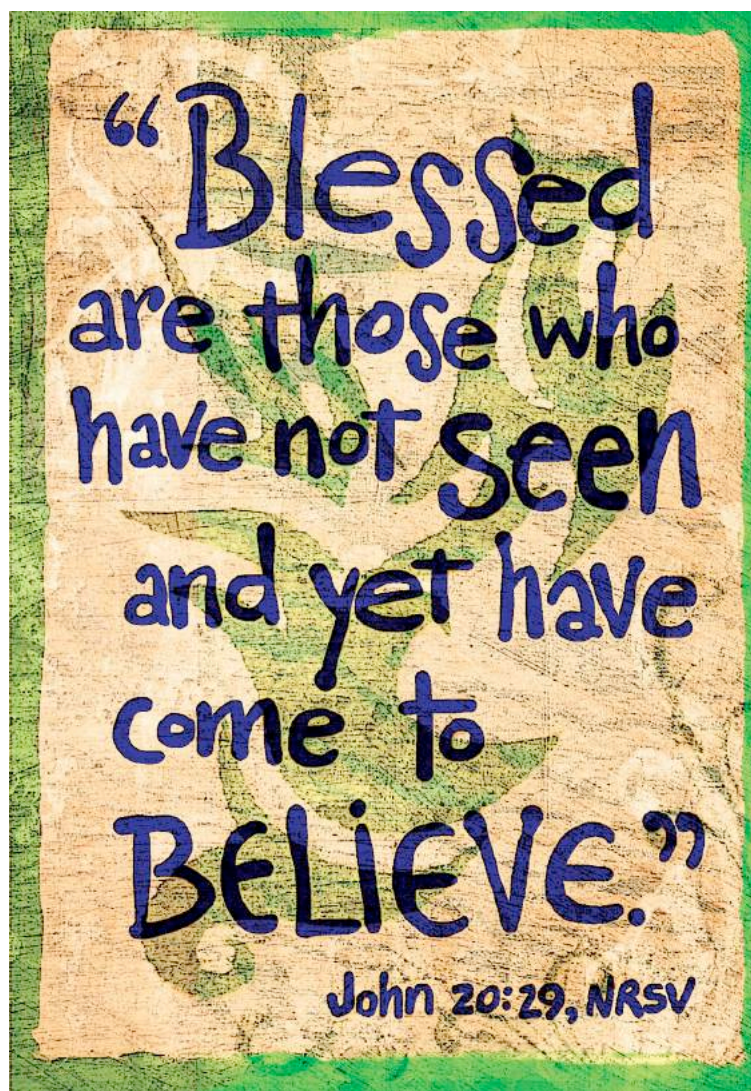


# THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2019

10:15AM

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*“But [Thomas] said to them,  
‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,  
and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’”  
-John 20:25b*

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 6 in C Major, Hob. XVI:10 - Moderato

Franz Joseph Haydn

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People: but we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**People: but we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**People: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

Leader: O Come, let us praise the risen Lord!

\* GATHERING HYMN 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Wondrous God, we confess  
that at times our doubts and fears  
override our hope and faith.**

**Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love  
and instead fall into despair and gloom.**

**Lift our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember  
the promise of new life here and now,  
not just the hope of resurrection for the future.  
We give thanks for your son, Jesus the Christ,  
who meets us where we are,  
who continues to offer us new life,  
who turns us around and upside down,  
who continues to break down the walls of death  
wherever and however they hold us captive.  
Forgive us, restore us and renew us.  
In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ,  
we pray.**

\* 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

Jonah 1

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.)*

#### SOLO

*Deep River*

African American Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

#### SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Unconditional Surrender”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 725

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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\* RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Study Catechism*)

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “God’s only Son”?

**People: No one else will ever be God incarnate.  
No one else will ever die for the sins of the world.  
Only Jesus Christ is such a person,  
only he could do such a work,  
and he in fact has done it.**

Leader: What do you affirm when you say that he was “crucified, dead and buried”?

