

# THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world*

*and making Jesus Christ a way of life*

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;

through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;

through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;

through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;

through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.

## **Then the Spirit said to Philip,**



**"Go over to this chariot and join it."**

**Acts 8:29**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Forgive us, restore us,  
that we may abide in your love  
and live out your mercy,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray.**

\* KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 576)

Jacques Berthier

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**HEARING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)*

ANTHEM

*Messiah*, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 49 Recitative "Then Shall Be Brought to Pass"  
Bess Ploener, soloist

1 Corinthians 15:54

No. 50 Duet "O Death, Where is Thy Sting?"  
Bess Ploener and John Cloys, soloists

1 Corinthians 15:55, 56

No. 51 Chorus "But Thanks Be to God"

1 Corinthians 15:57

SECOND READING

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Water Is Thicker than Blood"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Jean-Philippe Rameau

## PRESENTATION OF GIETS

### \* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

\* SENDING HYMN 311

## “We Meet You, O Christ”

NORMANDY

## \* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

## *Messiah* HWV 56

G. F. Handel

No. 52 Air "If God Be For Us,  
Who Can Be Against Us?"

Katie Cloys, soloist

**Welcome to Lamington:** If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, phone: (908) 572-7013, email: lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

*\* All who are able please stand*

## Today's Worship Notes

In Acts 8, the Holy Spirit leads the Apostle Philip to a man very different from himself. He's from a different nation and a different race. Religious law bars him from full participation in Temple worship. Yet the Spirit shows Philip these are no barriers to God's love. God judges the heart alone.

DEACONS: Julie Murray and Laurel Rose

LITURGIST: Duncan Rose

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Erin & Greg Mistele

## Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER

Bess Ploener, DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS & ALTO SECTION LEADER

Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER

John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Andrew Stack, BASS SECTION LEADER

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

## Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pews. Please place your request(s) in the offertory plate, or email/phone the church office at [lamingtonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com) / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

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## The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 29	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:45AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Lamington Bell Choir
Sunday, May 6	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM after worship 11:45AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Basket Day Set-Up Lamington Bell Choir