

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.

“Nothing gold can stay”
by Robert Frost

**Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.**



**Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2019

10:15AM

*“When you are invited by someone to a wedding
banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor....
But when you are invited,
go and sit down at the lowest place...”*
-Luke 14:8a, 10a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE	Präludium in C Major, BWV 939 Präludium in d minor, BWV 940 Präludium in e minor, BWV 941 Präludium und Fughetta in G Major, BWV 902	Johann Sebastian Bach
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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

Leader: As a refugee heading with hope to a new country,
People: **As a runner leaning toward the finish line,**
Leader: As a child climbing into a parent's lap,
People: **As a painter savoring the Creator's sunset brush-strokes,**
Leader: As a gardener attending to new growth,
People: **So we gather for worship:**
Leader: Yearning to touch holiness,
People: **Hoping to feel God's embrace.**

* GATHERING HYMN 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSON (*unison*)

**God of mercy and grace,
we confess that we have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.**
**We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**
**We have ignored the pain of the world,
and have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.**
(silence for personal confesson)

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness:
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* 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 112

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*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.*

SOLO

Moment musical No. 6 in A-flat Major, D 780

Franz Schubert

SECOND READING

Luke 14:1-14

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

SERMON

“Nothing Gold Can Stay”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 498

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

BEACH SPRING

* 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

Bach

Fughetta in c minor, BWV 961

Johann Sebastian

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 come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction—dipping a piece of bread in the cup. Gluten and casein free elements are available. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**God of wonders, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.**

**Send us out
with a love that is both tender and tough,
to touch an ordinary world
with the promise of your holiness.**

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Fugue in C major, BWV 952

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.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

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Victoria Borrelli and Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Gade Smith and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

The author of the verses on our bulletin cover, Robert Frost, is one of the most celebrated poets in American history. The recipient of four Pulitzer Prizes and a Congressional Gold Medal, he taught English at Amherst, Middlebury and Michigan, even though he never graduated from college himself. America's colleges and universities sought to make up for that deficiency, awarding him over 40 honorary degrees. Frost's years as a New England farmer forever influenced his poetry: he is well-remembered for his deep appreciation of the land and how it influences those who live close to it. "Nothing Gold Can Stay" — one of his shortest and simplest poems — bears a profound message about the impermanence of life and leads us to direct our minds to the things that, by the grace of God, do live forever.

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

DEACONS ON DUTY: Mary Jenkins and Monica Immanuel

LEMONADE HOSTS: Mary Jenkins

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...

- † **The Family of Phyllis Burton**—Phyllis, mother of past member Linda Ricks, died on August 14. Phyllis and her husband, Arthur (died 2016), were very active members of the Lamington Church community before they retired to Maryland. A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Saturday, October 12 at 1:00PM. We pray for comfort and strength for Phyllis' family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Phyllis was 94 years old.
- † **The Family of Kenneth Fox**—Kenneth, brother of congregation member Barbara Pereyra, died on August 10. We pray for comfort and strength for his family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.
- † **The Family of Julius Joseph Legako**—Joe was the father of congregation member Meridith Scott. We pray for comfort and strength for his family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life. Joe was 97 years old.
- † **Rebecca Terry**—who is recovering from surgery and receiving care at home. We pray for God's comfort and help.
- † **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 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

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 1	10:15AM <i>after Worship</i>	Worship Fellowship Hour
Sunday, September 8 * Kick Off Sunday *	10:15AM <i>after Worship</i>	Worship Welcome Back BBQ
Tuesday, September 10	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room

Back to School--Emergency Clothing Need



School days are here again and most students will be starting next week.

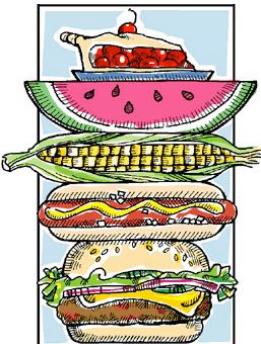
IHN has alerted us of an emergency clothing need by one of its phase 2 families with four boys. If you would like to make a donation of clothes or money to help out, please inform Meridith Scott at meridith1027@gmail.com.

Both can be dropped off at the LPC office with Regina by next Thursday, September 5.

Please make donation checks out to IHN. Karen Donahue will take the mother and boys shopping with the money donations.

If you would like to buy or donate gently used clothes, here are the ages, sizes and needs. Again, all are boys:

- Age 10: pants (14/16 boys), shirts (Large), boxer/briefs underwear (Large), shoes (size 7 boys), socks
- Age 6: pants (5T), shirts (4T), underwear (XS), shoes (size 12 kids), socks
- Age 5: pants & shirts (size 4T), underwear (Small), shoes (size 12 kids), socks
- Age 2: pants, shirts, underwear (all size 2T), socks



Kick Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ September 8 after Worship

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual Welcome Back BBQ immediately following our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 8. Please join us and invite a friend or two and introduce them to Lamington Church.

Hope to see you there!



IHN at Lamington Church—Volunteers Needed

LPC is scheduled to host families from IHN the week of September 15–22. Please consider supporting this important mission by cooking meals (5:00PM–7:00PM), helping out in the evenings (7:00PM–9:00PM), or staying overnight (9:00PM–6:00AM). We also need help with set-up on Sunday morning, September 15 (around 8:30AM) and pack-up on Sunday morning, September 22 (around 8:30AM). We especially always need help with the overnights.

Sign up sheets can be found in the Gladish Room –or- you can sign up online (check the latest newsletter).