

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.

Let everyone



be quick to listen.

James 1:19

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

10:15AM

*"...let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak,
slow to anger; for your anger does not produce
God's righteousness."*

-James 1:19-20

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Chorale Partita on "Christ, You are the bright day", BWV 766 Johann Sebastian Bach
Partite I - V

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

Leader: We come to Christ, the living bread,

People: who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

Leader: We come to Christ, who gives living water,

People: that we may never thirst again.

Leader: We come to Christ, that, being filled ourselves,

People: we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

Leader: We come to God, in worship and praise,

People: through Jesus who gives us life.

Leader: Come, let us worship!

* GATHERING HYMN 417 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of compassion,

in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,

but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,

and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light

and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior.

* 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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Church School on summer recess. Nursery Care available for the very young children.*

ORGAN SOLO

Sonata in b minor, K. 87

Domenico Scarlatti

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Listening Is For Lovers"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 531

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

BRIDEGROOM

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Chorale Partita on "Christ, You are the bright day", BWV 766
Partita VI

J.S. 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 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

(Tune: Nettleton, #355)

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, O most holy is the Lord!
Heav'n and earth reflect his glory:
he who is the Living Word.
Sing hosanna, loud hosanna,
to the one who, in God's name,
comes to us our sins forgiving:
nevermore are we the same.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(You are invited to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction—dipping a piece of bread in the cup. Gluten and casein free elements are available. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**We have cried to you for help, O Lord,
and you have heard us.
We have walked in the midst of trouble
and you have preserved our lives.
We have hungered and thirsted
for your higher blessings,
and you have given us the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
To you, great God,
be all worship and service,
all praise and thanksgiving:
through Jesus Christ, forevermore. Amen.**

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 508 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

KINGDOM

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Chorale Partita on "Christ, You are the bright day", BWV 766
Partita VII

J.S. 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 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.

Today's Worship Notes

“Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.”
-Simone Weil

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DEACON: Monica Thomas

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, September 2	10:15AM	Worship--Communion
Monday, September 3	office closed	Labor Day
Sunday, September 9	10:15AM	Worship—Kick Off Sunday & BBQ
Monday, September 10	6:00PM	Session Meeting

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...

- ✝ **Philip Duncan George Allison**, born on August 27 to Cecily and Billy Allison. Philip is the grandson of proud grandparents, Juliette and Duncan Rose. Prayers of thanksgiving as they begin their new life as a family of three.
- ✝ **Louisa ("Lulu") Taylor Cummins**, born on June 16 to James and Marina Cummins. Lulu joins big sister, Lila and proud grandparents, Carol and Jim Cummins. Prayers of thanksgiving as they begin their new life as a family of four.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ **Konstantinos Kougias**, who is preparing for surgery on September 11. We pray for a successful surgery, healing and a speedy recovery. Kosta is the father-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.
- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, a long-time member of Lamington Church died on Sunday, August 5. A Memorial Service at LPC is being planned for October 13 at 11:00AM. We pray for Harry's family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- ✝ **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.



IHN at LPC September 16 – 23

LPC is scheduled to host three families the week of September 16 – 23. 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 16 (around 8:30AM) and pack-up on Sunday morning, September 23 (around 8:30AM). **Note: We especially need help with the overnights.** Please contact Debby Johnson about meals (debrabjohnson@gmail.com or (908) 832-7230) and Meridith Scott (meridith1027@gmail.com or (908) 236-0206) for other ways to help.

Togo Clothing Drive

We are collecting clothing donations for Sylvie Ayedze and her three sons—Etiam 23; Nola, an American citizen born to the Ayedzes while living in Princeton, 18; and Nanu, nine years old.

Although IRS regulations prevent us from receiving monetary donations earmarked for the Ayedze Family, we are happy to accept clothing donations that, through the generosity of a church member, will be shipped directly to them in Togo—a West African nation on the Gulf of Guinea.

Gently used and new items would be greatly appreciated. **Lightweight summer clothing only please!** A collection bin (labeled "Togo Clothing Drive") is located in the church entranceway between the manse.

Sizes: Sylvie—shoes 9M, Dresses and Blouses size 12-14; Etiam—XL shirts, slacks 46x32; Nanu—M shirts, slacks 30x19; (Nola—is fine—he is in school in Maryland with Sylvie's cousin.)

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.



To help make this day fun and special, **please bring their favorite salad or a finger dessert.** All salads and desserts should be plated and ready to serve. *Desserts should be FINGER desserts such as cookies or brownies.*

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.

Invite a friend to come and introduce them to Lamington Church. Hope to see you there!!

Please join us for the Second Annual
BIG BAND JAZZ EVENT

Featuring the 18 Piece Swing Jazz Band
REEDS, RHYTHM & ALL THAT BRASS

Saturday, September 15th
5:30pm to 9:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

\$50 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer.
To purchase tickets, please visit:

WWW.LAMINGTONBIGBAND.COM

*Casual Cocktail Attire