

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.



“Turn the Other Cheek — Really?”

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 28, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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“But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also...”
-Matthew 5:39b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE *Aria and Variation 1* from the Goldberg Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach
Hornpipe George Frideric Handel
Ritika and Nivita Thomas, violin and 'cello

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT Dona Nobis Pacem arranged by Kevin McChesney
The Lamington Bell Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12*)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
 Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and do not forget all God's benefits.
 Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is God's steadfast love.
 Leader: As far as east is from the west,
People: so far does God remove our transgressions.
 Leader: In joy and gratitude, let us ascribe to God all praise and glory!

* GATHERING HYMN 398 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of love,
you made us for friendship with you, with one another,
and with the whole creation.
Yet we turn from you,
forsaking fellowship for loneliness.
We turn on one another,
forsaking our common humanity.**

**The whole creation groans and cries out:
for we have made the world not a home,
but a transit zone for strangers.
When our expectations are not met,
we ease our disappointment
with anger and vengeance.
We demand that others live up to our vision of them,
while making exceptions for our own failures.
Savior God, fill our hearts and minds with Your Spirit.
Help us to feel your presence in our lives
and to know that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*** 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

Leviticus 24:10-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Cantad al Señor
(translation by Gerhard Cartford)
The Lamington Children’s Choir

Brazilian folk melody

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(Children are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:38-48

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Turn the Other Cheek—Really?”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*** HYMN 335**

“Though I May Speak”

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

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage. Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

A GENEROSITY MOMENT

Hunter Lewis

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

The New Round O
Ritika Thomas, violin

Anonymous

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 391

"Take My Life"

HENDON

* BENEDICTION

* BELLS RESPONSE

Tallis' Canon
The Lamington Bell Choir

Arranged by Kevin McChesney

* POSTLUDE

Keyboard Sonata in E Major, K. 20

Domenico Scarlatti

** 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
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Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

GUEST ORGANIST: Sergey Tkachenko

Sergey Tkachenko is the Choral Director at Moorestown High School. In addition to his role as an educator, Mr. Tkachenko keeps a busy performance schedule. He sings in the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir in collaboration with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and is assistant conductor for the Westminster Community Orchestra in Princeton, NJ. Formerly, he was the bass choral scholar at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Haddon Heights. Currently, he fills in for church directors, pianists and organists in New Jersey on the weekends. Sergey was a piano student of Dr. James Goldsworthy. He graduated Westminster Choir College with a BM in Music Education.

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated during worship on **November 4**. If you have names of friends or family members who have died, whom you would like to include in the 2018 Prayer of Thanksgiving for All the Saints, please fill in the form at the back of the bulletin and return in the offering plate TODAY. Names must be submitted anew each year. If you prefer, you may email the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com, phone at (908) 572-7013, or fill in the electronic form by entering the following link in your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/yacrazzs> (*Note: Names must be received by Tuesday, October 30 to be included in the bulletin on Sunday, November 4*).

DEACONS: John Gordon

COFFEE HOUR: Jansyn Tropea

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...

- ✝ **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 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.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 28	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM after worship	Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice Youth Group Garden Clean-up
Saturday, November 3	<i>set clocks back</i>	Remember to set clocks back 1-hour before bed.
Sunday, November 4 ** <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> **	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice



LPC Youth Group: Calling all youth—Come one come all! It's time to do a fall clean-up of the Lamington Giving Garden. **Join us in the garden after worship TODAY** and with your help we will get the garden looking good and ready for the spring. Pam and Dave Smith will be on hand guiding us along the way. And, when the work is all done, we will go back to the church for a nice lunch! Hope you can join us! (Reminder: If you need a community service project for school this is a good way to earn some hours.)



All Saints' Sunday Name Submissions

Please print clearly.

Name(s) of person(s) to be remembered:

Name of person requesting: _____

Phone: _____

Support the Elizabethport Library and The Joy of Reading



Five years ago, the Lamington Presbyterian Church (LPC) joined with the Pingry School volunteers to create the Elizabethport (E'port) library for use by its families—readers ranging from pre-school to 65+ years. We painted the room, installed bookcases, purchased comfy furniture and donated books. We even implemented a very basic “cataloguing” system with colored dots applied to each book.

While the library has been used and appreciated by all, the time has come to make it a true lending library—one where books can be checked out, returned and managed. (Today, all books must be read on E'port premises.)

Susan Scott of LPC is leading the effort to provide E'port with this lending library that includes an online lending system (complete with scanner), re-catalogued books, and launch party of the new and improved library for all families to celebrate the joy of reading. Emphasis will be placed on the benefits of parents reading to children and how a lifetime of reading can offer many opportunities.

Would you like to help? Here are two ways:

- **Make a donation.** The total estimated cost for the E'port Lending Library is \$700. A generous donor has made a \$350 matching gift to help reach this goal. You can make a donation of any amount to help fund the new library.
- **Give a hand.** For the next three months, Susan will be looking for LPC volunteers who would like to help with the cataloguing and library launch/party.

To make a donation or volunteer, please write Susan at susanscott823@gmail.com. Susan will also provide an opportunity during coffee hour in the Gladish Room, starting this Sunday, October 28.

Elizabethport Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive

Please donate frozen turkeys by Monday, November 19. To make our gift of turkeys even more meaningful and to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal, please consider also donating non-perishable sides such as: yams, gravy, canned vegetables and stuffing packages. Items are being collected NOW! Please place turkeys in the freezer located by the side door closest to the manse. The non-perishable items can be placed next to the freezer. Turkeys and items can be dropped off during church office hours Tuesday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM or Sundays before worship. To make other arrangements for drop off, please contact the church office at (908) 572-7013 or email lamingtonchurch@gmail.com.

