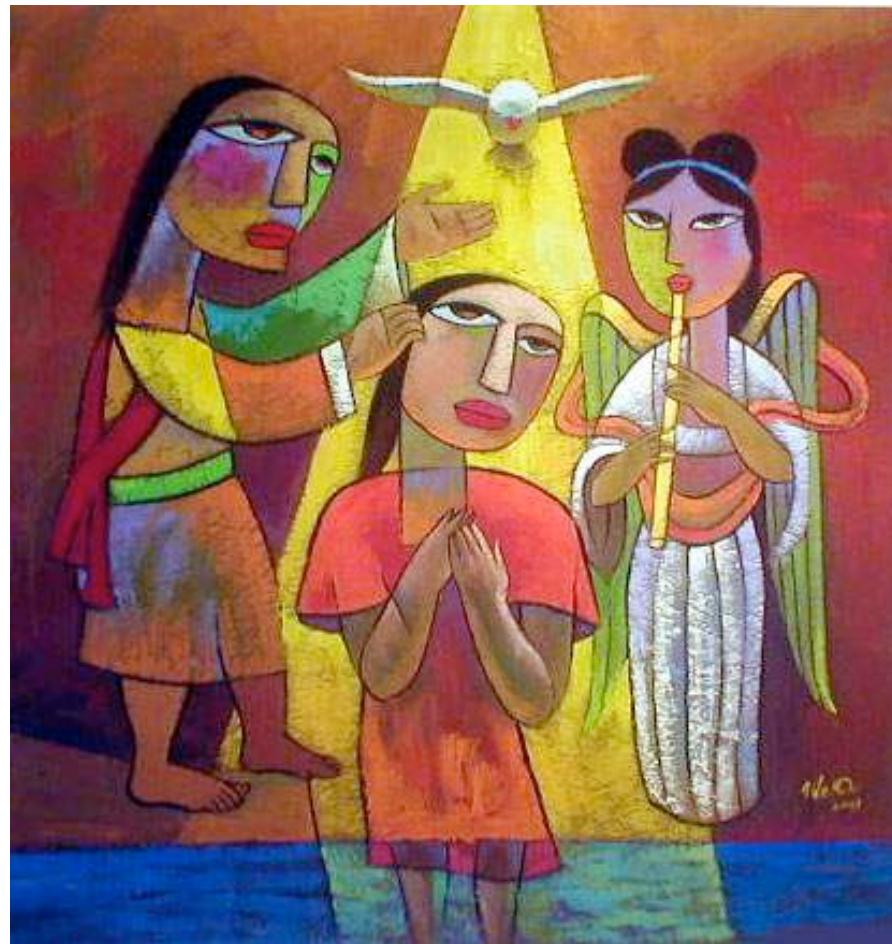


THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

10:15AM

*“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son,
the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’”*
-Luke 3:22b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

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: "When you pass through the waters," says the Lord, "I will be with you;
People: And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."

Leader: "When you walk through the fire," says the Lord, "you shall not be burned,
People: And the flame shall not consume you."

Leader: The Lord has called us by name;
People: We are people of the promise.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O God, light of the hearts that see you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
to turn from you is to fall,
to turn to you is to rise,
to abide in you is to stand fast forever.**

Although we are unworthy to approach you,
we pray for your forgiveness:
for the things we have done that have hurt others,
and for the things we have failed to do
that might have helped others.

**Cleanse us of all our sin, O God,
and grant us your grace and blessing,
for the sake of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 575*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 113, refrain*)

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 27:18-39

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.*)

VIOLIN AND PIANO SOLO

Sonata in e minor, K 304
II. Tempo di Minuetto and Trio
Morgan Kist, violin

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

SECOND READING

Luke 3:15-22

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

SERMON

“Claim Your Blessing!”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 177

“I Will Come to You”

YOU ARE MINE

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Adagio in C Major for glass harmonica, K 356

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

AR HYDY NOS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Sonata in e minor, K 304

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro

Morgan Kist, violin

** 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.

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; Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

We move from the Day of Epiphany (last Sunday, January 6) to this Sunday's observance of the Baptism of the Lord. On Epiphany we recalled the coming of the Magi to offer homage to the Christ Child. In one short week, we have skipped over the first thirty years of Jesus' life — about which we know little — to his emergence on the eve of his public ministry. Our Lord's first public act was to be baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist. The one who blesses us was first blessed by someone else, in order to show us the way.

