

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.

Leaving a Legacy of



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019

10:15AM

"I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

- Jeremiah 31:34

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Suite in b minor, BWV 814

Johann Sebastian Bach

Allemande

Courante

Menuet and Trio

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning before time,
before people, before the world began,

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven,

People: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment,

People: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: God was, God is, God will be.

* GATHERING HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

People: **To serve each other in love and humility.**
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Leader: Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.

People: **Turn our hearts when we act in folly.**
Restore our energy when it is gone.

Leader: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

People: **But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,**
All: *And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.*
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* KYRIE (*Hymn 578*)

O Lord, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 586*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

SECOND READING

John 1:1-5

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

SERMON

“God’s Legacy of Love”

The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 462

“I Love to Tell the Story”
(stanzas 2 and 3)

HANKEY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Suite in b minor, BWV 814

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sarabande

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 SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

* POSTLUDE

Suite in b minor, BWV 814
Anglaise

Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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.

Today's Worship Notes

The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Guest Preacher

We are pleased to welcome to the pulpit today **the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley**, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

“Building on relationships and resourcing churches to help them increase funding for their ministry are my top priorities,” says Ellie. “I want to help others realize the vast amount of resources available through the Foundation and work in collaboration with other agencies of the PC(USA).”

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. She also served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two young daughters.

The Call to Worship is from the Iona Community’s *A Wee Worship Book* (Fourth Incarnation, Morning Liturgy A, 1999). The Responsive Prayer of Confession is by Joanna Harader.

A Note from the Music Director

This Sunday is the final day of the "singing season" for our choir. It has been a great honor to once again prepare and present music for our worship services between September and May. We look forward to September 2019 when our choir will return to regular rehearsals and participation in our worship services. --Jim

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and Melinda Nye

LITURGIST: Pastor Carl

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Julie & Paul Murray

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...

- † **Laurel Rose**, who is recovering from a broken foot. We pray for healing and a quick recovery.
- † **The Family of Mary Ann Legako**, Mary Ann was the mother of congregation member Meridith Scott. We pray for comfort and strength for Mary Ann's family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Mary Ann was 93 years old.
- † **The Family of Carol Henning**, Carol was the mother of congregation member Lisa Roberts. We pray for comfort and strength for Carol's family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Carol was 80 years old.
- † **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, 2018 with heart issues and has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar will soon be one year old and is doing great! He is eating well and will soon be discharged from feeding therapy. His physical therapy is progressing too—he is getting up on all fours and beginning to rock back and forth—Gunnar is very motivated to reach his brother's toys! We continue to pray for Gunnar's ongoing healing and progress.
- † **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, May 19	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM After Worship	Adult Choir Practice Worship – Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley Church School “Composing A Legacy” luncheon & workshop with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
Tuesday, May 21	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room
Wednesday, May 22	7:00PM	Adult Bible Study - manse
Sunday, May 26	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR
James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER
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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*)

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

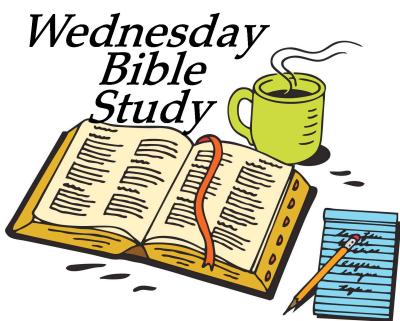
Deacons

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



Wednesday Bible Study—Next date is May 22. Come to the Manse for coffee and goodies Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM and for an adult study opportunity, based on the new book by Barry Ensign-George, "Six Themes Everyone Should Know: The Bible." Often, in studying the Bible, we zero in on a single passage. We don't look so often at the great themes that run through the entire Bible. These studies examine themes that are launched in the first 11 chapters of Genesis, then come in for a landing later, in the New Testament. The remaining themes are as follows:

5. **May 22:** Sin and Redemption: God Doesn't Go Back
(*Genesis 3:22-24 and John 20:24-29*)
6. **May 29:** Sending, Gathering, Sending Again: The Heartbeat of the Mission of God
(*John 1:1-16 and John 14:1-7, 25-31*)

TODAY After Worship...

**"Composing A Legacy"
Luncheon & Workshop**



The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley will be hosting a luncheon and workshop—"Composing a Legacy", right after coffee hour, concluding at 1:30PM.

How do we tell the story of God's grace and love: not just today, but for generations to come? Regardless of our financial means, we all possess the ability to leave a testament regarding what is truly important in our lives. From wills and bequests to trust establishment, this workshop will raise awareness of available ways to make a planned gift to support the mission and ministry of this congregation, and of other charitable causes dear to your heart.

The Presbyterian Foundation, one of the oldest charitable foundations in the country, oversees over \$1.1 billion in assets that have been entrusted to it by individual donors, congregations and other Presbyterian organizations. The Foundation exists to serve congregations like ours, offering a variety of tax-saving ways to provide permanent support to underwrite our mission and ministries.

If you love your church, if you've ever thought about making a planned gift either now or at some point in the future, or even if you're thinking about it now for the first time, this event is for you. Let's think, plan and dream together about the many ways of providing a firm foundation for Lamington Church through all the years to come!

Hope you are planning to join us!