

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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September 15, 2019

10:15AM

*“When she has found it, she calls together her friends
and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me,
for I have found the coin that I had lost.’”
-Luke 15:9*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in A Major, K. 209
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Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jodi Antunes

Leader: The church is the place
where the broken gather:

**People: let us worship God who reconciles us
to one another and to God.**

Leader: The church is the place
where sinners are welcome:

**People: let us worship God who,
with forgiving hands,
shapes us into new people.**

Leader: The church is the place where the lost,
the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:

**People: let us worship God
who looks at us with the eyes of love.**

* GATHERING HYMN 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Great God, we confess that we forget who we are
and to whom we belong.**

**We have been lost in the desert of our willfulness
and have not taken the time to listen
to your still small voice.**

**We have walked with our heads down,
and so have missed the vision of the stars.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Continue to call us by name,
so we may be properly thankful,
and may proclaim in word and deed
your glorious hope.**

In Jesus' name 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 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 119:1-3, 165-176

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

Song of Devotion

John Ness Beck

SECOND READING

Luke 15:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Everything Lost Is Found Again"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 173

“A Woman and a Coin”

LIFE RESTORED

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together
for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Duncan Rose

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Sonata in F Major, K. 78
Minuet

Domenico Scarlatti

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 801

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

CRIMOND

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *May God Support You All Your Days* (Psalm 20)

DICKINSON COLLEGE

* POSTLUDE

Sonata in G Major, K. 63

Domenico Scarlatti

* *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

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Today’s Worship Notes

The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe and Mary Ann Legako, parents of Meridith Scott, who together passed from this life into the loving arms of Jesus Christ.

We all know a parable is a simple story Jesus tells. He tells a lot of them, in the pages of the New Testament: well over 40. Although there’s a long tradition in the church of interpreting Jesus’ parables “allegorically” — declaring, for example, that one character in the story has to symbolize God, and another sinners who have gone astray — that doesn’t always appear to be Jesus’ original intent. Sometimes his stories are not theological treatises but just stories: meant to capture our imagination, and often to knock us a little off-balance, so we see ourselves and God’s love in new and unexpected ways. Is this what Jesus meant to do with the Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin? Let’s enter into these stories and find out!

LITURGIST: Jodi Antunes DEACON ON DUTY: Monica Immanual and Sandi Ramsay
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Monica & Immanual Thomas

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 15	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	After Worship	Brief Handbell Choir Meeting
	11:30AM	IHN Set Up Crew
Thursday, September 19	11:00AM	Memorial Service for Dr. David Klipstein
Friday, September 20	10:00AM	SHIP’s—sandwich making at LPC
Sunday, September 22	8:30AM	IHN Clean Up Crew
	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School

Note: IHN at LPC – Sunday, September 15 – Sunday, September 22

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 Melinda Nye**—Congregation member and Deacon Melinda Nye has recently died. The family is making plans for a service in her memory, details to be announced. We pray for comfort and strength for Melinda's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life.
- ✝ **The Family of Rebecca Terry**—Congregation member Becky Terry died on Thursday, September 5. The family is making plans for a service in her memory, details to be announced. We pray for comfort and strength for Becky's children, family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Her husband, John, predeceased her on January 4, 2017.
- ✝ **The Family of Dr. David H. Klipstein**—David, father of congregation members Pam Smith and Kenneth Klipstein, died on July 1 in San Diego, California. A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Thursday, September 19 at 11:00AM. We pray for David's family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life. Dr. Klipstein was 88 years old.
- ✝ **The Family of Phyllis Burton**—Phyllis, mother of congregation 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.
- ✝ **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

Class of 2020

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Session



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Etta Marshall
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose

Class of 2021

Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott



LPC Children's Choir: Warm up those voices! We will be singing together soon! If you have any questions, please email Bess Ploener at ploenerb@gmail.com.

LPC Bell Choir: Bell Choir is starting up again soon! Bell choir is open to all ages and abilities--come try it out! **We will be having a short interest meeting TODAY—Sunday,**

September 15 after worship for anyone interested in ringing with us this year! Questions? Please email Bess Ploener at ploenerb@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed: The Big Band Jazz Event is on Saturday, September 28 from 6:00-9:00PM. The event will be catered and hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. We need at least one to two volunteers to help with the set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help, please contact Susan Wittpenn at wittpenns@comcast.net, or (908) 832-0978.



Help Us Spread the Word: Please use your social media accounts to tell your friends about the Big Band event on September 28 at LPC. This will help Lamington Church expand its reach. You can direct them to our website (www.lamingtonpcusa.com) or pass along the latest copy of LPC's weekly e- newsletter. Post it to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, ...

*** Buy Your Tickets TODAY ***

The Third Annual Big Band Jazz Event at LPC
Saturday, September 28
6:00-9:00PM

See Alison Paine at coffee hour today after worship
(payment option: check or cash)

-or-

Register online on our website: www.lamingtonpcusa.com
(payment option: credit card or check)