

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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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March 4, 2018

10:15AM

*“In the temple [Jesus] found people selling cattle,
sheep, and doves, and the money changers
seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords,
he drove all of them out of the temple...”*
John 2:14-15a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Préludes, Book II
V. Fields of Heather

Claude Debussy

VII. The Terrace of the Audiences in the Light of the Moon

WELCOME

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

The Glory of These Forty Days

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ps. 19:7-11; Peterson, *The Message*)

Valerie Fraser

Leader: The revelation of God is whole

People: and pulls our lives together.

Leader: The signposts of God are clear

People: and point out the right road.

Leader: The life-maps of God are right,

People: showing the way to joy.

Leader: The directions of God are plain,

People: and easy on the eyes.

Leader: God's reputation is twenty-four karat gold,

People: with a lifetime guarantee.

Leader: The decisions of God are accurate

People: down to the nth degree.

Leader: God's Word is better than a diamond,

People: better than a diamond set between emeralds.

Leader: You'll like it better than strawberries in spring,

People: better than red, ripe strawberries.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Ps. 19:12-13; Peterson, *The Message*)

Leader: There's more: God's word warns us of danger

People: and directs us to hidden treasure.

Leader: Otherwise how will we find our way?

People: Or know when we play the fool?

Leader: Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh!

People: Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work;

Leader: then I can start this day sun-washed,

People: scrubbed clean of the grime of sin.

Leader: Let us confess our sin before God.

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Ex. 20, selections)

Let your commandments rule and guide us, O God.

**Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you;
keep us faithful.**

**Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—
with those closest to us
and those who are distant neighbors.**

**Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.**

Turn us away from violence, falsehood and selfishness.

**Forgive us for thinking everything depends
on our efforts or power,
for you are the God who made us,
led us out of slavery,
and have brought us into the community of faith.**

**Help us to depend on you alone
and to rest in your goodness:
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* 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 223)

God forgives all your transgressions,

All diseases gently heals;

God redeems you from destruction,

And with you so kindly deals.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

Requiem, Op. 48
VI. Libera me
Andrew Stack, soloist

Gabriel Fauré

SECOND READING

John 2:13-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Not for Sale”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN *(see back cover)*

“When Christ Went to the Temple”

LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D
 (“REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS”)

* 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

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Pieces de clavecin (24th ordre)*
I. Sarabande grave in a minor

François Couperin

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 SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

ABERYSTWYTH

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might:
heav'n and earth are full, this day,
of your glory come our way.
Blessed is the one who comes
in your name to lead us home
to the place where we may sing
glad hosannas to our king!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(You are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please remain seated. The communion elements will be served to you. Gluten and casein free elements are available.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**O God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace,
that in everything we may yield
ourselves, our wills, and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 268 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

HOLY MANNA

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L.J. White

* POSTLUDE *Pieces de clavecin* (20th ordre)
III. Gavotte in g minor--G Major

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. If you have a pastoral emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. David D. Miles, a former pastor of Lamington Church, by a member of this congregation.

It's not most people's favorite image of Jesus: roaring through the Court of the Gentiles outside Jerusalem's Temple, creating holy havoc as he brandishes his whip of cords and overturns the moneychangers' tables. He seems so different, on this occasion, than the gentle Savior we typically imagine. But this is our Lord, too: the fierce prophet with a passion for justice. The Ten Commandments are being violated—especially the first one, about idolatry, and the last one, about covetousness. The Lord has no patience for that. What, do you suppose, aggravates Jesus about the way we live *our* lives?

DEACONS: Laurel Rose & Joe Scott

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Kim and Chris McGeary

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

Andrew Stack, BASS SECTION LEADER

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church Session

Meridith Scott, *Clerk of Session*

Class of 2018

Scott Campbell

Angus Miller

Greg Mistele

Alison Paine

Georgie Schley

Ann Silk



Class of 2019

Tres Arnett

Lynn Carter

Patrick Palmer

Dorita Pawlikowski

Duncan Rose

Immanual Thomas

Deacons

Class of 2018

John Gordon

Julie Murray

Sandi Ramsay

Laurel Rose

Monica Thomas

Class of 2019

Sallye Grubel

Eleanor Halsey

Mary Jenkins

Joe Scott

Hunter Lewis

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. A list of ongoing prayer concerns of the community can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

We Pray For...