**People: From Christ's lonely and terrible death we learn  
that there is no sorrow he has not known,  
no grief he has not borne,  
and no price he was unwilling to pay  
in order to reconcile us to God.**

Leader: What do you affirm when you say that "on the third day he rose again from the dead"?

**People: Our Lord could not be held by the power of death.  
Having died on the cross,  
he appeared to his followers,  
and revealed himself to them  
as the Lord and Savior of the world.**

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

### THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* African American Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

### 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 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Suite No. 7 in g minor, HWV 432 - Sarabande

Georg Friedrich Handel

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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 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**

Surely, Thomas is the most misunderstood of Jesus' disciples. Because he asked Jesus to first show him his wounds before he'd claim the truth of the resurrection, he's been known as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But that's hardly a fair label. Thomas was out of the room when Jesus first appeared, so he didn't see what his fellow disciples saw. Once he did see the evidence, his declaration of faith was instantaneous. We'll take a good, long look at the story of this faithful apostle, who — according to tradition — later journeyed east and brought the good news to India.

### **Justin Proffitt, Guest Musician**

We welcome to worship **guest musician, Justin Proffitt**. Mr. Proffitt serves as an adjunct faculty member at The College of New Jersey and at Westminster Choir College, teaching piano secondary courses. In addition, he maintains an independent music studio in the Princeton, New Jersey area. His performing experience has ranged from solo piano recitals to various collaborative performances. A recipient of Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from Westminster Choir College, Justin continues to pursue his research interests by working toward a doctorate in Music and Music Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

COFFEE HOUR: Mary and Peter Ganzenmuller

### **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*)

## 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.

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### The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 28	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School
Wednesday, May 1	7:00PM	Adult Bible Study - manse
Sunday, May 5 <b>Basket Day Set Up</b>	10:15AM 10:30AM after worship 11:30AM	Worship Church School Basket Day Set Up New Member Lunch with Carl

## 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

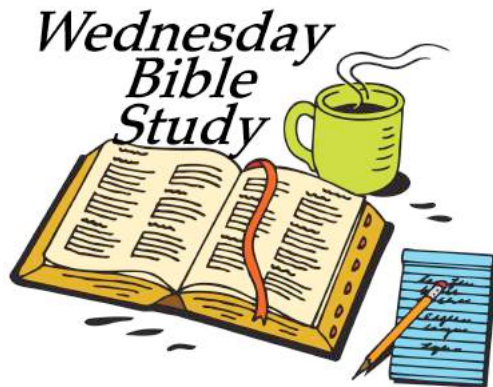
### Deacons

#### 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  
Joe Scott



**Wednesday Bible Study—Next meeting date is May 1.** Come to the Manse for coffee and goodies Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM and for an 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 remaining themes are as follows:

- Creatures of God: Finite and Flourishing (please read Genesis 1:1-2:9 and Revelation 21:12-26)
- Creatures of God: Mutually Dependent
- Creatures of God: God Does Not Clone
- Sin and Redemption: God Doesn't Go Back
- 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. Hope you will plan to join us!

### **Basket Day Set Up Day Sunday, May 5--after worship**

On Sunday, May 5, immediately after worship, please join us for our workday for Basket Day. Lunch will be served. We really need everyone's help to move furniture from the Gladish Room and back classrooms into the sanctuary. There will also be other needed help with the Treasure Tent! Please let us know if you plan to attend—sign up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019BDsetup>. Thank you!



### **New Members Lunch with Pastor Carl**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Lamington Church?

If you'd like to find out more, please come to our upcoming New Members lunch with Pastor Carl **after church on Sunday, May 5, 11:30AM to 1:30PM.**

If you like what you see, there will be an opportunity to meet with some members of the Session, who will vote to receive you into membership.

Please let Carl know if you plan to attend, (908) 910-5360, or email [cwilton99@gmail.com](mailto:cwilton99@gmail.com).