“A blessing is not something that one person gives another. A blessing is a moment of meeting, a certain kind of relationship in which both people involved remember and acknowledge their true nature and worth, and strengthen what is whole in one another. By making a place for wholeness within our relationships, we offer others the opportunity to be whole without shame and become a place of refuge from everything in them that are not genuine. We enable people to remember who they are.” — Rachel Naomi Remen, *My Grandfather's Blessings*

WELCOME MORGAN KIST, VIOLINIST

Originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Morgan Kist studied violin with Lilo Kantorowicz Glick while attending the American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey. His current position in Product Development for the New York-based company YellowHammer has taken him to London, where he now resides. He has studied Alexander Technique in both New York and London.

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

DEACONS: Julie Murray and Sandi Ramsay

COFFEE HOUR: Patty Muchmore

The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Class of 2019

Lynn Carter
Patrick Palmer
Duncan Rose
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)
Immanuel Thomas



Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser
Jim Grubel
Greg Halsey
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley

Deacons

Class of 2019

Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Joe Scott
Hunter Lewis

Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell
Monica Immanuel
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose
Etta Marshall

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...

- † **Mary Ann Legako**, as she recovers over the next months from a broken leg. Mary Ann lives in Oklahoma and is the mother of Meridith Scott.
- † **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 Rev. Becky Pratt**, co-Pastor of the Stanton Reformed Church, seriously ill with cancer. We pray for comfort and strength as she undergoes treatment.

Weekly Adult Bible Study



Join us *on Wednesday evenings for our weekly Adult Bible Study, from 7:00-8:00PM*. These "fireside Bible studies" are led by Pastor Carl at the Manse.

The first series of studies will be on the Parables of Jesus: a different parable each week. This week's passage is *The Parable of the Sower*, Matthew 13:1-23.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 13	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School
Monday, January 14	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room
Wednesday, January 16	7:00PM	Adult Bible Study—Manse
Friday, January 18	11:00AM	SHIP's Galley—Somerville, NJ
Saturday, January 19	9:00AM	E'port Library Workday
Sunday, January 20	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School

Join Us! Elizabethport Library Workday and Launch Party!



On Saturday, January 19, from 10:00AM to approximately 4:00PM, Lamington Church volunteers are needed to work on the Elizabethport (E'port) Library at the E'port location in Elizabeth. Cars will leave from the Lamington Church parking lot, promptly at 9:00AM.

Activities will include:

- Painting one wall (potentially)
- Installing two small bookcases
- Organizing, cataloguing and scanning books

On Saturday, February 16 (time to be determined), we are planning to launch the new E'port Community Library with a party for E'port families. Please help us plan and be part of this wonderful celebration!

Please join us at E'port! Contact Susan Scott at your earliest convenience a susanscott823@gmail.com.

59th Basket Day

It's hard to believe but it's time to start planning for Basket Day 2019. This year's Basket Day is scheduled for Friday, May 10 (Preview Night) and Saturday, May 11 (Basket Day). Basket Day is our church's annual fundraising event. Designed to bring together LPC members in a fun work-effort, Basket Day also allows us to introduce our church and its missions to others in our surrounding communities.

- **Basket Day Co-Chairs are needed.** Meridith Scott, chairman for the past 3 years, will provide all types of help and support for the new leaders. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Meridith at meridith1027@gmail.com or call/text (908) 797-6805 by *Friday, February 1*.
- **Basket Day Workshop on Saturday, February 2.** This year, past committee chairs are participating in a Basket Day Workshop. The aim of the workshop is to explore and decide:
 - What's working with Basket Day
 - What needs to be re-evaluated
 - How might/will we change Basket Day to make it as successful as possible



If you would like be part of the workshop and/or provide input, please don't hesitate to contact Meridith at meridith1027@gmail.com or call/text (908) 797-6805.