- ✝ **Kellie Connolly**, a 32-year old mother of two who has been bedridden for the past 7-months with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), a rare disorder. We pray for comfort, healing and strength for her and all those who love and care for her.
- ✝ **Gabriella Wood**, who is recovering from skull surgery. We pray for healing, strength and a speedy recovery.
- ✝ **Victims of Recent Tragedy**, We mourn with the community of Parkland, Florida on the tragic loss of seventeen lives and of those many injured in this senseless attack on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We remember these innocent victims in our prayers, and we pray for their families and friends as they mourn their sudden deaths and cope with the aftermath of this act of violence.
- ✝ **The Family of Astry Campbell**, who died recently. Astry is the mother of church member, Scott Campbell. We pray for peace and comfort for Astry's family while they grieve her death and celebrate her life.
- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, who is recuperating at home. We pray for healing, strength, and a speedy recovery.
- ✝ **Juliette Rose**, who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. We pray for healing and comfort, and a speedy recovery.
- ✝ **Peter Nicoletti**, brother-in-law of Ivan Medina, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia and for the many others in the Medina family continuing to live with cancer. We pray for comfort and strength.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 4 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:45AM	Choir Practice Worship--Communion Church School Lamington Bell Choir
Tuesday, March 6	7:00PM	Property Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 10	<i>before bed</i>	<i>Turn clocks ahead 1-hour before going to bed</i>
Sunday, March 11 4th Sunday in Lent *Daylight Saving Time Begins*	8:45AM 9:15AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:45AM	Choir Practice Mission Meeting Worship Church School Lamington Bell Choir

Note: The next Session Meeting is on Monday, March 12 at 6:00PM.

LAMINGTON NEWS AND UPDATES

2018 Church Directory: Printed copies of the 2018 church directory are available on the table outside the church office. Please review the entry for your family and inform Regina in the church office if updates need to be made. Electronic copies are available upon request. You can send her an email or call—lamingtonchurch@gmail.com / (908) 572-7013.

Holy Week Services at Lamington Church

✝ Palm Sunday – March 25 at 10:15AM

✝ Maundy Thursday – March 29 at 7:00PM

✝ Good Friday – Sanctuary open for quiet prayer and reflection

✝ Easter Sunday – April 1

9:00AM & 11:00AM

(Egg Hunt immediately after 9:00AM worship)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sunday, April 22, immediately after worship—The Annual Meeting of the Congregation.** The meeting will include a number of reports on the life of our church, and we will elect the slate of leadership candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.
- **Basket Day 2018—Friday, May 11 is Preview Night & Saturday, May 12 is Basket Day.** Watch for more details!
- **Sunday, May 20 at 4:00PM for the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton as Pastor of the Lamington Presbyterian Church.** Through the generosity of one of our church members, this service of the Presbytery of Elizabeth will feature Bill Carter and the Presbybop Jazz Quintet, who will also play a concert immediately following the service. For more information on the Jazz Quintet, see: www.presbybop.com. A reception in the Gladish Room will follow the concert. Watch for more information!

When Christ Went to the Temple

LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D ("Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")

1 When Christ went to the Tem - ple to wor - ship God one day,
2 There, cat - tle, sheep, and pig - eons were sold for sac - ri - fice,
3 When prayer gave way to pro - fit, and pride closed man - y doors,
4 O God, you love the na - tions and call us all to pray.

he en - tered through the court - yard where an - y - one could pray.
and mon - ey - chan - gers shout - ed of qua - li - ty and price.
the Lord cried out in an - ger and made a whip of cords.
For - give us when our wor - ship turns oth - er folk a - way.

That court was for the na - tions — and all could en - ter in.
Out - si - ders could not en - ter the in - ner courts for prayer.
He shoed the sheep and cat - tle and scat - tered pig - eons, too.
As Christ, in lov - ing pro - test, fought pre - ju - dice and pride,

But Je - sus found a mar - ket, a shame - ful rob - ber's den.
Their on - ly place to wor - ship was in the court - yard there.
God's house was for all peo - ple — not for a cho - sen few.
may we who fol - low Je - sus now wel - come all in - side.