

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Préludes, Op. 28
No. 15 in D-flat Major
No. 4 in e minor
No. 6 in E Major

Frédéric Chopin

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

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

People: We hare here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed,
and made whole by the spirit of the living God.

**All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit,
and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Sometimes O God, your word is too much for us. You ask us to love our enemies,
when we can scarcely love our friends as we should. You ask us to give when we want
to take, and to forgive when we want to nurse bitterness. We thank you that you
accept us as we are, and that you show us what we can be. Help us to believe that we
can be loving, just, and holy like you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Jacques Berthier

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Church school is on summer recess. Nursery Care is available for the very young children.)

PIANO SOLO

Préludes, Op. 28
No. 13 in F# Major

Frédéric Chopin

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeanne Bragdon Radak

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 553

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

EAST ACKLAM

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church...

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Prelude: Lento, nello stile di un Chorale

Kent Kennan

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 343

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Préludes, Op. 28
No. 21 in B-flat Major

Frédéric Chopin

** 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. **Note:** Dr. Wilton will be away on vacation from July 30 through August 29. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office. After hours, from July 30 through August 17, please call the Rev. Claire Pula at (908) 910-5361; and from August 18 through 29, the Rev. David Widmer of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of Pittstown at (862) 324-3247.

Today's Worship Notes

Welcome The Rev. Jeanne Bragdon Radak

The Rev. Jeanne Bragdon Radak comes to New Jersey by faith journey that started as a child attending the Baptist Church Sunday School in Caribou, Maine. The journey took a new path when she became connected to the church upon her second visit to Graystone Presbyterian (Indiana, PA) because Norma remembered her name. A year later Jeanne was baptized and joined the Presbyterian Church (USA). She was ordained in 1985 and has served as an assistant pastor (1-year), an interim pastor (9-years, 4 churches), an urban pastor (11-years, 1 church), and an Associate Executive for Congregational Ministry (7-years in Philadelphia). Ms. Radak started as the Presbytery Leader of Newton Presbytery in early 2013.

Through the years Jeanne has experienced and learned a lot about conflict management, mediation, Interim ministry, congregational transformation, leading change, discipleship, stewardship, Missional Practice, missional church, coaching, adaptive leadership and many more things. She loves photography, Doctor Who, genealogy, gardening, quilting and taking her daughter to Irish dance competitions.

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins & Hunter Lewis

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser

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...

- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, a long-time member of Lamington Church died on Sunday, August 5. A Memorial Service at LPC is being planned for October 13 at 11:00AM. We pray for Harry's family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- ✝ **Cynthia Pereyra Noonan**, as she deals with her paralysis. It will be 11 years in September. We give thanks for her husband Trevor, for his ongoing care and love. We pray for strength and comfort for both Cynthia and Trevor.

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; Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER; John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER; Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE; Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 12	10:15AM	Worship—The Rev. Jeanne B. Radak, Guest Preacher
Friday, August 17	10:00AM	SHIP's—bag lunch making at LPC
Sunday, August 19	10:15AM	Worship—The Rev. Ann Shamy

SHIP's Galley Friday, August 17

Members and friends of Lamington Church will meet on Friday, August 17 at 10:00AM in the Church kitchen to prepare bag lunches for SHIP's Galley. The bagged lunches will be taken to St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville and distributed to the homeless, unemployed, hungry and poor. Please call Mary Jenkins at (908) 704-9197 if you can assist with this mission project.



Please Help! Togo Clothing Drive

We are collecting clothing donations for Sylvie Ayedze and her three sons—Etiam 23; Nola, an American citizen born to the Ayedzes while living in Princeton, 18; and Nanu, nine years old.

Although IRS regulations prevent us from receiving monetary donations earmarked for the Ayedze Family, we are happy to accept clothing donations that, through the generosity of a church member, 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 with Sylvie's cousin.)



JOIN US!!
Kick-Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ
September 9 after Worship

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual **BBQ on the front lawn immediately following our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 9**. Tables will be set up; but if you prefer to picnic, please bring a blanket to sit on the lawn. Invite a friend to come and introduce them to Lamington Church. To help make this day fun and special, please bring their favorite salad or a finger dessert. We will also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. If you have questions, please call Debby at (908) 832-7230 or Shelley at (908) 510-6961. **Hope to see you there!!**



DON'T MISS IT—SAVE THE DATE!
2nd Annual
Big Band Jazz Event

Please save the date for the **Second Annual Big Band Event** at **Lamington Church** on **September 15th** from **5:30 – 9:00pm!** Join us for an evening of great food, drink, music and dancing. We look forward to welcoming back the outstanding 18-piece jazz and swing dance band 'Reeds, Rhythm and All That Brass'. Formal invites to follow.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please invite friends and family who you think would enjoy the event, too!

BIG BAND
JAZZ EVENT

15 SEPT
2018

STARTING AT
5:30 PM

REEDS, RHYTHM AND
ALL THAT BRASS

A 18-piece Jazz-Swing Band with Vocals

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Tickets: \$50 per person

Lamington Presbyterian Church
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Call (908) 572-7013 for tickets
Tickets also available at the door
Casual cocktail attire

