

# 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
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June 17, 2018

10:15AM

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*“The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.”*

-Luke 8:1-3

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE	Suite in g minor, BWV 808	Johann Sebastian Bach
	Allemande	
	Courante	
	Sarabance	
	Les agréments de la même Sarabande	

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

Valerie Fraser

Leader: God calls us to this place,  
a haven for healing and hope.  
**People: We come, with the pain of our burdens;**  
**we come to hear God’s Word for us.**  
Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy;  
each of us will hear God whisper our name:  
“Beloved of my heart.”  
**People: We join our voices in prayer and praise;**  
**we sing of our longing for new lives.**  
Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;  
here we discover that God dwells with us.  
**People: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;**  
**God’s Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

\* GATHERING HYMN 465 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

TOKYO

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Creator God, power above all powers,  
you have created us,  
but we have chosen to go our own way.**  
**You have claimed us,  
but we have, in our arrogance, rejected the claim.**  
**You have sent your Spirit  
to break into our unimaginative routines,  
but we have not appreciated the burst of creative energy.**  
**You have called us to share your gifts freely  
in the service of others,  
but we have clutched them close to ourselves.**  
**We are ready, now, to admit  
that our lives are full of dangerous byways.  
Save us, by your forgiving love. 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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.)*

KEYBOARD SOLO

Suite in g minor, BWV 808  
Gavotte I

J.S. Bach

SECOND READING

Luke 8:1-3; 24:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Royal Scandal”

The Rev. Claire Pula

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 380

“O Christ, the Healer”

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\* 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

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Suite in g minor, BWV 808

J.S. Bach

Gavotte II (Musette)

Nivita Thomas, violoncello

## 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 107

“Celebrate with Joy and Singing”

EVELYN CHAPEL

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Suite in g minor, BWV 808

J.S. Bach

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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, phone: (908) 572-7013, email: lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

**Please Note:** *In case of a pastoral care emergency from June 16-23*, when Pastor Carl is away at the General Assembly, please call the church office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-3:00PM) at (908) 572-7013. At other times, please call the Rev. Claire Pula on her mobile phone, (908) 910-5361.

## Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God by Etta and John Marshall in celebration of the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their wedding here at Lamington Presbyterian Church.*

The Rev. Claire Pula, GUEST PREACHER

Our preacher this morning, the Rev. Claire Pula, was born and raised in Baltimore. She received her B.A. in history from Washington College, Maryland, and her M.Div. from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Iowa. She also studied at the University of St. Andrews and Princeton Theological Seminary. Certified in thanatology and grief counseling, Claire is Bereavement Coordinator at Hackensack Meridian Health at Home Hospice. She is married to our pastor, the Rev. Carl Wilton.

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and Monica Thomas

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Susan & Patrick Palmer

### 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.

### 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.

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### 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*)

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### The Upcoming Week

Sunday, June 17 * Father's Day *	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship-The Rev. Claire Pula, Guest Preacher Church School
Sunday, June 24	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School—last Sunday before summer recess

**Summer Worship at LPC**  
**10:15AM**



That's right, you read that correctly -- on Sundays, Lamington Church will continue to worship at 10:15AM all year long! (In earlier years, we changed to an earlier worship hour during the summer.) After receiving many requests and suggestions to keep worship the same time all year round, the Session has decided to keep the worship hour at 10:15AM. Kids are welcome to worship with their parents, even when Church School is in summer recess--last day of Sunday Church School is June 24. Nursery care will continue to be provided for the younger set.