

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.*

*“Suddenly there was
an earthquake...*



*...and immediately all the
doors were opened”
Acts 16:26*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 2, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 2, 2019

10:15AM

“Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.”

-Acts 16:26

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in C Major (Pastorale), K 513

Domenico Scarlatti

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 (*from Psalm 146:5-8*)

Ritika Thomas

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob
People: whose hope is in the Lord their God,
Leader: who made heaven and earth,
People: the sea, and all that is in them.
Leader: The Lord sets the prisoner free;
People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
People: The Lord loves the righteous.
Leader: Let us praise the Lord whose mercy sets us free!

* GATHERING HYMN 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves,
and turned from our neighbors.

We have refused to bear the trouble of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin,
and free us from selfishness,
that we may freely choose your will
and joyfully obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our savior.

* 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

Psalm 105:23-45

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.)

SOLO

Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes

Gilbert Martin

1. Amazing Grace

SECOND READING

Acts 16:16-34

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“No Prison Strong Enough”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 52

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

GO DOWN MOSES

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

Cathy Ayres

Bisham Singh

Jennifer Winters

PROFESSION 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself
to the church's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYER

WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes
 2. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

Gilbert Martin

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

#595

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you:

you are holy, Lord!

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, partaking of the bread individually, but holding the cup so we may partake together. Gluten and casein free elements are available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Generous God, we give you thanks
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Sonata in C Major, K 309

Domenico Scarlatti

** 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

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,” says Acts 16:25. That may not seem like an unusual thing for people of faith to do, until you consider the setting. Paul and Silas were in a prison cell, their feet locked in the stocks. They were singing, “and the prisoners were listening to them.” Their feet may have been shackled, but their spirits were free. Moments later, God engineered a jailbreak, by means of an earthquake. The prisoners were then free, but the jailer was captive to fear. Witnessing to him of Christ, Paul and Silas freed him, too. Today in worship, we celebrate the spiritual freedom that comes of knowing Christ!

DEACONS ON DUTY: Eleanor Halsey and Sandi Ramsay

LITURGIST: Ritika Thomas

LEMONADE HOSTS: Lesley & Adam Fischer

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...

- † **Rebecca Terry**, who is recovering from surgery. We pray for healing and a quick recovery.
- † **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, June 2	9:30AM 10:15AM 10:30AM	Special Session Meeting—meet New Members Worship – Communion & New Members Joining Church School
Sunday, June 9	10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 11:30AM	Worship - Communion Church School Deacon Meeting Basket Day Meeting

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*)

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

Samaritan Homeless Interim Program--SHIP's Galley



During the summer months, on the third Fridays of **June, July, August and September**, members and friends of Lamington Church will *meet at 10:00AM in the Lamington Church kitchen* to prepare bag lunches for SHIP's Galley. The bagged lunches will be taken to St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville and distributed to the homeless, unemployed, hungry and poor. **Lamington Church will serve bag lunches at St. John's on: June 21, July 19, August 16 and September 20.**

Six volunteers are needed to help each month. Please call Mary Jenkins at (908) 704-9197 if you can assist with this mission project.

Common Threads Ministry We're Taking A Summer Break

The Common Threads fellowship and ministry group is taking a break from gathering during the summer months. **We will resume meeting after Kick-Off Sunday, September 8.** If you need more information or have questions, please contact Dyanne Diaz-Piedra at (908) 442-3544. Wishing all our happy knitters a safe and relaxing summer! See you in the fall!



Sunday School Reminders

Today is Communion Sunday. Just a reminder, we **do not** have *Sunday School on Communion Sundays*. However, childcare is available if needed.

Also, during the summer months of July and August we do not have Sunday School. However, childcare is available if needed.



**Sunday, September 8 - Kick Off Sunday
Saturday, September 28 - Big Band Jazz Night**

Watch for more details to come!