

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 the Child

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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10:15AM

*“Whoever welcomes one such child
in my name welcomes me...”*

-Mark 9:37

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Suite in b minor, BWV 814 Johann Sebastian Bach
Allemande
Corrente
Sarabande

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

Ritika Thomas

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**People: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**People: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Leader: Great is your name.

People: Great is your love!

* GATHERING HYMN 267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**All-knowing God,
we confess our worry and anxiety
over unimportant matters.**

**We admit the fears
that make us defensive instead of loving.**

**We acknowledge our resentment
over losses we have sustained
and oppression we have suffered.
We recognize that we have been far more concerned
for our own welfare
than for the mission to which you call us.
As a church,
we have focused on survival more than service.
Re-establish your rule among us, we pray,
and save us from ourselves.**

* 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 1

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

Alleluia in a minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

SECOND READING

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Welcome the Child"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 522

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

LAND OF REST

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles' 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

Suite in b minor, BWV 814
Anglaise

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 302

"I Danced in the Morning"

SIMPLE GIFTS

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

"Three-fold Amen in a minor"

Darrell Peter

* POSTLUDE

Suite in b minor, BWV 814
Menuet and Trio

Johann Sebastian 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

The word "welcome" comes from the Old English word, *wilcuma*, meaning "a person whose coming is pleasing." In Old English, *wil* means "desire" or "pleasure," and *cuman* means "come." To welcome another person, therefore, means to look on that one's arrival with pleasure. A smile is the surest sign of genuine welcome. Why not smile at your neighbor in worship today?

LITURGIST: Ritika Thomas COFFEE HOUR: Laurel Rose

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR
James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER
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Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER
John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER
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Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE
Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 23	8:00AM	IHN Pack-Up
	8:45AM	Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
Sunday, September 30	8:45AM	Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	11:30AM	Handbell Choir Practice

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...

- ✠ **Neale Jenkins**, 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.



**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 eleonorhalsey@yahoo.com.*

Chilis \$15 – NOW \$7.50

Soups \$10 – NOW \$5.00

Entrees \$25 – NOW \$12.50

Here's what's happening!



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. No matter your experience level, all are welcome to come on Sunday, September 30th to give handbells a try! We will meet at 11:30AM in the choir loft. *Come ring with us!*

Adult Choir: The choir is back! The Lamington Adult Choir practices Sunday mornings before worship at 8:45AM in the choir loft. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jim Goldsworthy at goldsworthy@rider.edu. *Come sing with us!*

Children's Choir: We are so excited to start another year of Children's Choir! Please keep an eye out for additional information in the following weeks! Contact Bess with any questions: ploenerb@gmail.com. *Come sing with us!*

We're Looking for Sunday School Teachers! We need teachers for Sunday morning Church School. If you love children and enjoy teaching--we need you! If you always wanted to teach, but didn't have the courage to try--teaching Church School is a good place to start. Please contact Dorita at doritapawlikowski@yahoo.com if you have questions or want to sign-up to be a teacher.

We Need Liturgists! A wonderful way to participate in Sunday worship is by volunteering to read scripture. We have many open Sundays to lead worship. Please consider giving to the church with your time & talents. Interested? A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. Questions? Please contact the church office at (908) 572-7013, or lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. *Come share with us!*

Flowers for the Sanctuary: Please consider donating flowers for Sunday worship--there are many Sundays available. You may bring your own, have a florist deliver them or we can order them for you. We welcome an arrangement of just greens, a potted plant, or a vase of cut flowers. You may want to remember or recognize a special event, a family member, or a friend. If you have questions or want to reserve a Sunday, please call Nancy Hance at (908) 439-3755, or email at chance3@comcast.net. *(You may also fill out the flower order form found in the bulletin--please return the completed form to the church.)*

Togo Clothing Drive: We are collecting clothing donations for Sylvie Ayedze and her three sons—Etiam 23; Nola 18; and Nanu, nine years old. The clothing will be shipped directly to them in Togo—a West African nation on the Gulf of Guinea. Gently used and new items would be greatly appreciated. **Lightweight summer clothing only please!** A collection bin (labeled "Togo Clothing Drive") is located in the church entranceway between the manse. **Sizes:** *Sylvie*—shoes 9M, dresses and blouses size 12-14; *Etiam*—XL shirts, slacks 46x32; *Nanu*—M shirts, slacks 30x19; (*Nola*—is fine—he is in school in Maryland living with Sylvie's cousin.)

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!*