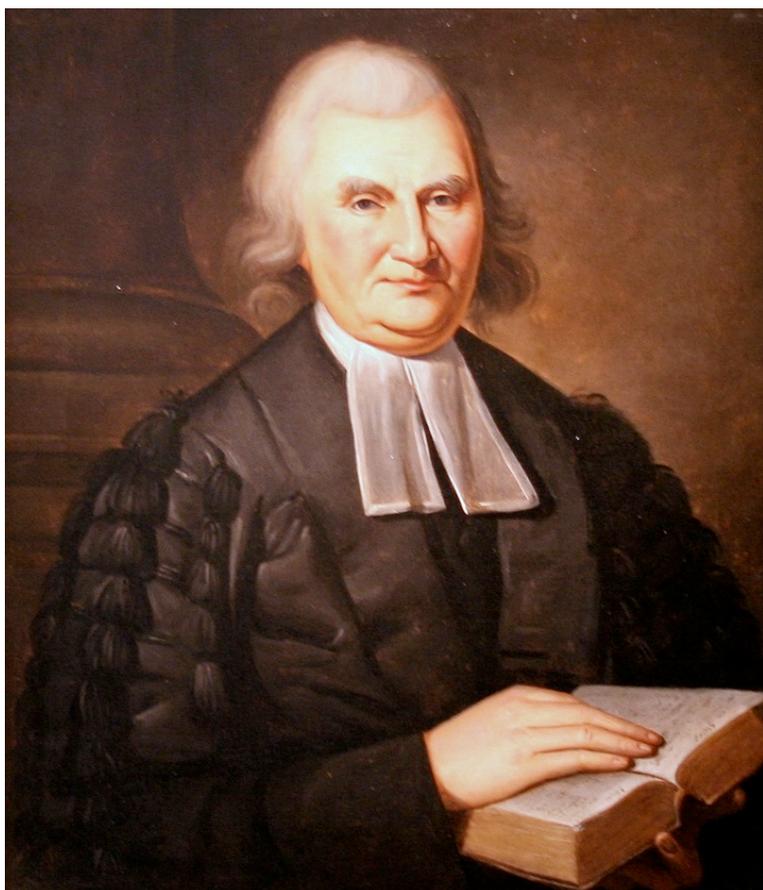


THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.



John Wittenborn

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

10:15AM

“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”
-John 8:36

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815 Johann Sebastian Bach
Corrente
Sarabande
Gavotte

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

Valerie Fraser

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,
People: **The earth, sea and sky are yours.**
Leader: Your presence is all around us,
People: **Every atom is full of your energy.**
Leader: Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.
People: **With your spirit we yearn for justice to be done,**
Leader: For creation to be freed from bondage,
People: **For the hungry to be fed,**
Leader: For captives to be released,
People: **For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.**
Leader: Let us worship the God whose mercy sets us free!

* GATHERING HYMN 181

“Come Sing to God”

ELLACOMBE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Source of all that gives us life,
we have turned away from your authority
to our own small concerns.**
**Forgive us for our failure
to bear one another’s burdens,
for boasting of anything but your cross,
for believing in our own power to justify our lives,
and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone.**
**Lead us to the river of life,
that in all we do, we may honor your name.**

* 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 76

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Church school is on summer recess. Nursery Care is available for the very young children.)

SOLO

Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815
Allemande

J.S. Bach

SECOND READING

John 8:31-36

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

SERMON

"Meet Dr. Witherspoon"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 561

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 8.23-8.24)

**Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world
in which the Church also exists,
the State has by divine appointment
the task of providing for justice and peace.
[It fulfills this task] by means of the threat and exercise of force,
according to the measure of human judgment and human ability.
The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment
in gratitude and reverence before him.
It calls to mind the Kingdom of God,
God's commandment and righteousness,
and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled.
It trusts and obeys the power of the Word
by which God upholds all things.**

**We reject the false doctrine,
as though the State, over and beyond its special commission,
should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life,
thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.**

**We reject the false doctrine,
as though the church, over and beyond its special commission,
should and could appropriate the characteristics,
the tasks, and the dignity of the State,
thus itself becoming an organ of the State.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815

J.S. Bach

Menuet

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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires
of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar
in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence
by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on.
(Refrain)

God has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts
before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer;
O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
(Refrain)

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy,
let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on.
(Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815
Air

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

Memories of flags and fireworks are still in our heads, after our recent Independence Day celebrations. That makes this a good time for considering the vexed question of the proper relationship between religion and politics. We'll do so by looking into the sermons and writings of the most famous Presbyterian leader of the Revolutionary War era, a man who's all but forgotten today: the Rev. John Witherspoon, a New Jerseyan who signed the Declaration of Independence. You may be surprised how far Dr. Witherspoon went in advocating for one side of the political struggle of his day: he promoted total independence from Great Britain, even if that meant revolution. Dr. Witherspoon joined the other signers of the Declaration in putting "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" on the line.

Our Affirmation of Faith is the most significant statement of the separation of church and state found in our PC(USA) Book of Confessions. It comes from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, adopted in 1933 in Barmen, Germany by the Confessing Church: that group of Protestant church leaders who stood against the Nazi government's effort to make the church into an organ of the totalitarian regime. Some of them were imprisoned and even lost their lives for their opposition to Hitler.

DEACON: Sandi Ramsay

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

LEMONADE SUNDAY HOSTS: Sandi & Rich Ramsay

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...

- ✝ **Rose Marie Hunter**, who suffers from chronic pancreatic and immune system problems. We pray for strength and healing; we pray for comfort and relief during her bouts of discomfort and pain
- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, who is at home recuperating. We pray for strength, healing and a speedy recovery.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR
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Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 8	10:15AM	Worship
Monday, July 9	6:00PM	Session Meeting – Gladish Room
Sunday, July 15	10:15AM	Worship