worship)
- Sept 13th - Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Sept 20th - Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Sept 27th - Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Oct 4th - Joint Worship Service and Communion, 11:00 AM
Fellowship Lunch (after Worship)
Joint Session Meeting w/Pineville, 1:00 PM

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