

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.



"Ordination of Elders in a Scottish Kirk," 1891

Artist: John Henry Lorimer
National Gallery of Scotland

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29, 2018

10:15AM

“Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”
-John 6:5b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

In a Landscape

John Cage

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

Ritika Thomas

Leader: The Lord says, “Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters.

**People: Come, you who have no money.
Come, buy and eat!”**

Leader: We have come to feast on the living bread,
so we may minister to the world’s hunger.

**People: We have come to drink of living water,
so we may minister to the world’s thirst.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

All: Come, let us celebrate God’s good gifts!

* GATHERING HYMN 131 “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

ABERYSTWTH

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God,

you send us to speak good news to the oppressed

and proclaim liberty to the captives,

but we confess that we are slow to witness to the good news.

You call us to bind up the brokenhearted and care for those who mourn,

but comforting others does not come easily.

Forgive our hesitation,

our lack of confidence in the gifts you have given,

our failure to ask for needed power.

Lift us again to the peace of your presence;

lead us more deeply in your ways; nurture us in your service:

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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 2 Kings 4:38-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Church school is on summer recess. Nursery Care is available for the very young children.)

PIANO SOLO

Schilflied (Reed Song)

Felix Mendelssohn--Robert Helps

SECOND READING John 6:1-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Gifts in the Attic"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 525

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift by the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

THE SENDING

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Clouds

Toru Takemitsu

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

* SENDING HYMN 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Le Moucheron (The Flea)

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.

Today's Worship Notes

This Sunday, we'll join together in a very special act of worship: the ordaining and installing of elders and deacons elected by this congregation, to serve on the Session and on the Board of Deacons. Presbyterians and other churches of the Reformed Tradition are noted for generously sharing ordination in this way. In many other denominations, ordination is limited to those who serve as pastors. Our spiritual ancestors, John Calvin and John Knox, believed that gifts of the Spirit are shared more widely than that, and so the church ought to recognize this giftedness in our elected leaders by conferring on them the same ordination as those who preach. The ordination questions elders and deacons answer are virtually identical to those ordained as ministers of the Word and sacrament; only the final question is particular to each order of ministry. All who lead congregations engage in a common ministry: insuring that the word is preached, the sacraments are celebrated and ministries of compassion, witness and service are offered to our communities and to the world. Together we serve. Together we witness. Together we seek to follow the Risen Lord into the world.

Dr. Wilton will be away on vacation from July 30 through August 29. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office. After hours, from July 30 through August 17, please call the Rev. Claire Pula at (908) 910-5361; and from August 18 through 29, the Rev. David Widmer of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of Pittstown at (862) 324-3247.

DEACON: John Gordon and Sallye Grubel

LITURGIST: Ritika Thomas

LEMONADE SUNDAY HOSTS: 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 / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

We Pray For...

- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, who is at home recuperating. We pray for strength, healing and a speedy recovery.
- ✝ **Cynthia Pereyra Noonan**, as she deals with her paralysis. It will be 11 years in September. We give thanks for her husband Trevor, for his ongoing care and love. We pray for strength and comfort for both Cynthia and Trevor.

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; Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER; John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER; Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE; Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 29	10:15AM	Worship
Sunday, August 5	10:15AM	Worship—Communion Sunday—Rev. Christopher Belden, Guest Preacher

Summer Fun with our Friends from Elizabethport August 7—10:00AM to 4:00PM

We look forward to hosting our friends from Elizabethport (E'port) on August 7! The day will begin at Lamington Church at 10:00AM with a variety of craft activities. After, we will caravan to Christie Whitman's farm for a picnic lunch, pool time, and yard games until 4:00PM. Everyone is welcome—this event is for all ages! We need helpers for leading crafts, and picnic donations of cold drinks, watermelon, ice cream bars, and chips. Fresh green salad and pizza will be provided. Please let Chris Smith know if you can join in the fun by emailing her at smitpvl@comcast.net. Hope you can make it!



E'port at LPC—Summer 2017

JOIN US!!

**Kick-Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ
September 9 after Worship**

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual **BBQ on the front lawn immediately following our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 9**. Tables will be set up; but if you prefer to picnic, please bring a blanket to sit on the lawn. Invite a friend to come and introduce them to Lamington Church. To help make this day fun and special, please bring their favorite salad or a finger dessert. We will also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. If you have questions, please call Debby at (908) 832-7230 or Shelley at (908) 510-6961. **Hope to see you there!!**



DON'T MISS IT—SAVE THE DATE!

**2nd Annual
Big Band Jazz Event**

Please save the date for the **Second Annual Big Band Event** at **Lamington Church** on **September 15th from 5:30 – 9:00pm!** Join us for an evening of great food, drink, music and dancing. We look forward to welcoming back the outstanding 18-piece jazz and swing dance band 'Reeds, Rhythm and All That Brass'. Formal invites to follow.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please invite friends and family who you think would enjoy the event, too!

**BIG BAND
JAZZ EVENT**

15 SEPT
2018

STARTING AT
5:30 PM

**REEDS, RHYTHM AND
ALL THAT BRASS**

A 18-piece Jazz-Swing Band with Vocals

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Tickets: \$50 per person

Lamington Presbyterian Church
355 Lamington Road
Bedminster, New Jersey 07921

Call (908) 572-7013 for tickets
Tickets also available at the door
Casual cocktail attire

