

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.



APRIL 7, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 2019

10:15AM

*“I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”*
-Philippians 3:8

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sixième Ordre (Sixth Suite)

François Couperin

The Tender Stillness
The Chirping

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT

Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré

V. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tolls peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
give them rest.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.

Let light eternal shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for eternity,
for you are merciful.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and let light always shine on them.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from *Philippians 3:10-14*)

Joe Scott

Leader: People of God: why have you come here today?

People: **We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.**

Leader: Have you already reached this goal?

People: **No, but we press on to make it our own,
because Christ Jesus has made us his own.**

Leader: Forget what lies behind! Strain forward to what is ahead!

People: **We press on toward the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: With joy and confidence, let us praise the God of life!

* GATHERING HYMN 515

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSiON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSiON (*unison*)

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch for the new thing you are doing,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you are working
each and every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 341*)

**O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 441*)

**Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are invited to stay in worship on Communion Sundays. Childcare is available if needed.)

ANTHEM*Requiem*, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré

VI. Libera me

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Tremens factus sum ego et timeo
dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira.

Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae,
dies illa, dies magna et amara valde.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Free me, Lord, from death eternal
on that day of dread
when the heavens will be shaken and the earth
while you come to judge the world with fire.

I am made to shake, and am afraid
awaiting the trial and the coming anger.

That day, day of anger, of calamity and misery,
that day, the day of great and exceeding bitterness.

Rest eternal give them, Lord,
and let light always shine on them.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

“Let It Go!”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

* HYMN 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

PRESENTATION**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?
Confirmands: I do.
Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?
Confirmands: Jesus Christ.
Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
Confirmands: I will, with God's help.
Leader: Will you devote yourself
to the church's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?
Confirmands: I will, with God's help.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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.

PRAYER

WELCOME

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Monodie

Jehan Alain

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**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 SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Tune #509

**We who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering,
here, in truth, is where we're fed.
Holy is the one who offers
his own self for heavenly food.
Here we taste your grace eternal,
taste and see that you are good!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(You are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please remain seated.

The communion elements will be served to you. Gluten and casein free elements are available.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We give you thanks, O God,
for here at your table you have transformed us
from individuals into the body of Christ.
Make us strong for your service
that we may be messengers
of your reconciling love for all people.**

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré

conclusion to VI. Libera me

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
Libera me, Domine.

Free me, Lord, from death eternal,
Free me, Lord.

* POSTLUDE

Sixième Ordre (Sixth Suite)

François Couperin

The Mysterious Barricades

** 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 is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Please note that the office may sometimes need to close early due to a personal reason or an emergency—it is best to call/email the office to be sure we are in: (908) 572-7013, lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Worship Notes

Today we celebrate the rite of Confirmation, as young people from our church confirm the promises made at their baptism and become adult members of the church. They make the declaration that is essential to the life of all Christ-followers: that Jesus Christ is their Lord and savior. We rejoice with them and with their families!

LITURGIST: Joe Scott

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and Joe Scott

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parents of the 2019 Confirmands

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

John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Victoria Borrelli and Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

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...

- † **Linda Smith**, who recently had surgery to repair a broken hip. Linda is the stepmother of congregation member, Dave Smith. We pray for Linda's healing, comfort and a speedy recovery.
- † **Henry Aulenbach**, a seven-year-old with a brain tumor. Henry is receiving radiation to shrink the tumor. We pray for Henry's comfort, healing and strength.
- † **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30 with heart issues. He has gone through two open heart surgeries. He recently had surgery to fix the oxygen flow to the heart. We pray for Gunnar's continued healing, strength and comfort.
- † **Peter Nicoletti**, who continues to battle cancer. We pray for strength and comfort as he undergoes treatment. Peter is the brother-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 7 5th Sunday in Lent	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 11:30AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship--Confirmation Church School Handbell Choir Practice Officer Planning Retreat at LPC
Monday, April 8	6:00PM	Session Meeting – Gladish Room
Tuesday, April 9	7:00PM	Common Threads
Wednesday, April 10	6:30PM	Lenten Soup Supper—Fairmount United Methodist Church
Saturday, April 13	11:00AM	E'Port Library Launch Party
Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship--Confirmation Church School Handbell Choir Practice



Elizabethport Community Library *Launch* Party

The E'port Community Library launch party is set for **Saturday, April 13** from 11:00AM-2:30PM. Volunteers will help with crafts and games--like making bookmarks, painting book bags and giving tours of the new library with a "scavenger hunt." Anyone wanting to volunteer let Susan Scott know--susanscott823@gmail.com *-or-* call/text (908) 442-3200.



Last
Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, April 10 will be the last of the *five Lenten events that were jointly sponsored by area churches*. All are invited to participate. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, April 10
Fairmount United Methodist Church
228 Old Turnpike Rd., Califon, NJ
Rev. Elizabeth Estes

Holy Week Services at Lamington Church

† Palm Sunday
April 14 at 10:15AM
† Maundy Thursday
April 18 at 7:00PM
† Easter Sunday
April 21 at 9:00AM & 11:00AM
(Egg Hunt in between worship services)

The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser
Jim Grubel
Greg Halsey
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley
Immanuel Thomas



Class of 2021

Hunter Lewis
Patrick Palmer
Duncan Rose
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)
David Smith
Odesa Stapleton

Deacons

Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell
Monica Immanuel
Etta Marshall
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose

Class of 2021

Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Melinda Nye
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott



Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Class of 2019

Alexander Larsen

Thomas Larsen

Connor McGeary

Ivey Mistele

Owen Mistele

Ryan Palmer

Justice Stapleton

Olivia Stapleton

Ritika Thomas