

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.

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is wasting away,*



*our inner nature is being renewed
day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:16b

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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June 10, 2018

10:15AM

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2 Corinthians 4:16b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Chorale Partita on "O Gott, du frommer Gott", BWV 767
 ("O God, Thou Faithful God")
 Partite I – VII

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 (*Psalm 71:1-2, 5-6, 8*)

Clare Halsey

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
People: **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**
Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
People: **Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.**
Leader: My mouth is filled with your praise,
People: **and with your glory all day long.**

* GATHERING HYMN 487 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSON (*unison*)

**Creator and Lord of all our years,
we confess before you
that we have accounted the days you give us
solely as our own, to do with as we wish,
and not as sacred opportunities to serve you.
We have considered ourselves more important than others
whether older or younger than us,
and so have neglected our neighbor's need.**

**We have considered ourselves to be wiser
than those who have gone before us,
and more virtuous than those who come after us.
We have been quick to judge others by categories —
age, wealth, race, political opinion, religious belief —
and as a result have wasted opportunities to listen to them.
Come, Lord God, in your healing grace and reconciling might.
In mercy, forgive us our shortcomings,
our failings and our deliberate faults;
renew in us the life that Christ by dying gave us,
and set us again in the way of Jesus
that leads through new life to you. Amen.**

* 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 45:20-46:4

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.)

ORGAN SOLO

Prelude on an American Hymn Tune: "Amazing Grace"

Gilbert Martin

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

SERMON

"Still Growing After All These Years"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN

"God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing"

HYMN TO JOY

("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", #464)

**God, we spend a lifetime growing, learning of your love and care,
Planting seeds you give for sowing, working for the fruit they'll bear.
May we honor faithful servants who, with joy, look back and see
Years of growing in your presence, lives of fruitful ministry.**

**Thank you, Lord, for ones who teach us what has brought them to this place!
May their faith-filled witness reach us; may we glimpse in them your grace.
Strong in you, their strength uplifts us from our birth until life's end;
Spirit-filled, they give us gifts, as prophet, mentor, guide and friend.**

**Christ our Lord, you walk beside us, giving daily work to do;
Years go by and still you guide us as we seek to follow you.
If our sight fails, weak hands tremble, minds forget the things we've known,
Lord, we trust that you remember, hold us close, and see us home.**

* 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.**

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Chorale Partita on "O Gott, du frommer Gott", BWV 767
Partita VIII

J.S. Bach

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 555 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKE ALLE GOTT

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Chorale Partita on "O Gott, du frommer Gott", BWV 767 J.S. Bach
Partita IX

* *All who are able please stand*

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.

Today's Worship Notes

The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Whitman by Christie, Kate and Taylor.

Our second hymn, "God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing," Copyright © 2001, is from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Upper Room Books, 2009), used by permission.

DEACONS: Eleanor Halsey and Sandi Ramsay

LITURGIST: Clare Halsey

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Suzy Nagle

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...

- † **Rose Marie Hunter**, who suffers from chronic pancreatic and immune system problems. We pray for strength and healing; we pray for comfort and relief during her bouts of discomfort and pain
- † **Harry Carpenter**, who is at home recuperating. We pray for strength, healing and a speedy recovery.

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

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, June 10	10:15AM 10:30AM after worship	Worship Church School Deacon Meeting—upstairs classroom
Monday, June 11	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room
Friday, June 15	10:00AM	SHIP's Galley—LPC Kitchen
Sunday, June 17 * Father's Day *	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship-The Rev. Claire Pula, Guest Preacher Church School