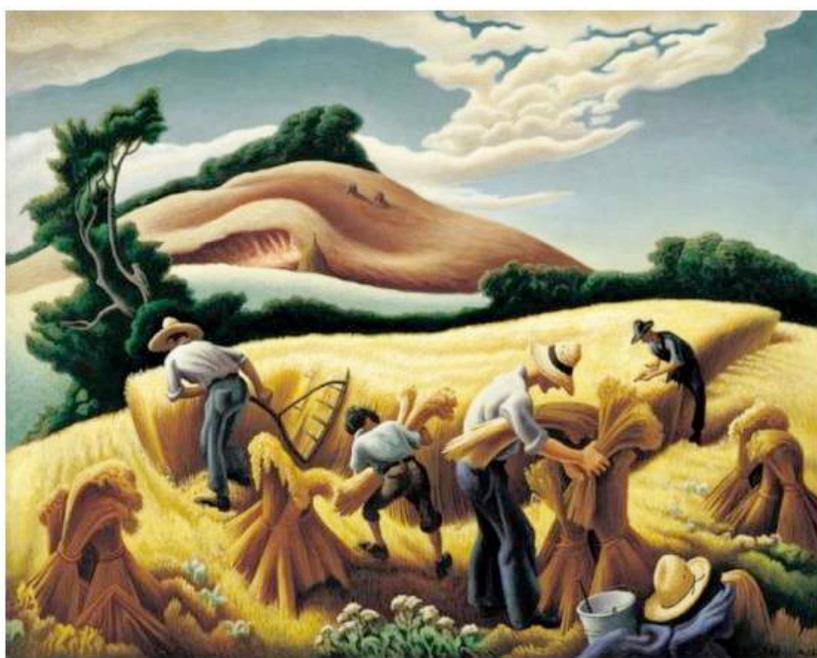


THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.

The harvest



is plentiful...
Matthew 9:37

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 18, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:15AM

*“Then he said to his disciples,
‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...’”
-Matthew 9:37*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major, BWV 924 Johann Sebastian Bach
 Prelude in d minor, BWV 926
 Prelude in g minor, BWV 930
 Prelude in D Major, BWV 936

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us O QUANTA QUALIA

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalms 96 and 98) Jim Grubel

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: **Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Leader: Let the fields be jubilant,
let the rivers clap their hands,
let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

People: **Make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.**

Leader: With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn,
shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

People: **O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

* GATHERING HYMN 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy One, Holy Three,
you call all who dwell on earth to follow you,
singing songs of praise.
We confess, however,
that often your song has been silenced within us.
We hesitate to sing new songs
or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own.
We sing as we live: as if pleasing ourselves
were more important than pleasing you.
Forgive us.
Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us.
Join our songs with those of your whole Church
so that in all we sing, speak, or do,
we may act to your glory, not our own.**

* 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 Leviticus 19:1-10

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 Zion's Walls (Revivalist Song)

adapted by Aaron Copland

SECOND READING Matthew 9:35-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Plentiful" The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, 1647)

- Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?
A. **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**
- Q.2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?
A. **The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**
- Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A. **The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**
- Q. 4. What is God?
A. **God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**
- Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?
A. **There is but one only, the living and true God.**
- Q. 6. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?
A. **There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**
- Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?
A. **The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.**
- Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?
A. **At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

DEDICATION OF *GLORY TO GOD* HYMNALS

Leader: Music is central to the worship of the people of God. God's people have always sung. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam sang. When Samuel was born, Hannah sang. When the exiles were in Babylon, they wondered if their song was lost—it wasn't, and they sang. When Gabriel brought good news of great joy to Mary, she sang. The early church sang hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs, and we have been singing ever since. God's gift of music is not just to those with melodious voices, but to those whose hearts are tuned to praise of God. Our song requires all our voices. Thus, as we dedicate this new hymnal, we also recommit ourselves to the singing work of the people of God.

Leader, to the choir: Do you promise to use your gift of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving?

Choir: We do, by the grace of God.

Leader, to the congregation: Do you promise to add your voice to the hymns we sing? Will you sing with honesty and humility whether the song is old or new, comforting or challenging, triumphant or contemplative?

Congregation: We will, by the grace of God.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Prelude in F Major, BWV 927

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

* SENDING HYMN 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

* POSTLUDE

Prelude in e minor, BWV 938

Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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.

