

# 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.

THOSE  
WHO DO  
WHAT IS  
TRUE  
COME TO  
THE  
LIGHT...

JOHN 3:21, NRSV

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018

10:15AM

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**“But those who do what is true come to the light...”**  
**John 3:21**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Two Airs and one Menuet  
from *Klavierbüchlein für Anna Magdalena Bach*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT

The Glory of These Forty Days

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 107:1-3*)

Ritika Thomas

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
**People: those the Lord redeemed from trouble,  
and gathered in from the lands,**  
Leader: from the east and from the west,  
**People: from the north and from the south.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

\* GATHERING HYMN 250 “When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies”

ST. STEPHEN

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**Lord, who spoke light into darkness,  
we confess there are times when we love darkness  
rather than light.**  
**We wrap ourselves in anonymity,  
imagining the shadows as a cloak of invisibility:  
when, in reality,  
there is nowhere your all-perceiving eye cannot see.**  
**Forgive our failings,  
our sins of omission and commission.**  
**Grant us again the power of the Christ in our lives,**

**and may we never forget what it means  
to be baptized in him.  
Throughout these Lenten days,  
help us to grow in faith  
and discover greater paths of service.  
In the name of Jesus, our Master, we pray. 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 223)

**Far as east from west is distant,  
God has put away our sin;  
Like the pity of a father  
Has the Lord's compassion been.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Numbers 21:4-9

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Children through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)*

**PIANO SOLO**

Sonata in f minor, K. 69

Domenico Scarlatti

**SECOND READING**

John 3:14-21

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

**SERMON**

“Come to the Light”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 462

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

RATISBON

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Brief Statement of Faith*, 1990)

**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 to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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 peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

### THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**OFFERTORY**

Menuet in c minor

J.S. 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 411**

**"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

FESTAL SONG

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Messiah*, HWV 56**

George Frideric Handel

**No. 22 Chorus: "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**

**\* POSTLUDE**

**Menuet in g minor**

Christian Petzold

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*\* 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 emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

### Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of dear ones by Diane and Paul Napolitan.*

In the wake of the recent storms, many of us have been living without electricity. It's an odd experience of being thrust backward in time, to the dark nights our ancestors knew so well. This Sunday, we'll recall how, in the third chapter of John, the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to see Jesus by night: because he doesn't want to be seen. Jesus chides him, saying "those who do what is true come to the light." It's a vivid image for the Christian life. There is much darkness in the world, still: but we take heart, for Christ is our light.

DEACONS: Eleanor Halsey and Sandi Ramsay

LITURGIST: Ritika Thomas

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Katina & Ivan Medina

### Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

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