

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;

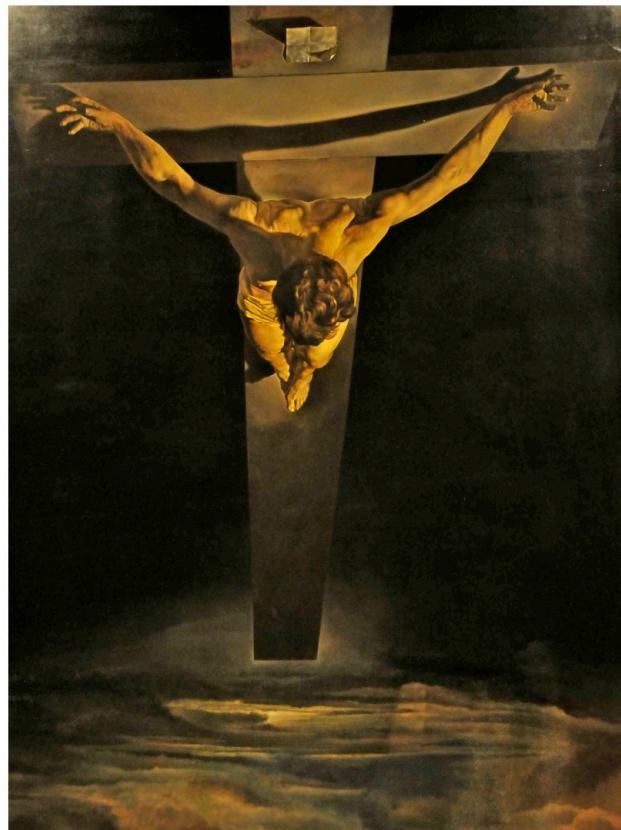
through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;

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.

“And I, when I am lifted up
from the earth



will draw all people to myself.”

John 12:32

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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MARCH 18, 2018

10:15AM

***“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself.”***

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Prélude Allemande I Allemande II in a minor

Jean-Philippe Rameau

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT *Messiah*, HWV 56
No. 23 Air "He was Despised" (Isaiah 53:3; 50:6)
Bess Ploener, soloist

George Frideric Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Silk

Leader: Come, all you who would follow Christ,
**People: We come to lay down our burdens,
and to take up the cross.**

Leader: Come, all you who would save your lives,
People: We come to offer our lives to God.

Leader: Come, all you who strive to gain the whole world,
People: We come to seek the life of the Spirit.

Leader: Our Lord has called; let us respond!

* GATHERING HYMN 417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, most gracious Lord,
for what we have done or said
to increase the pain of the world.
Pardon the unkind word,
the impatient gesture,
the hard and selfish deed,

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

OFFERTORY

Sarabande I in a minor

Jean-Philippe Rameau

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 389

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

NYLAND

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Abide with Me

William Henry Monk

* POSTLUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

John Bacchus Dykes

** 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, (908) 572-7013, 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 bulletin cover art this week is the painting “Christ of St. John of the Cross,” by Salvador Dali (1951). The name indicates that its design is based on a drawing by the 16th-century Spanish friar, John of the Cross. Dali explained his inspiration in this way: “In 1950, I had a ‘cosmic dream’ in which I saw this image in color and which in my dream represented the ‘nucleus of the atom.’ This nucleus later took on a metaphysical sense; I considered it ‘the very unity of the universe,’ the Christ!” The unusual top-down perspective came to Dali in the same dream. In order to recreate it on canvas, he hired Hollywood stunt man Russell Saunders to hang suspended from a gantry, so he could view the pull of gravity on the human body from overhead. Controversial in its time, it has been called by one art critic “the most enduring vision of the crucifixion painted in the 20th century.” (Source: “Christ of Saint John of the Cross,” Wikipedia.org)

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and Julie Murray

LITURGIST: Ann Silk

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Dana & Angus Miller

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*)

The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Meridith Scott, *Clerk of Session*

Class of 2018

Scott Campbell
Angus Miller
Greg Mistele
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley
Ann Silk



Class of 2019

Tres Arnett
Lynn Carter
Patrick Palmer
Dorita Pawlikowski
Duncan Rose
Immanuel Thomas

Deacons

Class of 2018

John Gordon
Julie Murray
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose
Monica Thomas

Class of 2019

Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Joe Scott
Hunter Lewis

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. A list of ongoing prayer concerns of the community can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

We Pray For...

- † **Kellie Connolly**, a 32-year old mother of two who has been bedridden for the past 7-months with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), a rare disorder. We pray for comfort, healing and strength for her and all those who love and care for her.
- † **Gabriella Wood**, who is recovering from skull surgery. We pray for healing, strength and a speedy recovery.
- † **Peter Nicoletti**, brother-in-law of Ivan Medina, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia and for the many others in the Medina family continuing to live with cancer. We pray for comfort and strength.