

# 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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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

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE                      Prélude   Allemande I   Allemande II   in a minor                      Jean-Philippe Rameau

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION                      One Great Hour of Sharing                      Dorita Pawlikowski

\* 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    George Frideric Handel  
No. 23   Air   "He was Despised" (Isaiah 53:3; 50:6)  
Bess Ploener, soloist

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,**

**the failure to show sympathy,  
the missed opportunity to help neighbors  
around the block or around the world.  
Enable us so to live that we may daily do something  
to lessen the tide of human sorrow  
and add to the sum of human happiness.  
We pray in Jesus' name. 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 223)

**As it was without beginning,  
So it lasts without an end;  
To their children's children ever  
Shall God's righteousness extend.**

## HEARING THE WORD

## PRAVER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

**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. 24 Chorus "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" (Isaiah 53:4,5)  
 No. 25 Chorus "And With His Stripes We are Healed" (Isaiah 53:5)  
 No. 26 Chorus "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray" (Isaiah 53:6)

SECOND READING John 12:20-33

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SERMON                                  “The Victorious Defeat”                                  The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 84                      “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

**\* 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

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"

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\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE Abide with Me

William Henry Monk

\* POSTLUDE Lead, Kindly Light

John Bacchus Dykes

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*\* 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*)

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### 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

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### 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. 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.