

# 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.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
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10:15AM

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*“If this plan or this undertaking is of human origin,  
it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able  
to overthrow them...”*  
-Acts 5:38

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Pavane Maurice Ravel  
Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn  
Emma Mistele, piano

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 Valerie Fraser

Leader: Good News! God is with us! Let us rejoice together in hope.  
**People: God's wonders never cease for those who have eyes to see!**  
Leader: In faith, we are led from doubt to wonder, from despair to assurance,  
from darkness to light!  
**People: With one voice, let us sing the praises of our God  
who surprises us with joy.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

\* GATHERING HYMN 263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Leader: You could let us continue to shuffle along through desert places, O God,  
**People: but you choose to lead us beside rivers of life.**  
Leader: You could forget who we are,  
**People: but you adopt us into your family.**  
Leader: You could decide that loving us is not worth the trouble,  
**People: but in Christ you redeem us and make us whole.**  
Leader: Even so, Lord, we act as though we have forgotten this.  
**People: We live as though we have no need of your blessing.**  
Leader: We become a law unto ourselves,

**People:** then live as though the rules we create are your own.

**Leader:** We have failed to seek justice, love others and share the gifts you have offered so freely and without price. We need your forgiveness, O Lord.

**People:** Help us not only to ask for it, but to receive it with gratitude.

\* 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

Psalm 133

**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

Biblical Songs, Op. 99

Antonin Dvořák

V. "I will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness"  
(Psalm 144: 9; Psalm 145; 1-3, 5, 6)

#### SECOND READING

Acts 5:27-42

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON

"The Gamaliel Principle"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Nancy Manigo, soloist

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 SENDING

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| * SENDING HYMN 386 | “O for a World”                                       | AZMON         |
| * BENEDICTION      |                                                       |               |
| * CHORAL RESPONSE  | “A Gaelic Blessing”                                   | John Rutter   |
| * POSTLUDE         | Miroirs<br>II. Oiseaux tristes<br>Emma Mistele, piano | Maurice Ravel |

*\* 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

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR  
James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
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Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER  
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Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE  
Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

## Today's Worship Notes

“That, while under the conviction of the above principle we think it necessary to make effectual provision that all who are admitted as teachers be sound in the faith, we also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other.” — “Fifth Historic Principle of Church Order,” adopted by the Presbyterian Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1797, and included in every edition of the Book of Order since then (F-3.0105).

DEACONS: Hunter Lewis

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

COFFEE HOUR: Monica & Immanual Thomas

## 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](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com) / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

### We Pray For...

- † **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

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| Sunday, October 14 | 8:45AM<br>10:15AM<br>10:30AM<br>11:30AM<br>after worship | Choir Practice<br>Worship-E'port visiting<br>Church School<br>Handbell Choir Practice<br>Apple Picking with E'port friends |
| Friday, October 19 | 11:00AM                                                  | SHIP's Galley—Somerville, NJ                                                                                               |
| Sunday, October 21 | 8:45AM<br>10:15AM<br>10:30AM<br>11:30AM<br>4:00PM        | Choir Practice<br>Worship<br>Church School<br>Handbell Choir Practice<br>Blessing of the Animals at LPC                    |

**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 23, November 13 & 27, December 4 & 18. Come create with us!**



**TODAY—Sunday, October 14—E'port at LPC and Apple Picking:** Our friends from Elizabethport are joining us for worship today. After worship, we will enjoy a special coffee hour together before going apple picking. Come, introduce yourselves, make our guests feel welcome, and meet some new friends. All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon at Mellick's Town Farm.

**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!

