

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.



CHRIST THE KING

November 25, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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10:15AM

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure...”
-Matthew 13:44

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Heather
Fallen Leaves

Claude Debussy

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

Nivita Thomas

Leader: Searching, seeking, wondering, thinking,

People: We come to find our God.

Leader: Calling, crying, praying, singing,

People: We come to worship the Lord.

Leader: Walking, running, wandering, straying,

People: We yearn to follow Christ.

Leader: Bring your questions and your answers
and your open hearts,
for God has invited us here.

People: Amen!

* GATHERING HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Great God, Lord of all,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.**

**We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
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

Proverbs 2:1-11

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.)

PIANO SOLO

Sarabande

Claude Debussy

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:44-53

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Treasure Hunters"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostle's 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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Claude Debussy

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 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Canopus (Land of Egypt)

Claude Debussy

** 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 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

Bess Ploener, DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS & ALTO SECTION LEADER

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

Welcome to worship on the last day of the year! How can this be, you ask? The end of December is more than a month away! This is the last Sunday of the Christian year. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent: and with it begins a new year of telling the story of Jesus.

LITURGIST: Nivita Thomas

DEACON: John Gordon

No Coffee Hour Today

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 November 14. A Memorial Service was held at LPC on Tuesday, November 20. 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 25	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School
Sunday, December 2 1st Sunday of Advent <i>Chili, Brownies & Wreaths</i>	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM after worship	Choir Practice Worship Church School Chili, Brownies & Wreaths



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.

