

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.



MARCH 10, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019

10:15AM

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...” -Luke 4:1-2a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE	Prélude Pour le piano II. Sarabande	Maurice Ravel Claude Debussy
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WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT	<i>Requiem</i> , Op. 48 opening to Introit	Gabriel Fauré
	Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.	Grant eternal rest to them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Annie Silk

Leader: People of God,
on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.
Leader: People of God,
in this time of temptation, how will you live?
People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.
Leader: People of God,
at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

* GATHERING HYMN 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSON (*unison*)

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our sense of entitlement
and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray.
Cover us with your grace.
Feed us with the bread of life.
Re-create us in your image,
through Jesus Christ our savior.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 341*)

**O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 441*)

**Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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

Requiem, Op. 48

Introit and Kyrie

Gabriel Fauré

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem:
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Grant eternal rest to them, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
A hymn befits you, God in Zion,
and a vow to you shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
for unto you all flesh shall come.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Lure of Limitless Living”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 783

“When We Are Tested”

ANGELS OF HEALING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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 d minor, BWV 812
Sarabande

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 166 “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Requiem, Op. 48
conclusion to Kyrie

Gabriel Fauré

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... have mercy upon us.

* POSTLUDE

Suite in d minor, BWV 812
Menuet I

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 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.

Today's Worship Notes

Today is the First Sunday in Lent, a season lasting 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter. We say "in" Lent, rather than "of" Lent, because Sundays in this season are like celebratory islands in what the church has historically considered to be a sea of fasting and other penitential disciplines. The word itself comes from the Old English "lencten," which means Spring. There's a good reason why that word sounds like our English word "lengthen," because Spring is the season of gradually lengthening days. Lent is a journey that culminates in Holy Week, during which we recall Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Awareness of sin, and Jesus' redemption of we who are sinners, is the prevailing theme. We know, of course, that Good Friday is not the end of the story: the good news of resurrection awaits us on Easter Day. By adopting a Lenten discipline that calls to mind our need for salvation, we prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

LITURGIST: Annie Silk

DEACONS: Cindy Campbell

COFFEE HOUR: Stefanie & Lance LaMarca

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Victoria Borrelli; Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

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 Nancy Sharp**, sister-in-law of congregation members Bonnie and Bob Hanna, who recently died. We pray for comfort and strength for Nancy's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life.
- † **The Family of Barbara Brick Cammarano**, mother of congregation member Etta Marshall, who died on February 23. We pray for comfort and strength for Etta and her family and friends as they mourn her mother's death and celebrate her life.
- † **The Family of Dean Chapman Durling**, grandson of congregation member Betty Durling and the late Carlton Durling, who died on February 22. We pray for comfort and strength for the Durling family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.
- † **Henry Aulenbach**, a seven-year-old with a brain tumor. Henry has already had a few surgeries to relieve pain and is getting ready to receive radiation to help shrink the tumor. We pray for Henry's comfort, healing and strength.
- † **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30 with heart issues. He has gone through two open heart surgeries. He recently had surgery to fix the oxygen flow to the heart. We pray for Gunnar's 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, March 10 * Daylight saving time begins *	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 6:00PM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice Confirmation Class
Monday, March 11	6:00PM	Session Meeting—Gladish Room
Tuesday, March 12	7:00PM	Common Threads—Gladish Room
Wednesday, March 13	6:30PM	Lenten Soup Supper--Lebanon Reformed Church
Friday, March 15	11:00AM	SHIP's Galley—Somerville, NJ
Sunday, March 17	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 6:00PM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice Confirmation Class



Basket Day 2019--Saturday, May 11 Preview Night--Friday, May 10

Basket Day's Marketing Committee is looking to get an early start on marketing materials for our annual Fundraiser. We would like to give visitors an idea of what we offer by highlighting special pieces in our promotions. If you have one or two quality items, large or small, that you are willing to donate, we ask that you bring them to LPC any Sunday in February.

Please let us know what you might have, and when you can drop it off. Keep in mind that we are NOT looking for bulk drop-offs at this time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Melinda Nye at melnye08@gmail.com, or at (908) 787-2020.



**March 13 - April 10
6:30-8:00PM**

All are invited to participate in the **Wednesday evening ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers**. There will be *five of these Lenten events jointly sponsored by area churches*. The overall theme is, "What gets in the way of following Jesus more closely?" Each week will be at a different church and a different pastor will lead the study portion of the evening. **Please note, that on Wednesday, March 20, Lamington Church will host the Lenten Soup Supper.**

Wed. March 13
Lebanon Reformed Church
Rev. David Ruisard

Wed. March 20
Lamington Presbyterian Church
Rev. Lynn Mears

Wed. March 27
Stanton Reformed Church
Rev. Thomas Jones

Wed. April 3
Readington Reformed Church
Rev. Dianna Stone

Wed. April 10
Fairmount United Methodist Church
Rev. Elizabeth Estes

Holy Week Services at Lamington Church

† **Palm Sunday**
April 14 at 10:15AM
† **Maundy Thursday**
April 18 at 7:00PM
† **Easter Sunday**
April 21 at 9:00AM & 11:00AM
(Egg Hunt in between worship services)