

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.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:15AM

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone...’”

– Genesis 2:18a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Allemande and Courante in a minor

Jean-Philippe Rameau

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT

“O for a World”

AZMON

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather within the covenant of love
which binds us to God and to one another.

People: **Let us gather at the table of the Lord
to celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

Leader: Let us gather to remember our baptism into Christ
by which we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

People: **Let us gather to worship the maker of heaven and earth
to whom be blessing and honor and glory forever!**

* GATHERING HYMN 465 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

TOKYO

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Faithful God,
your Spirit empowered the first disciples
to bear witness to your truth;
yet we confess that we have resisted
the moving of your Spirit in our midst.**

**We avoid your invitation to community,
and hide from your call to serve.**

**Quick to distrust what we do not understand,
we have been slow to let down the barriers
of race and class and competition.**

**Forgive us, O God,
and help us to be whole:
one body, the body of Christ for all the world.**

* KYRIE

**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 576)

Jacques Berthier

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

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

Ave verum corpus, Op. 2, No. 1

Edward Elgar

SECOND READING

Corinthians 11:17-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Sacrament of Community"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism)

Q. 75

Leader: How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in
Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

People: In this way:

**Christ has commanded me and all believers
to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup
in remembrance of him.**

With this command come these promises:

**First, as surely as I see with my eyes
the bread of the Lord broken for me
and the cup shared with me,**

so surely his body was offered and broken for me
and his blood poured out for me on the cross.
Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves,
and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord,
given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood,
so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life
with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

Q. 76

Leader: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ
and to drink his poured-out blood?

People: It means to accept with a believing heart
the entire suffering and death of Christ
and thereby to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.
But it means more.
Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us,
we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body.
And so, although he is in heaven
and we are on earth,
we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.
And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit,
as the members of our body are by one soul.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY La Pastourelle

François Couperin

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

**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

(#138)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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. The communion elements will be served to you. Gluten and casein free elements are available.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Lord God,

we have received your word and tasted your truth:

Jesus Christ, the son of your love.

We pray that, in the days to come,

he may guide us:

that we may live with each other in his wisdom and love

and so grow in certainty that the future is his:

today, every day, forever.

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 412	“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”	FOREST GREEN
* BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE	“A Gaelic Blessing”	John Rutter
* POSTLUDE	La Flore	François Couperin

** 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 hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, phone: (908) 572-7013, email: 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

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Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER *(volunteer)*

Today's Worship Notes

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. He had conceived the idea three years earlier, when he was serving as Moderator of the General Assembly. Kerr's son Donald later recalled: "The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Presbyterians invited other denominations to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (that later became the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins & Monica Thomas

COFFEE HOUR: Patty Muchmore

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 Harry G. Carpenter.** A Service of Witness to the Resurrection giving thanks to God for the life of Harry G. Carpenter, who departed this earth on August 5, 2018, will take place at The Lamington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 11:00AM.
- ✚ **The Family of Neale Jenkins.** Neale, a beloved member of Lamington Church died on Wednesday, September 19. A Memorial Service was held at LPC on Saturday, September 22. We pray for his wife Mary, their children, and their friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- ✚ **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on June 30 with heart issues. He has gone through two open heart surgeries and will have another in November. After a month in NYC Presbyterian Hospital, Gunnar is home. He has a feeding tube and continues to grow and get stronger. We pray for his continued healing, strength and comfort as he awaits his next surgery.
- ✚ **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, October 7	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM after worship	Choir Practice Worship-Communion Church School Handbell Choir Practice Confirmation Meeting
Monday, October 8	6:00PM	Session Meeting
Saturday, October 13	11:00AM	Memorial Service for Harry carpenter
Sunday, October 14	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM after worship	Choir Practice Worship-E'port visiting Church School Handbell Choir Practice Apple Picking with E'port friends

Common Threads Ministry: We need people to make prayer shawls. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, we would enjoy your fellowship and could use your help. Common Threads Ministry gathers twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Gladish Room. Are you interested or have questions? Please contact Dyanne Diaz-Piedra at (908) 439-2689 or Debby Johnson at (908) 832-7230. **Upcoming meeting dates: October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 4 & 18.** *Come create with us!*



