

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.



2nd
Sunday
in Lent

MARCH 17, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2019

10:15AM

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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.**

INTROIT Partita in a minor for flute, BWV 1013 Ivey Mistele, soloist

Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 149*)

Valerie Fraser

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: Sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Leader: Let Israel be glad in its Maker,
People: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people,
People: and adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 14 “From the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all mercy, we admit that we are
quick to talk, but slow to listen;
pleased to receive, but cautious to give;
enamored of fame, but umimpressed by humble service;
eager to anger, but reluctant to forgive.**

**You have called us to bear witness to faith's transforming power,
but too often our lives, like tarnished mirrors,
have reflected only the dullness of this fallen world.
Forgive us and remake us, great Creator.
Let your grace refresh us like a summer rain-shower,
your love fill our hearts to overflowing.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, 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

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 Elijah, Op. 70
 No. 31 Aria: O Rest in the Lord [Psalm XXXVII]

Felix Mendelssohn

SECOND READING Romans 15:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Gift of Harmony”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

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

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 The love of God,
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Suite in d minor, BWV 812
 Menuet II

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

* POSTLUDE

Suite in d minor, BWV 812
Gigue

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 search for meaning is really the search for the lost chord. When the lost chord is discovered by humankind, the discord in the world will be healed and the symphony of the universe will come into complete harmony with itself.” -John O’Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins and Laurel Rose

COFFEE HOUR: Megan & Luke LaMarca

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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Victoria Borrelli; 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...

- † **Austin Antunes**, the 22-month-old son of congregation members Jodi and Alex Antunes will be having surgery on March 25, to insert tubes in his ears. We pray for Alex to have a successful surgery. We pray for strength, comfort and a speedy recovery.
- † **The Family of Nancy Sharp**, sister-in-law of congregation members Bonnie and Bob Hanna, who recently died. We pray for comfort and strength for Nancy's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life.
- † **The Family of Barbara Brick Cammarano**, mother of congregation member Etta Marshall, who died on February 23. We pray for comfort and strength for Etta and her family and friends as they mourn her mother's death and celebrate her life.
- † **The Family of Dean Chapman Durling**, grandson of congregation member Betty Durling and the late Carlton Durling, who died on February 22. We pray for comfort and strength for the Durling family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.
- † **Henry Aulenbach**, a seven-year-old with a brain tumor. Henry has already had a few surgeries to relieve pain and is getting ready to receive radiation to help 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, March 17 2nd Sunday in Lent	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 6:00PM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice Confirmation Class
Wednesday, March 20	6:30PM	Lenten Soup Supper—Lamington Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 24 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 6:00PM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice Confirmation Class

Elizabethport Community Library

Next Work Day & Launch Party Date



Another **Elizabethport (E'port) Community Library** work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, from 10:30AM to 3:30PM at the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center. *Volunteers should meet at LPC at 9:30AM for a ride.* Please let Susan Scott know if you are planning to volunteer--susanscott823@gmail.com or call/text (908) 442-3200.

The E'port Community Library launch party is set for Saturday, April 13 from 11:00AM-2:00PM. 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 should meet at the church no later than 8:30AM and, please let Susan know no later than *March 30* if you are planning to help out.

We hope you will join us for these special LPC mission events.



**Wednesday Evenings
6:30-8:00PM**

All are invited to participate in the **Wednesday evening ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers**. There will be *five of these Lenten events jointly sponsored by area churches*. The overall theme is, "What gets in the way of following Jesus more closely?" Each week will be at a different church and a different pastor will lead the study portion of the evening. **Lamington Church will be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper this upcoming Wednesday—March 20.**

Wed., March 20

Lamington Presbyterian Church
355 Lamington Rd., Bedminster, NJ
Rev. Lynn Mears

Wed. March 27

Stanton Reformed Church
1 Stanton Mountain Rd., Stanton, NJ
Rev. Thomas Jones

Wed. April 3

Readington Reformed Church
124 Readington Rd., Readington, NJ
Rev. Dianna Stone

Wed. 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)