

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.



Marching to a
Different Drummer

TRINITY SUNDAY

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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May 27, 2018

10:15AM

*“Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you,
no one can see the kingdom of God
without being born from above.’” --John 3:3*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Le tombeau de Couperin

Maurice Ravel

III. Forlane

à la mémoire de lieutenant Gabriel Deluc

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on John 3:3-5)*

Duncan Rose

Leader: All praise to God, Eternal Majesty,
Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

People: Glory to God forever!

Leader: Jesus said the way to see God’s dream for the world
is to be born from above by the Spirit.
The way to take part in the dream, says Jesus,
is to be born of water and the Spirit.
That gift is available this day.
May we all receive God’s Spirit, be made whole,
and dwell more deeply in love divine.

People: Amen and amen!

* GATHERING HYMN 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Holy God, we know you are always there to lead us,
yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.**

**We confess that we have stumbled,
and we recognize our need for you to lift us up
and help us start again.**

**Forgive our failings, restore us to strength
and reconcile us with you, ourselves and each other,
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.**

* 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

PIANO SOLO

Elegie

Sergei Rachmaninoff

SECOND READING

John 3:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A Different Drummer"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 15-18

Leader: What kind of mediator and deliverer
should we look for then?

**People: One who is a true and righteous human,
yet more powerful than all creatures,
that is, one who is also true God.**

Leader: Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

**People: God's justice demands that human nature,
which has sinned, must pay for sin;
but a sinful human being could never pay for others.**

Leader: Why must the mediator also be true God?

**People: So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity,
might bear the weight of God's wrath
in his humanity
and earn for us and restore to us
righteousness and life.**

Leader: Then who is this mediator — true God
and at the same time a true and righteous human?
People: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who was given to us to completely deliver us
and make us right with God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Five Anniversaries
V. For Susanna Kyle (born July 24, 1949)

Leonard Bernstein

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* 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 562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Le tombeau de Couperin
V. Menuet
à la mémoire de Jean Dreyfus

Maurice Ravel

** All who are able please stand*

Today's Worship Notes

Nicodemus was a Pharisee — and we all know how often, in the New Testament, the Pharisees are singled out for criticism, sometimes by Jesus himself. Much of their bad reputation, though, is undeserved. It's true that, as self-appointed guardians of Jewish tradition, they often found themselves in opposition to Jesus' reform movement, but they were not, by and large, in cahoots with the Roman occupiers, as the High Priest and his associates clearly were. The Pharisees preached a message of salvation through the Law, encouraging the people to find God through careful obedience. In his encounter with the Pharisee Nicodemus, we see Jesus honoring this religious leader for his faithful piety, even as he gently challenges him to go beyond the limits of the Law and find salvation through a conversion of the heart.

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and John Gordon

LITURGIST: Duncan Rose

Church Staff

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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.

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 / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

We Pray For...

- ✝ **All the men and women serving in the U.S. military.** *We remember and honor* all those who died while in service. *We pray for* their families and friends so they may find strength and comfort in the memory of those they have lost. *We pray for* peace among all nations.
 - ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, who is at home recuperating. We pray for strength, healing and a speedy recovery.
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The Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 27	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School
Monday, May 28	office closed	office closed for Memorial Day
Sunday, June 3	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship-Communion Sunday Church School

Note: IHN at LPC—Sunday May 27-Sunday, June 3