

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.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 30, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2019

10:15AM

*“Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand
to the plow and looks back
is fit for the kingdom of God.’” -Luke 9:62*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Suite in F Major, BWV 809
Sarabande
Menuet I and Menuet II

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Rich Ramsay

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:
People: God's love endures forever!
Leader: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows,
People: Christ's light shines in us!
Leader: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls,
People: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!
Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 682 “It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

ELLESDIE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Most holy God,
your majesty is exceeded only by your love.
Grant us, in this time of worship,
penitence in the presence of your holiness,
reverence at the thought of your majesty
and confidence in the knowledge of your love.
We readily confess that, left to our own devices,
we would seek none of these virtues.
How easily we allow selfish desires to rule our hearts!
Forgive us, O Lord.

**Cleanse us and renew us,
call us and claim us:
so the promise of your good creation
may be realized in us
and our lives may proclaim your praise.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 437*)

**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 581*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 16

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.)

SOLO

Allemande in E-flat Major, BWV 815

Johann Sebastian Bach

SECOND READING

Luke 9:51-62

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

SERMON

“Don’t Look Back”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

* 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Cantabile in G Major

Samuel Wesley

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 269**

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in G Major

Samuel Wesley

** 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

“Nostalgia,” quipped cartoonist Doug Larson, “is a file that removes the rough edges from the good old days.” Often, the view backward is a good deal more appealing than the view ahead. Behind us dwells certainty. Before us dwells mystery. In Luke 9:62, Jesus teaches his disciples to plunge headlong into the great mystery of life that is the future. Keep your hand on the plow, he tells them: don’t look back.

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

DEACONS ON DUTY: Cindy Campbell and Barbara Pereyra

LEMONADE 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 / (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.
- † **Henry Aulenbuch**, seven and half years old, Henry has finished treatment for a brain tumor. He is resting at home. His legs don't work and he is confined to a wheelchair. We pray for Henry's continued 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 30	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School (last day before summer break)
Thursday, July 4	<i>office closed</i>	<i>Independence Day holiday observed</i>
Friday, July 5	<i>office closed</i>	<i>Independence Day holiday observed</i>
Sunday, July 7	10:15AM <i>after Worship</i>	Worship-Communion Sunday Fellowship Hour

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

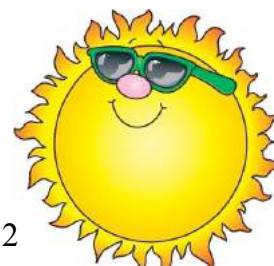
Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Melinda Nye
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott

Summer Church Office Hours

call ahead to be sure we're in

Regina will be on vacation from June 28 – July 15

Pastor Carl will be on vacation from July 15 - August 12



During the summer months--please call the church office before coming in--to be sure the office and doors are open. Occasionally, the office may need to close early.



LPC Giving Garden *Seeking Garden Helpers*

Do You Like To Garden? The LPC Giving Garden is looking for extra hands to help plant, water and harvest our produce. The produce benefits the Somerset Food Bank. All help is welcome. No experience is needed! **We are asking volunteers to sign up for one-week time slots.** Dave or Pam Smith can provide you with a quick introduction to the garden and what to do during the week.

You may sign up for as many weeks as you like! To review the available time slots and to sign up, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/GivingGardenHelper>

Questions? Please contact Pam Smith at pklipsmith@gmail.com/(908) 581-6638 -or- the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com/(908) 572-7013.

Thank you for tending to the LPC Giving Garden--your time and devotion is truly appreciated!!

Save the Date!

Summer Fun with our Friends from E'port
Saturday, July 27
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Save the date for a fun filled day of gardening, crafts, swimming and a picnic lunch. We look forward to hosting our friends from E'port on Saturday, July 27! Everyone is welcome—this event is for all ages! Please contact Chris Smith with questions, to RSVP, and to see how you can help: smitpvl@comcast.net / (908) 208-0233. Hope you will plan to join us! Watch for more details as the date gets nearer.



**Last Day of Sunday School
TODAY--Sunday, June 30**

*During the summer months of July and August—we **do not** have Sunday School.* Children are encouraged to worship with their parents, with childcare available for the younger children.



Save the Dates!!

**Sunday, September 8
Kick Off Sunday**

**Saturday, September 28
Big Band Jazz Night**

Watch for more details to come!