

# 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*

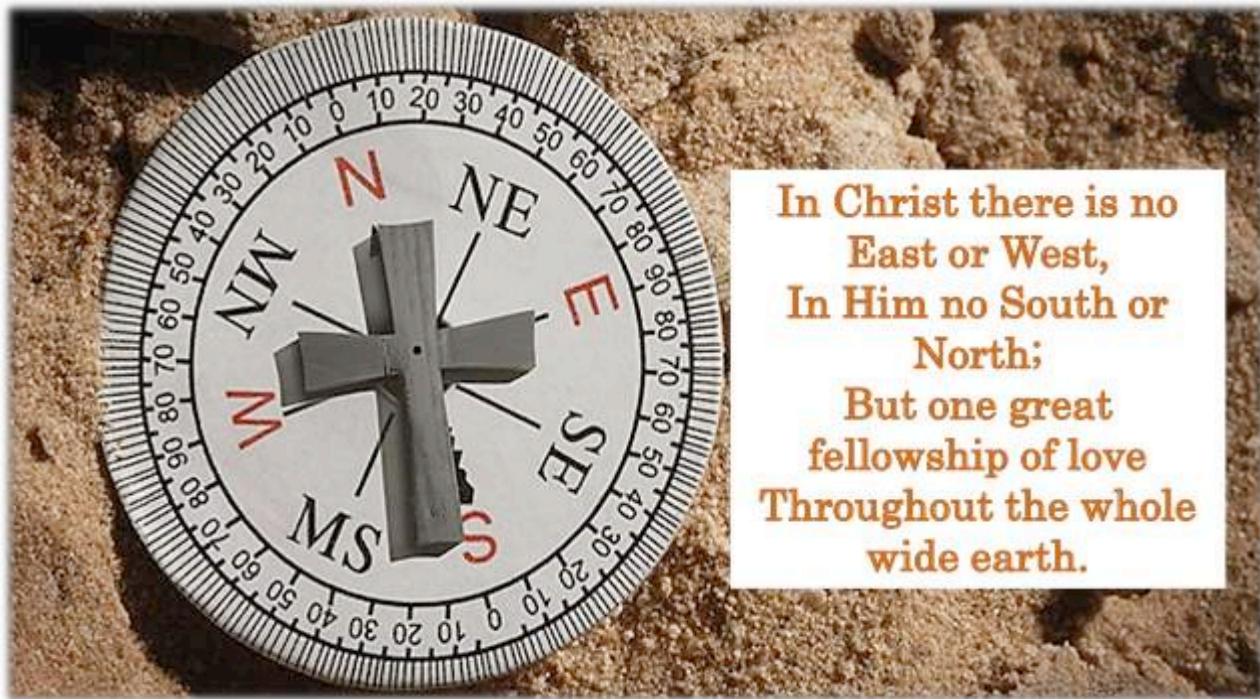
through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;

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.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 30, 2018

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:15AM

**“You should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”**  
– James 5:20

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

## RINGING THE BELL

## Johann Sebastian Bach

## WELCOME

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

## INTROIT “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

## TRENTHAM

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

## Rich Ramsay

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People:** Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the risen one, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,  
the holy fire, who renews us

**People:** To the one true God be praise  
in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ!

\* GATHERING HYMN 442      “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

## \* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Living God, from the beginning  
you have been teaching us what goodness is  
and how human beings should live together:  
with integrity and justice, each one a refuge for the others.  
Forgive our hard-heartedness, our lack of imagination,  
our inability to read the value of each person  
and to seek the best for everyone we meet.**

**Teach us humility,  
keep hope alive,  
sustain our love for all people:  
until conflict is stilled  
and we all stand together in your silence  
which is filled with eternal praise:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\* 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 107:1-7

**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**

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

**SECOND READING**

James 5:13-20

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

**SERMON**

“Homeward Bound”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of Belhar, 1986*)

**We believe in the triune God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
who gathers, protects and cares for the church  
through Word and Spirit.  
This, God has done  
since the beginning of the world  
and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,  
the communion of saints  
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation  
is made manifest in the church  
as the community of believers  
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;  
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation  
for the church of Jesus Christ...**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be  
the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the  
church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells....**

**We believe that God has revealed God's self  
as the one who wishes to bring about justice  
and true peace among people;  
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way the God of the destitute,  
the poor and the wronged;  
that God calls the church to follow God in this.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Rev. Perline Cooper

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Leader: O God, you sent your Son to take upon himself our suffering, to teach us your ways, and to bear the penalty of our sin.

People: **We are amazed by the wonder of your grace.**

Leader: On the cross, Jesus made a way of salvation for all who put their trust in him.

People: **We declare our trust in the one name that saves.**

Leader: From the cross comes a message of forgiveness and new life for all kinds of people.

People: **Help us who have received this good news not to keep it to ourselves.**

Leader: We are your church, O God.

People: **May we be your hands and feet in this world.**

Leader: Many in our own workplaces, communities, and families have not yet experienced the fullness of your grace.

