

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.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

9:00AM & 11:00AM

“Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold onto me...’”
-John 20:17

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Organ Mass for the Parishes
XV. Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux

François Couperin

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT

Requiem, Op. 48
VII. In Paradisum

Gabriel Fauré

In Paradisum dducant angeli,
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

Into paradise may angels draw them,
on your arrival, may the martyrs receive you
and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

May the chorus of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

9:00AM Nivita Thomas/11:00AM Valerie Fraser

Leader: Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

* GATHERING HYMN 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
We have lived by our own feeble strength,
not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us:
People: Lord, hear us and help us.
Leader: We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us:
People: Lord, hear us and help us.
Leader: We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us:
People: Lord, hear us and help us.
Leader: Lift our minds above earthly things:
set them on things above.
**People: Show us your glory and your power,
that we may serve you gladly all our days.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 578*)

**O Lord, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 586*)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:9-12; 16-23

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*There is no church school today.
Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Childcare is available if needed.*

ANTHEM*Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

I. Easter

Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise:
That, as his death calcinèd thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and, much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretchèd sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long;
Or, since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied:
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

SECOND READING

John 20:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.**People:** Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM***Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

II. I Got Me Flowers

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But Thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st Thy sweets along with Thee.

The sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume:
If they should offer to contest
With Thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

SERMON

“Something to Hold Onto”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 241

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

KINGDOM

* 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

Five Mystical Songs

IV. The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

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 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Five Mystical Songs

V. Antiphon

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King.'

Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King.'

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

The Church with Psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King.'

* POSTLUDE

Suite in G major, BWV 816

Johann Sebastian Bach

Giga

* 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

“*Noli me tangere*” is the title of a number of classical religious paintings. The Latin comes from John 20:17, and translates “Do not touch me.” It’s something Jesus says to Mary Magdalene as she encounters him following the resurrection. Just why Jesus is hesitant to have Mary touch him, no one knows. Is it because he now has a resurrection body that’s somehow different from the human body he once inhabited? Is it because Mary is clinging to him so tightly in her joy and astonishment that she actually keeps him from going where he needs to go? It’s a mystery: but for us the phrase is heavy with meaning. We, too, wish we had something to hold onto as we seek to grasp the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection.

Haochen Wang, GUEST TRUMPETER

This morning we welcome to Lamington Church, trumpeter Haochen Wang, from Tianjin, China, just southeast of Beijing. Mr. Wang is currently in his second year of graduate study at Westminster Choir College of Rider University completing the Master of Music in Choral Conducting degree. He has served as bass section leader and graduate student assistant of the Symphonic Choir.

DEACONS

9:00AM - Mary Jenkins; 11:00AM - Eleanor Halsey

LITURGISTS

9:00AM - Nivita Thomas; 11:00AM - Valerie Fraser

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

John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Victoria Borrelli and Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday	8:45AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship – 1 st Worship Service Children’s Egg Hunt (between services) Worship – 2 nd Worship Service
Tuesday, April 23	7:00PM	Common Threads
Wednesday, April 24	7:00PM	Adult Bible Study - manse
Saturday, April 27	10:30AM	Presbyterian Palate Cooking – LPC kitchen
Sunday, April 28	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School

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 Patricia Lamdin**, we pray for Patricia's family and friends as they mourn her recent death and celebrate the memory of her life. Patricia was the mother of congregation member, Eleanor Halsey.
- † **Linda Smith**, who recently had surgery to repair a broken hip. Linda is the stepmother of congregation member, Dave Smith. We pray for Linda's healing, comfort and a speedy recovery.
- † **Henry Aulenbach**, a seven-year-old with a brain tumor. Henry is receiving radiation to shrink the tumor. We pray for Henry's comfort, healing and strength.
- † **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30, 2018 with heart issues. He has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar is showing signs of healing. He is beginning to take most of his feeds orally—no more feeding tube, push-up with his arms, sit up with minimal support, and sleep on his belly. We continue to pray for Gunnar's ongoing healing and progress.
- † **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 Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser
Jim Grubel
Greg Halsey
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley
Immanuel Thomas



Class of 2021

Hunter Lewis
Patrick Palmer
Duncan Rose
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)
David Smith
Odesa Stapleton

Deacons

Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell
Monica Immanuel
Etta Marshall
Sandi Ramsay
Laurel Rose

Class of 2021

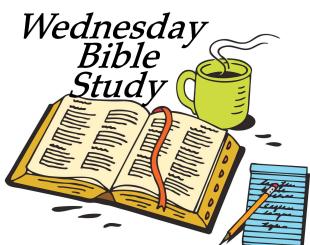
Sallye Grubel
Eleanor Halsey
Mary Jenkins
Melinda Nye
Barbara Pereyra



The flowers in the Sanctuary are a gift from members and friends of The Lamington Presbyterian Church. They are given to the glory of God and in joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!

Cindy and Scott Campbell
Lynn and Mac Carter
Marlene Connors
The Frankel Family
Valerie Fraser
Dee, Beth and Kent Gladish
The Hance Family
Mary Jenkins
The Larsen Family
Etta and John Marshall
Patty and John Muchmore
The Paine Family
Georgie and Reeve Schley
The Thomas Family
Lauren Tucker
The Revs. Claire Pula and Carl Wilton
The Wittpenn Family

(We apologize for any names that were accidentally omitted.)



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY - Beginning this Wednesday-April 24, come to the Manse for coffee and goodies from 7:00-8:00PM and for a new adult study opportunity, based on the new book by Barry Ensign-George, "Six Themes Everyone Should Know: The Bible." Often, in studying the Bible, we zero in on a single passage. We don't look so often at the great themes that run through the entire Bible. These studies examine themes that are launched in the first 11 chapters of Genesis, then come in for a landing later, in the New Testament. The themes are as follows:

1. The Great Arc of Creation, from Garden to Garden City (please read Genesis 2:4-15 and Revelation 21:9-14 and 22:1-5)
2. Creatures of God: Finite and Flourishing
3. Creatures of God: Mutually Dependent
4. Creatures of God: God Does Not Clone
5. Sin and Redemption: God Doesn't Go Back
6. Sending, Gathering, Sending Again: The Heartbeat of the Mission of God

Participants will be asked to make a donation of \$10 for the cost of their book. It would help our planning if you'd notify Regina in the church office that you're planning to come, but even if you don't, please come anyway!