

Worship Committee

The function of the Worship Committee is to facilitate the celebration of our faith, which includes both special Christian holidays and weekly worship services. These activities are driven by the church calendar:

For Communion Sundays, we purchase and prepare the elements, set up the communion table, schedule servers, and clean up after each service and share with shut-ins.

During the Lenten/Easter season, we drape the cross in appropriate liturgical colors and provide palm fronds and lilies.

At Thanksgiving, we ask the congregation for donations of fruits/vegetables to use for decorating the Harvest Table, demonstrating our thankfulness for God's bountiful blessings.

To celebrate the Advent/Christmas season, we decorate the Chrismon Tree, place appropriate decorations in the sanctuary, and order and arrange poinsettias. Greenery was placed along the choir railing and above the windows with gold stars suspended down the windows, and wreaths were placed on the front doors and in the sanctuary. We continued to display a crèche on the beautiful backdrop designed and fabricated by our talented Quilters Group.

Special services included Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, and Christmas Eve. We also celebrated, for the first time this year, "Kirkin' of the Tartans" with the help of the St. Andrew Society.

In addition, we arranged for guest ministers on Sundays when Rev. Graves had to be away. This year, we welcomed Trinity Whitley, Director of PUC (UKirk) to our pulpit.

We celebrate our relationship to God at all our services, and each Sunday morning at LPC remains special, thanks to many people working together. Our ushers greet us, ensuring that we have a bulletin, collect our offerings, and assist wherever there is a need. The ushers are a very cooperative group who "fill-in" and "pinch-hit" for each other, as needed. Their smiles and warm greetings make worshipers—Lafayette members and visitors alike—feel welcome. The acolytes are a special part of our service. Lynda Blount, church secretary, continues to produce bulletins that are informative and coordinate with the season/sermon. Music is an indispensable part of our worship, led by Dr. Linda Lovins, Dr. Deloise Lima-Ohlsson, and our talented choir whose gifts bring us music of varied styles, periods, and ethnicities that demonstrate the universality of praising God.

Members of the 2016 Worship Committee were Diane Dowling, Karen Gunter, Linda Lovins, Denise Pentecost, Louise Sadler, Rita Tucker, and Margaret Warren.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Warren, Chairman