Please note that the church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23. Regina will be on vacation from November 27-30—during this time she will continue to check phone messages and emails and will direct them to the appropriate people for response. If you need to stop by the office, please contact Pastor Carl on his cell phone to be sure the church is open.

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; Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the glory of God
by the Frankel Family in loving memory of Jean's parents, Irma & Ernest H. Zuberer, Sr.*

Today we dedicate our new *Glory to God* hymnals, purchased for the congregation by an anonymous donor, honoring those who share their gifts of literature and music to glorify God. This hymnal was published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 2013. Already the best-selling Presbyterian hymnal in history, *Glory to God* incorporates the best-loved traditional hymns with a selection of acclaimed newer hymns written since the last Presbyterian denominational hymnal was published in 1990. Over the coming months and years, we will get acquainted with the many musical treasures found within its pages.

The bulletin cover illustration is "Cradling Wheat," a 1938 painting by American artist Thomas Hart Benton, now in the St. Louis Art Museum. Although farm machines were in use when this painting was done, the artist shows the workers using old-fashioned hand tools. This process of cutting grain by hand is called "cradling" because it is done with a cradle scythe, the tool being used by the farmer at the left.

LITURGIST: Jim Grubel

DEACON: Sallye Grubel & Eleanor Halsey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Carol Cummins & Valerie Fraser

In Memoriam, Carlton C. Durling

A service of Witness to the Resurrection, giving thanks to God for the life of Carlton C. Durling, will take place in the Sanctuary this Tuesday, November 20 at 2:00PM. Following the service, the family will greet friends and neighbors at a reception at the Ryland Inn, Whitehouse Station. The Kearns Funeral Home, Whitehouse Station, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Durling Scholarship Fund at Blair Academy, or to the Lamington Presbyterian Church.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

A number of churches in our local area are joining together in an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this Tuesday evening at 7:30PM. This year's service will take place at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 610 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, NJ. The preacher will be our own Dr. Carl Wilton, speaking on the topic, "Grace and Gratitude."

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...

- ✠ **Carlton Durling**, a beloved member of Lamington Church died on Wednesday, November 14. We pray for his wife Betty, their children, and their friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- ✠ **Mary Ann Legako**, as she recovers over the next months from a broken leg. Mary Ann lives in Oklahoma and is the mother of Meridith Scott.
- ✠ **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30 with heart issues. He has gone through two open heart surgeries and is currently awaiting news for the scheduling of his next one. We pray for his continued healing, strength and comfort.
- ✠ **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, November 18	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice
Tuesday, November 20	2:00PM	Memorial Service: Carlton C. Durling
Wednesday, November 21	office closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 22	office closed	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23	office closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
Sunday, November 25	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice



Annual Holiday Wreath Making: Wreaths, Chili and Brownies! On Sunday, December 2—the first Sunday of Advent, the Lamington Church family will continue its tradition of making our beautiful Christmas wreath for the front entrance of the church. We will be making our large Lamington Church Christmas Wreath while sampling a wonderful variety of chili recipes. A children's brownie bake-off will be the sweet ending to this fun event. The wreath making festivities will begin after worship so remember to dress casually. Coming soon—be on the lookout for sign up sheets in the Gladish Room for chili chefs and brownie

bakers. If you have any questions, please contact Debby Johnson at (908) 832-7230 or debrabjohnson@gmail.com.

Note: We will need lots and lots of greens to create a lovely wreath! If you have greens of any type: holly, yew, cedar, boxwood, evergreen—you can begin dropping off the cuttings NOW—place behind the Gladish Room. We will take whatever you have—fill a box a bag or whatever you can carry! Thank you!

Elizabethport Christmas—Calling all Elves!! Lend us a helping hand! We will be assembling Christmas treat bags for the pre-school age children of Elizabethport (E'port). Come and join us **after worship on Sunday, December 9** for a wonderful time of fellowship and mission—be sure to grab a snack at coffee hour and then head-on up to the upstairs classrooms. **Also—we need youth elves to help us deliver the treat bags and assist at the children's holiday party at E'port on Wednesday, December 19.** If you are interested in helping out on December 19, or have any questions—please contact

Chris Smith at smitpvil@comcast.net or (908) 208-0233.

