

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.



APRIL 14, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

10:15AM

*“As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice
for all the deeds of power that they had seen...” -Luke 19:37*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Septième Ordre (Seventh Suite)
The Basque
Huitième Ordre (Eighth Suite)
Allemande in b minor

François Couperin

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

Requiem, Op. 48
III. Sanctus

Gabriel Fauré

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts
full are the heavens and earth with the glory of you.
Hosanna in the highest.

* CALL TO WORSHIP based on Zechariah 9:9-10, from *The Message*)

Leader: Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion!

People: Raise the roof, Daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: Your king is coming!

**People: a good king who makes all things right,
a humble king riding on a donkey,
a mere colt of a donkey.**

Leader: He will offer peace to the nations,

**People: a peaceful rule worldwide,
from the four winds to the seven seas.**

Leader: Let us sing Hosanna to the Savior!

* GATHERING HYMN 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you called your disciples to go forward with you
on the way to the cross.
At first they followed with glad hosannas:
jubilant, confident, fearless.
Then, one by one, they fell away.
In the end, you carried the cross alone.
When we are honest with ourselves, truly honest,
we can only admit we are no different than they.
Given the opportunity to claim you as Lord,
we look away.
Presented with opportunities to serve,
we suddenly discover we are too busy.
Forgive us, Lord, for opening up such a chasm
between our words and our deeds.
This time, give us the courage
to cease being spectators
and start being disciples.**

*** 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

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

Requiem, Op. 48
III. Sanctus

Gabriel Fauré

SECOND READING

Luke 19:28-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"On Leaving the Sidewalk"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 160

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"

ANDUJAR

* 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Quatre oeuvres pour orgue
I. De Jules Lemaître

Jehan Alain

L'angoisse de sentir sa plainte
Expirer dans l'isolement
La soif d'être aimé et la crainte
D'aimer trop douloureusement.

The anguish of feeling his lament
fade away in loneliness,
the craving to be loved and the fear
of loving too distressfully.

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 198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

ST. DROSTANE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Requiem, Op. 48
III. Sanctus

Gabriel Fauré

* POSTLUDE

Suite
III. Choral

Jehan Alain

** 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.

Worship Notes

Palm Sunday is a day of rejoicing: of glad “Hosannas!” and waving palms. Yet, beneath the surface of our jubilation there is a sense of dread: for we know how swiftly crowds disperse and disciples drift away, leaving our Lord to receive the jeering and the lashes and the crown of thorns alone. The people of Jerusalem knew not, as the procession passed by, what was to come. We know, all too well. But we also know what happens on the other side of Calvary. Truly this is a week of passion: of highs and lows and unexpected joy. We journey through it together!

DEACONS: Monica Immanuel and Melinda Nye

LITURGIST: Annie Silk

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR
James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER
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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*)

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...

- ✝ **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.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice
Thursday, April 18	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 19	<i>office closed</i>	Good Friday – Office Closed
Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday	8:45AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship – 1 st Worship Service Children's Egg Hunt (between services) Worship – 2 nd Worship Service

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)

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
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Etta Marshall
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose

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Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Melinda Nye
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott