

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.



...**welcome him**
as you would
welcome me.

PHILEMON 1:17, NRSV

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

10:15AM

*“Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while,
so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave,
a beloved brother...” -Philemon 15-16*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Song Without Words in a minor, Op. 19, No. 2
Song Without Words in E Major, Op. 19, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Valerie Fraser

Leader: Let us praise God.

People: Let us praise the Holy One who has filled the earth with blessings.

Leader: Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.

People: Sorrows may befall us;

Leader: troubles may besiege us;

People: the prophets of God may disturb us,

Leader: yet we live supported by God's love.

People: Come, let us worship!

* GATHERING HYMN 409

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious Lord our God,

we acknowledge and confess

that we have not always been faithful to Christ's call.

Surrounded by opportunities to love without limits,

we have held back.

Fearful of rejection,

we have hesitated to give of ourselves and our goods.

**Make of our faith more than vain words,
our devotion more than mere sentiment.
Lead us on the path of true discipleship,
so Christ may live through us,
for the good of neighbors near and far.
In his name we ask it.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 437*)

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 581*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-11

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.)

ANTHEM Zion's Walls (Revivalist Song)

arranged by Aaron Copland

SECOND READING Philemon

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “My Brother, the Slave”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 825 “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

SWING LOW

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Belhar Confession* (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;
that through the working of God's Spirit
it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain;
that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe
that separation, enmity and hatred
between people and groups
is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly
that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Piece in G Major, Op. 72, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**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 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *May God Support You All Your Days* (Psalm 20)

DICKINSON COLLEGE

* POSTLUDE Piece in E-flat Major, Op. 72, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

** 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.

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
 Victoria Borrelli, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER
 John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER
 Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER
 Gade Smith and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE
 Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God
 and in loving memory of Jim Connors by his wife, Marlene.*

A hearty “Welcome back” to the singers of the Lamington Choir — both section leaders and members at large — who are with us again after the summer break! The Choir rehearses just prior to the worship service each Sunday, beginning at 8:45AM. **All are welcome** to join the Choir. Please speak with Choir Director Jim Goldsworthy to find out more — or, just show up. You’ll receive a warm welcome!

The Belhar Confession of 1986, from which today’s Affirmation of Faith is drawn, is the newest confession in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Confessions*, having been added in 2016. It was written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church of South Africa, the so-called “coloured” church during the era of *apartheid*, or racial segregation. It is a powerful denial of racial discrimination in the church, and an affirmation of the unity of all Christians.

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser
 DEACONS ON DUTY: Cindy Campbell and Eleanor Halsey
 WELCOME BACK BBQ AFTER WORSHIP

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 8 * Kick Off Sunday *	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	<i>after</i> Worship	Welcome Back BBQ
Tuesday, September 10	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room
Sunday, September 15	8:30AM	IHN Set Up Crew
	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	After Worship	Brief Handbell Choir 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...

- ✝ **The Family of Rebecca Terry**—Congregation member Becky Terry died on Thursday, September 5. The family is making plans for a service in her memory, details to be announced. We pray for comfort and strength for Becky's children, family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Her husband, John, predeceased her on January 4, 2017.
- ✝ **The Family of Dr. David H. Klipstein**—David, father of congregation members Pam Smith and Kenneth Klipstein, died on July 1 in San Diego, California. A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Thursday, September 19 at 11:00AM. We pray for David's family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life. Dr. Klipstein was 88 years old.
- ✝ **The Family of Phyllis Burton**—Phyllis, mother of past member Linda Ricks, died on August 14. Phyllis and her husband, Arthur (died 2016), were very active members of the Lamington Church community before they retired to Maryland. A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Saturday, October 12 at 1:00PM. We pray for comfort and strength for Phyllis' family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Phyllis was 94 years old.
- ✝ **Henry Aulenbuch**, seven and half years old, Henry has finished treatment for a brain tumor. He is resting at home. His legs don't work and he is confined to a wheelchair. We pray for Henry's continued healing and strength.
- ✝ **Gunnar Bickhardt**—was born on July 30, 2018 with heart issues and has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar will soon be one year old and is doing great! He is eating well and will soon be discharged from feeding therapy. His physical therapy is progressing too—he is getting up on all fours and beginning to rock back and forth—Gunnar is very motivated to reach his brother's toys! We continue to pray for Gunnar's ongoing healing and progress.
- ✝ **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 Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session



Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser
Jim Grubel
Greg Halsey
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley
Immanual Thomas

Class of 2021

Hunter Lewis
Patrick Palmer
Duncan Rose
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)
David Smith
Odesa Stapleton

Deacons

Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell
Monica Immanual
Etta Marshall
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose

Class of 2021

Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Melinda Nye
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott

**Back to
School
Clothing for
Boys Needed!**



Back to School--Emergency Clothing Need

School days are here again and most students will be starting next week.

IHN has alerted us of an emergency clothing need by one of its phase 2 families with four boys. If you would like to make a donation of clothes or money to help out,

please inform Meridith Scott at meridith1027@gmail.com.

Both can be dropped off at the LPC office with Regina by next Thursday, September 5.

Please make donation checks out to IHN. Karen Donahue will take the mother and boys shopping with the money donations.

If you would like to buy or donate gently used clothes, here are the ages, sizes and needs. Again, all are boys:

- Age 10: pants (14/16 boys), shirts (Large), boxer/briefs underwear (Large), shoes (size 7 boys), socks
- Age 6: pants (5T), shirts (4T), underwear (XS), shoes (size 12 kids), socks
- Age 5: pants & shirts (size 4T), underwear (Small), shoes (size 12 kids), socks
- Age 2: pants, shirts, underwear (all size 2T), socks



IHN at Lamington Church—Volunteers Needed

LPC is scheduled to host families from IHN the week of September 15–22. 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 15 (around 8:30AM) and pack-up on Sunday morning, September 22 (around 8:30AM). We especially always need help with the overnights. **Please sign up online (check the latest newsletter), or email/call Meridith Scott at meridith1027@gmail.com / (908) 797-6805.**



Lamington Adult Choir: Practices are before Sunday worship at 8:45AM. Anyone and everyone is invited to join us for just over an hour of exploring the wonders of music and its power of interacting with and inspiring worship. Each Sunday we are blessed to witness how that same spirit may be brought to fruition in our 10:15AM worship services. If you have questions, please email Jim Goldsworthy at goldsworthy@rider.edu.

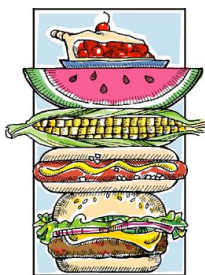
LPC Children's Choir: Warm up those voices! We will be singing together soon! If you have any questions, please email Bess Ploener at ploenerb@gmail.com.

LPC Bell Choir: Bell Choir is starting up again soon! Bell choir is open to all ages and abilities--come try it out! We will be having a short interest meeting on Sunday, September 15 after worship for anyone interested in ringing with us this year! Questions? Please email Bess Ploener at atploenerb@gmail.com.

Calling all Children—Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Sunday School is starting back up today. We're looking forward to seeing you all again! We will celebrate after worship with our welcome back BBQ on the church lawn. Hope you are planning to kick-off the new Sunday School year with us!

Sunday School Teachers! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please see Dyanne Diaz-Piedra during the Welcome Back BBQ, or contact the church office with your availability.



Kick Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ

TODAY--September 8 after Worship

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual Welcome Back BBQ immediately following our 10:15AM worship service today.

Hope you are planning to join us!