

# 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2019

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019

10:15AM

*“There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love casts out fear...”*  
-1 John 4:18a

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

## RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE	Suite in G Major, BWV 816
	Allemande
	Corrente
	Sarabande
	Gavotte

## 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.

## INTROIT *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

## TRENTHAM

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 139:1-2,13-14*)

Georgie Schley

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* GATHERING HYMN 366     “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

## \* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all love,  
you made the hearts of the disciples glad  
with the knowledge of Jesus' resurrection.  
Forgive us that we are so easily downcast  
and given to despair.**

Forgive us for being timid in loving others  
and for not reflecting with sufficient gratitude  
on the wondrous loves you give us in this life.  
Forgive us that, although we claim to live  
by the resurrection faith,  
so often we appear to believe  
that suffering is simply a tragedy  
and death is the end.  
Save us, O God,  
from soul-troubling fears  
that foil our desire to serve others  
and to lead a richer life in your presence.  
In the saving name of Jesus we ask it.

\* 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 27:1-6

**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

## All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

## SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

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

## SERMON

## “The School of Courage”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 488

## “I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry”

WATERLIFE

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

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments.**

**We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Suite in G Major, BWV 816

Johann Sebastian Bach

Loure

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 661

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

SPARROW

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*A Clare Benediction*

John Rutter

\* POSTLUDE

Suite in G Major, BWV 816  
Bourrée

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

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*)

### **Today's Worship Notes**

*The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Bob Tucker by Lauren and the Tucker Family.*

Stories of courage inspire us. Whether it is the tale of a courageous college student who subdues a school shooter at the cost of his own life, or a soldier who stands steadfast in battle, we marvel at such courage and wish we had more of it ourselves. Who teaches us courage? The answer, for a great many of us, is “our mothers.” The ones who care for us when we are young and fearful are very often the ones who slowly and persistently lead us in the direction of self-confidence. Today, let us celebrate the mothers who do this task well, and by so doing strengthen not only our families, but also our society!

DEACONS: Etta Marshall & Jodi Antunes

LITURGIST: Georgie Schley

## 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](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com) / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

### We Pray For...

- † **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. A Memorial Service is planned for 11:00AM at Lamington Church on Monday, May 13.
- † **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. He has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar is showing signs of healing. He is beginning to take most of his feeds orally—no more feeding tube, push-up with his arms, sit up with minimal support, and sleep on his belly. 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.

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## The Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School
Monday, May 13	11:00AM	Funeral Service for Carol Henning at LPC
Wednesday, May 15	7:00PM	Adult Bible Study - manse
Friday, May 17	11:00AM	SHIP's Galley - Somerville
Sunday, May 19	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM After Worship	Adult Choir Practice Worship – Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly Church School “Composing A Legacy” luncheon & workshop with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly

## 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

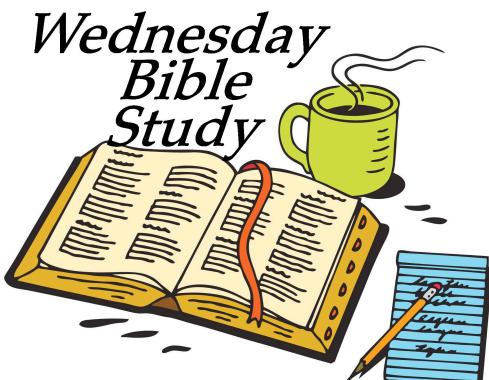
### Deacons

#### 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



**Wednesday Bible Study—Next meeting date is May 15.** Come to the Manse for coffee and goodies Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM and for an adult study opportunity, based on the new book by Barry Ensign-George, "Six Themes Everyone Should Know: The Bible." Often, in studying the Bible, we zero in on a single passage. We don't look so often at the great themes that run through the entire Bible. These studies examine themes that are launched in the first 11 chapters of Genesis, then come in for a landing later, in the New Testament. The remaining themes are as follows:

4. **May 15:** Creatures of God: God Does Not Clone  
(*Genesis 1:22,28; 9:7 and Revelation 21:24-26*)
5. **May 22:** Sin and Redemption: God Doesn't Go Back  
(*Genesis 3:22-24 and John 20:24-29*)
6. **May 29:** Sending, Gathering, Sending Again: The Heartbeat of the Mission of God  
(*John 1:1-16 and John 14:1-7, 25-31*)

Participants will be asked to make a donation of \$10 for the cost of their book. Hope you will plan to join us!

**COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19...**

**"COMPOSING A LEGACY"**  
**Luncheon & Workshop**  
with the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly  
of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation



How do we tell the story of God's grace and love: not just today, but for generations to come? Regardless of our financial means, we all possess the ability to leave a testament regarding what is truly important in our lives. From wills and bequests to trust establishment, this workshop will raise awareness of available ways to make a planned gift to support the mission and ministry of this congregation, and of other charitable causes dear to your heart.

The Reverend Ellie Johns-Kelly serves as the Presbyterian Foundation's Ministry Relations Officer for the Northeast Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees. Ellie will be preaching the sermon on May 19th, with the luncheon and workshop to follow right after coffee hour, concluding at 1:30PM.

The Presbyterian Foundation, one of the oldest charitable foundations in the country, oversees over \$1.1 billion in assets that have been entrusted to it by individual donors, congregations and other Presbyterian organizations. The Foundation exists to serve congregations like ours, offering a variety of tax-saving ways to provide permanent support to underwrite our mission and ministries.

If you love your church, if you've ever thought about making a planned gift either now or at some point in the future, or even if you're thinking about it now for the first time, this event is for you. Let's think, plan and dream together about the many ways of providing a firm foundation for Lamington Church through all the years to come!

Please [email the church office](#), or call (908-572-7013), to reserve your place at the luncheon.