Mark Your Calendar—Sunday, October 14—E'port at LPC and Apple Picking: Our friends from Elizabethport will be joining us for worship on Sunday, October 14. Nancy Manigo from Elizabethport will again sing a solo during the service. Come, introduce yourself, make our guests feel welcome, and meet some new friends. We will enjoy a special coffee hour together before going apple picking. All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon at Mellick's Town Farm. Need more information? Please contact Chris Smith at smitpvil@comcast.net or (908) 208-0233.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Sunday, October 21 at 4:00PM and bring the furry-haired, the shiny-scaled, the slippery and slimy, the bug-eyed crawlers, and the fluffy-feathered members of your family for a blessing. All creatures great and small are welcomed. We will gather at the back of the church in the parking lot. Hope you can join us and bring a friend!



Happening Today! **Brief Meeting—after Worship**

Is there a young person in your family, grade 7 or above, who's ready for Confirmation? Pastor Carl be offering a series of Confirmation classes beginning in early 2019, but we'd like to hear from parents and youth now about what meeting day time will work out best (we're thinking Sunday evenings, but are open to other suggestions).

As a way of getting a head start on the Confirmation process, we're offering an opportunity to attend the Confirmation Day Event at Camp Johnsonburg on Saturday, October 27 (cost: \$20, which includes lunch). That will be a fun day of games, group-building, discussions and even some time for boating and the zip line!

If you'd like to find out more about Confirmation, parents and youth are invited to attend a brief meeting at 11:30AM today--Sunday, October 7—you can bring your coffee and a snack to the upstairs classroom.



Meet Our New Section Leaders Today—Join Us for Coffee Hour



Yiran Zhao, our new soprano section leader in the choir, hails from the Chaoyang District of Beijing. She is pursuing two degrees at Westminster Choir College: in sacred music and in music theory and composition. In the Spring 2018 semester, as a freshman, she received first place competition awards in both piano and composition. She currently sings in Schola Cantorum, and Westminster Choir, which will perform in China in mid-October. Yiran began playing piano at age four, and was a performer in the Olympic Anthem at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games opening ceremony. She began composing when she was

fourteen, and has written choral works that have been sung by the Beijing Kuanjie Church Sunday School, Beijing Philharmonic Choir, and groups at Westminster.

Our new tenor section leader, John Burke, is a recent graduate of Westminster Choir College. While at Westminster, he studied with Ms. Nova Thomas and completed the Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance degree. John is a native of Ringwood, New Jersey. This past February, he performed with the Westminster Community Orchestra at Richardson Auditorium of Princeton University in a concert that included soloists from the opera workshop program of Westminster Choir College. In March, he sang as soloist with the Unity Choir in a performance of *Requiem*, Op. 54 by Camille Saint-Saëns. He has sung roles in various operas, including Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges*, *Die Fledermaus* of Johann Strauss II, and in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*.



Bennett Spotts, our new bass section leader, is from the Cecil County town of North East, Maryland. He is currently a sophomore at Westminster Choir College, pursuing the Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance degree. Bennett studies voice with Professor Elem Eley, and piano with Jim Goldsworthy. In 2016, he sang in the National Association for Music Education All-National Chorus in Grapevine, Texas, having been chosen for the Maryland All-State Chorus in each year of high school. An accomplished saxophone player as well, he was selected to participate in the Maryland All-State Band. Bennett has sung in church choirs since he was a child, and “is thrilled to have the opportunity to sing at Lamington”.

Please welcome and greet our three new section leaders along with Bess Ploener, our alto section leader, this Sunday at the coffee hour after worship. It is an honor and pleasure to have these four wonderful musicians sing with us each Sunday.

Katie and John Cloys will visit and join us in singing on Sunday, 21 October, when we look forward to expressing our gratitude to them for their many years of contributions to the musical life of Lamington Presbyterian Church.