

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.

Do not say, "I am only a boy"...



Jeremiah 1:7

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2019

10:15AM

*“But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you...”*
-Jeremiah 1:7a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

In Retrospect (5 Pieces for Piano)
1. Prelude
Hommage à Fauré

Robert Helps

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 (adapted from *Jeremiah 1:6-8*)

Jodi Antunes

Leader: Come! Hear the call of God:
“Before I shaped you in the womb,
I knew all about you.
Before you saw the light of day,
I had holy plans for you.”

**People: But we are only ordinary people.
Who will listen?**

Leader: “I will give you the words,” says the Lord.
“I will always be with you.”

We come as we are.

People: May we depart as God wants us to be!

Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

LYONS

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

* 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.**

A PRAYER OF CALLING FOR ALL GOD’S PEOPLE

Leader: God, we are here: in this place where generations of disciples have listened for your voice. Quiet the insistent chatter in our minds. Give us not only ears for listening, but hearts for responding in generosity and love.

People: Before we were in the womb, O Lord, you called us.

Leader: Before we even knew who we were, you charted the paths our lives would take.

People: You have led us along those paths despite our objections that spring from doubt or fear: but always you are with us on the journey.

Leader: That journey is so much easier when we do not turn away, when we allow you to guide us. Through your kindness and mercy,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: Through the prayers and sacrifices of your people,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: Through the power of this and other services of worship,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: Through lessons taught and learned in Christian families,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: Through the example of those who study and teach your Word,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: Through the insistent voice within and the warm encouragement of friends,

People: Send workers into your harvest, Lord.

Leader: We know you have given a mission to each of us, Lord: our special way of serving and sharing the spiritual gifts you have given.

People: Open our hearts and minds to know what those gifts may be, and how we may use them in your service.

Leader: You have given us all, O God, the gift of prayer: a gift we now use as we intercede before you for all who are sick or bereaved, troubled or lonely, insecure or afraid, hungry or poor, homeless or addicted.

People: Bring peace to our world and healing to our planet.

Leader: Give hope to the hopeless, faith to the doubting, joy to the despairing.

People: For ourselves, we pray that you would give us what we desire, if that is your will; and if it is not, that you would give us what we need, for we know that is your desire.

Leader: God of all mercy, hear us now: as in the name of our Lord Jesus we offer the prayer he taught us.

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Trees at Twilight

André Previn

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 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Chorale-étude on Major Triads

David Rakowski

** 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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The Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 25	10:15AM <i>after</i> Worship	Worship Fellowship Hour
Sunday, September 1	10:15AM <i>after</i> Worship	Worship Fellowship Hour

Today's Worship Notes

The Bible contains a number of accounts of God calling people to perform particular tasks. Jeremiah's call is unusual in that it happens before he is born. The young Jeremiah pushes back a little, objecting, "But I am only a boy!" But God doesn't want to hear that word "only." Sure, Jeremiah's only a boy. But what does that matter? God called him even earlier, before he even *was*. The Lord moves in mysterious ways!

LITURGIST: Jodi Antunes
 DEACON ON DUTY: Barbara Pereyra
 LEMONADE HOSTS: Odesa & Tim Stapleton

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 Phyllis Burton**—Phyllis, mother of past 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 Lamington in the fall. We pray for comfort and strength for Phyllis' family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Phyllis was 94 years old.
- ✠ **The Family of Kenneth Fox**—Kenneth, brother of congregation member Barbara Pereyra, died on August 10. We pray for comfort and strength for his family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.
- ✠ **The Family of Julius Joseph Legako**—Joe was the father of congregation member Meridith Scott. We pray for comfort and strength for his family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life. Joe was 97 years old.
- ✠ **Rebecca Terry**—who is recovering from surgery and receiving care at home. We pray for God's comfort and help.
- ✠ **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

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

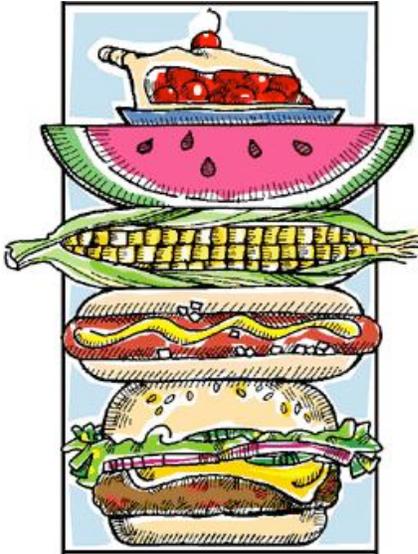
Deacons

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



Kick Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ September 8 after Worship

Looking for Food & Volunteers

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual Welcome Back BBQ immediately following our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 8. Please join us and invite a friend or two and introduce them to Lamington Church.

To make this day fun and extra special we need your help. Please sign up: to bring something, volunteer to be a BBQ chef, or part of the set up and/or clean up crew. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gladish Room -or- you can sign up online by going to our website: www.lamingtonpcusa.com Thank you!!



IHN at Lamington Church—Volunteers Needed

LPC is scheduled to host families from IHN the week of September 15–22. Please consider supporting this important mission by cooking meals (5:00PM–7:00PM), helping out in the evenings (7:00PM–9:00PM), or staying overnight (9:00PM–6:00AM). We also need help with set-up on Sunday morning, September 15 (around 8:30AM) and pack-up on Sunday morning, September 22 (around 8:30AM). We especially always need help with the overnights.

Sign up sheets can be found in the Gladish Room –or- you can sign up online (check the latest newsletter).