

# 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.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
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10:15AM

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*"Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name."  
– Psalm 91:14*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE	Suite in b minor, BWV 814	Johann Sebastian Bach
	Allemande	
	Corrente	
	Sarabande	
	Anglaise	
	Menuet and Trio	

WELCOME

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

INTROIT	Biblical Songs, Op. 99	Antonin Dvořák
	V. "I will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness"	
	(Psalm 144: 9; Psalm 145; 1-3, 5, 6)	

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Isaiah 12:2)* Bob Wittpenn

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

**People: We will trust, and will not be afraid.**

Leader: For the Lord God is our strength and our might,

**People: And has become our salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* GATHERING HYMN 478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Most patient God,**

**we humbly pray that you would make your presence known  
among us and within us.**

**We need courage to control our fears, and they are many.**

**We are afraid of failure - and of success.**

**We are afraid to love - and to be unloved.**

**We are afraid of life - and even more of death.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.  
Help us during this time of worship  
to build up fresh resources of faith and assurance.  
Inspire us to live more bravely,  
trusting in the love of our Lord Jesus  
in his victory over fear, sin, and death.**

\* 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 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

O God Beyond All Praising  
(arranged by Dan Forrest from *The Planets*)

Gustav Holst

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"God Delivers"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN (*see insert*)

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

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

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## A GENEROSITY MOMENT

John Marshall

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Amazing Grace

arranged by Gilbert Martin

## 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.**

## PRAAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

\* SENDING HYMN 562                      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE “A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

\* POSTLUDE Sonata in b minor, K. 87

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 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.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR  
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Mary Ann Scott 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 Tom Rose, from his wife Laurel and their eight grandchildren.*

The hymn after the sermon, “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” — also known as “On Eagle’s Wings” — is one of the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal that we will soon be using here at Lamington Church. Based on Psalm 91, its words and music were written in 1978 by Michael Joncas after he learned of the death of a friend’s father. It was first sung at a visitation that preceded that funeral service, with guitar accompaniment. The hymn’s popularity began in Roman Catholic circles but has since spread around the world.

DEACONS: Eleanor Halsey    LITURGIST: Bob Wittpenn  
COFFEE HOUR: Barbara & Jim Tiesi

### 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](mailto: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.

## THANK YOU KATIE & JOHN



*Please join the choir today after worship at coffee hour* in thanking Katie and John Cloys for their dedication to enriching our lives in worship through music.

While contributing across the past twelve years to the life and spirit of our choir in service to the congregation of Lamington Presbyterian Church, Katie has also sung for numerous landmark events for members of the Church--at weddings, funerals, holiday and special services, in addition to working with our children. Landmark events of her own life--meeting John, their marriage, and the birth of their wonderful daughter, Emma, have taken place with those same years.

The gift of John's presence in the choir over the past six years has given us all the opportunity to experience and fully appreciate the vitality and beauty of the tenor line in choral music.

The rich and inspiring contributions of Katie and John to the musical life of Lamington Presbyterian Church are lasting and resonate in our gratitude and continued growth as musicians singing "in the assembly of the faithful." (Psalm 149)

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**TODAY—Sunday, October 21, we will have a Blessing of the Animals at 4:00PM.** Bring the furry-haired, the shiny-scaled, the slippery and slimy, the bug-eyed crawlers, and the fluffy-feathered members of your family for a blessing. All creatures great and small are welcomed. We will gather at the back of the church in the parking lot. Hope you can join us and bring a friend!



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## The Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 21	8:45AM	Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	11:30AM	Handbell Choir Practice
	4:00PM	Blessing of the Animals at LPC
Tuesday, October 23	7:00PM	Common Threads Ministry—Gladish Room
Sunday, October 28	8:45AM	Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	11:30AM	Handbell Choir Practice
	after worship	Youth Group Garden Clean-up



**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 on Sunday, October 28,** 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. The work may get messy so be sure to wear your work clothes to church--or bring a change of clothes. And, when the work is all done, we will go back to the church for a nice lunch! To be sure we have enough food for everyone, please RSVP to Dyanne at [dyanneleslie@gmail.com](mailto:dyanneleslie@gmail.com). Hope to see you there! (Reminder: If you need a community service project for school this is a good way to earn some hours.)

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

*It's Coming.*  
*November 11,*  
*2018*

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Session's Finance Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and ministries.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge everyone to attend, even those who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and members of the Session and Board of Deacons. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Elder Meridith Scott  
Clerk of Session