People: **May we be your voice in calling others to trust in your Son.**

Leader: Jesus declared, "You will be my witnesses in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

People: **To those who have come from distant lands to live among us, help us to give witness to your grace in Jesus.**

Leader: You called your church, both then and now, to cross national and cultural boundaries to be your witness.

- People:** Help us to witness also through those who are sent to people who have never heard the good news, as well as to support the ministries of those giving witness to their own community about Christ.
- Leader:** From the cross, through the church, to the world
- People:** your grace must flow. Help us to be agents of your mission.

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Arietta, Op. 12, No. 1

Edvard Grieg

Emma Mistele, piano

## 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 440	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	MC KEE
* BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE	“Three-fold Amen in a minor”	Darrell Peter
* POSTLUDE	Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3 I. Allegro con brio Emma Mistele, piano	Ludwig van Beethoven

\* 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  
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 Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE  
 Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

## Today's Worship Notes

This Sunday we're pleased to welcome the Rev. Perline Cooper as a special mission speaker in the worship service. Perline is filling the role of International Peacemaker, sharing perspectives of Christians from her native Madagascar, with whom the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is in mission partnership. Following the service and coffee hour, we invite you to linger for some more in-depth conversation.

Perline Rasoanirina Cooper has been an ordained pastor for 38 years in the 6-million member Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM). She has served as head of the Sunday School for the FJKM for 18 years, taught Biblical Hebrew at one of the FJKM's seminaries for 13 years, served as Vice President of the FJKM for 4 years, and headed up the FJKM AIDS Program for five years. She currently oversees the ministry of three Malagasy-speaking congregations in North America – Montreal, Ottawa and New York City. Perline lives in Albany, NY with her husband Bruce Cooper. They have one son, Allan Cooper.

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay      DEACONS: John Gordon and Sallye Grubel  
COFFEE HOUR: Peg & Bill Kiser and Rev. Perline Cooper

## 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...

- † **The Family of Neale Jenkins.** Neale, a beloved member of Lamington Church died on Wednesday, September 19. A Memorial Service was held at LPC on Saturday, September 22. We pray for his wife Mary, their children, and their friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- † **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.
- † **Cynthia Pereyra Noonan,** as she deals with her paralysis. It is 11 years this month. We give thanks for her husband Trevor, for his ongoing care and love. We pray for strength and comfort for both Cynthia and Trevor.

## The Upcoming Week

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Sunday, September 30	8:45AM 9:15AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Choir Practice Mission Meeting Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice
Sunday, October 7	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Choir Practice Worship-Communion Church School Handbell Choir Practice

**Note: Next Session Meeting is on Monday, October 8 at 6:00PM.**



**TODAY—Handbell Choir will begin on Sunday, September 30th!** If you are interested in joining this year's handbell choir, please reach out to Bess at [ploenerb@gmail.com](mailto:ploenerb@gmail.com). No matter your experience level, all are welcome to come on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to give handbells a try! We will meet at 11:30AM in the choir loft. *Come ring with us!*

**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 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 4 & 18. Come create with us!**



**Mark Your Calendar—Sunday, October 14—E'port at LPC and Apple Picking:** Our friends from Elizabethport will be joining us for worship on Sunday, October 14. Nancy Manigo from Elizabethport will again sing a beautiful solo during the service. Come, introduce yourself, make our guests feel welcome, and meet some new friends. We will enjoy a special coffee hour together before going apple picking. All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon at Mellick's Town Farm. Need more information? Please contact Chris Smith at [smitpvl@comcast.net](mailto:smitpvl@comcast.net) or (908) 208-0233.

**Confirmation:** Is there a young person in your family, grade 7 or above, who's ready for Confirmation? Pastor Carl be offering a series of Confirmation classes beginning in early 2019, but we'd like to hear from parents and youth now about what meeting day time will work out best (we're thinking Sunday evenings, but are open to other suggestions).

As a way of getting a head start on the Confirmation process, we're offering an opportunity to attend the Confirmation Day Event at Camp Johnsonburg on Saturday, October 27 (cost: \$20, which includes lunch). That will be a fun day of games, group-building, discussions and even some time for boating and the zip line!

*If you'd like to find out more about Confirmation, parents and youth are invited to attend a brief meeting following worship next Sunday, October 3. Please call or email Regina in the church office to let us know you're able to attend that meeting.*





**It's Not Too Late!!  
You Can Still Buy--Presbyterian Palate Delights  
Now Half Price through October 1**

The rest of our Presbyterian Palate meals are now available at half the Basket Day price. The meals are located in the freezer by the side door. Just pick up your meals and leave your payment in an envelope marked "Presbyterian Palate" in the basket outside of Regina's office. *If you have questions, please email Eleanor Halsey at [eleanorhalsey@yahoo.com](mailto:eleanorhalsey@yahoo.com).*

**Chilis \$15 – NOW \$7.50  
Soups \$10 – NOW \$5.00  
Entrees \$25 – NOW \$12.50**