

# 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*

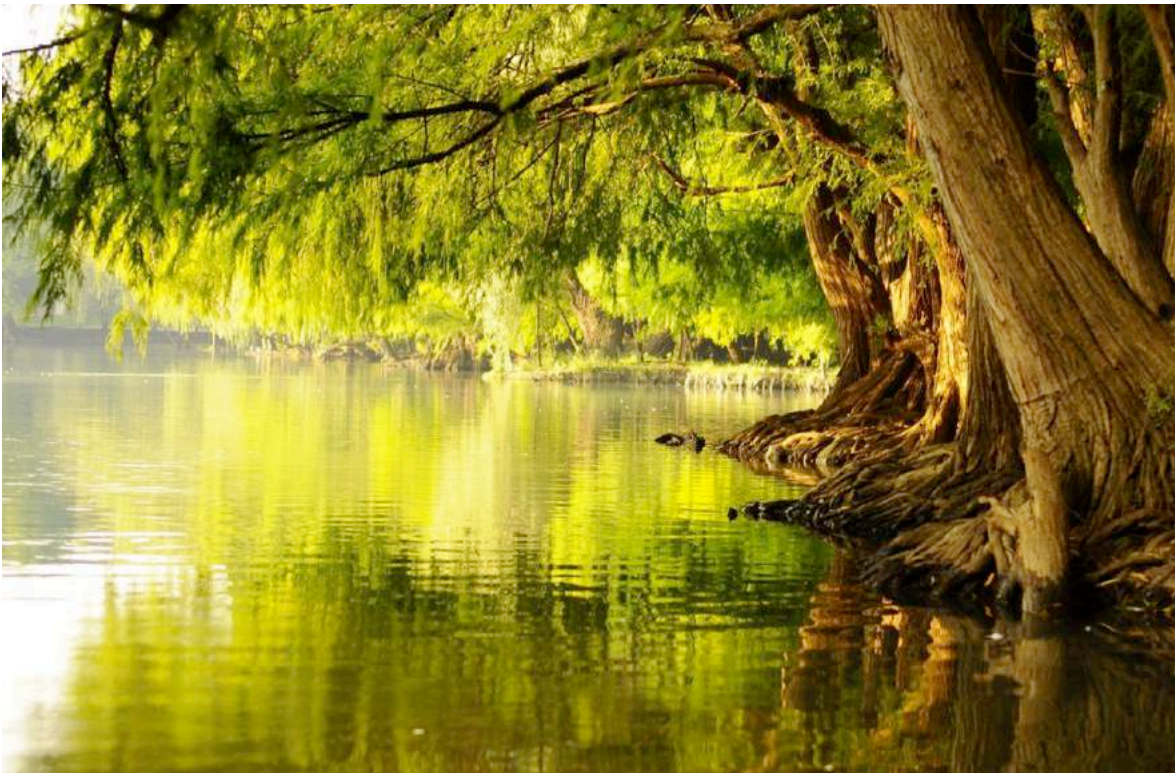
through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;

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.



*"They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream."*

**-Jeremiah 17:8a**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 17, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:15AM

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*“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.”  
-Jeremiah 17:7-8a*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Suite in E major, BWV 817 Johann Sebastian Bach  
Sarabande, Gavotte, and Polonaise

WELCOME

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT God Is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27) Melchior Vulpus

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (freely adapted from Psalm 1) Ann Silk

Leader: Happy are those who walk in the right places,  
**People: who shun paths trodden by sinners,  
who refuse to sit as spectators dispensing scorn.**

Leader: They are people of delight:  
**People: delighting in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: They are like mighty trees,  
roots sunk deep in the riverbank,  
**People: nurtured by God’s ever-flowing river of blessing.**

Leader: Their mighty trunks stand resolute,  
**People: their verdant leaves never wither.**

Leader: The wicked are not so.  
**People: All their proud accomplishments  
are like chaff borne away on the wind.**

Leader: Come, O people of God.  
You are thirsty for righteousness.  
Come and drink from God’s life-giving stream!

\* GATHERING HYMN 375 “Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God,  
but as we come into your presence  
we discard such illusions.**

**We confess that our love for you is a diluted love,  
made insipid and flat**

**by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.**

## How easily faithfulness is wooed away!

## How freely our attention wanders!

**In your deep mercy, spare us.**

**Rekindle our first love which is for you.**

**May we feel afresh the love of your son Jesus for us  
and for all this hurting world:**

**for it is only by following humbly in his steps**

**that we become the people of blessing**

**you have created us to be.**

\* KYRIE (*Hymn 575*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us;**

**Christ, have mercy upon us;**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## \* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

Henry W. Greathouse, 1851

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

## Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God  
(Psalm 51:10-13)

Carl Mueller

## SECOND READING

## Luke 6:17-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## “Down By the Riverside”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 840

“When Peace like a River”

VILLE DU HAVRE

\* 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 E major, BWV 817

Johann Sebastian Bach

Menuet

### 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 457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

WAREHAM

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27)

Melchior Vulpus

\* POSTLUDE

Suite in E major, BWV 817

Johann Sebastian Bach

Bourrée

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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](mailto: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

"A River Runs Through It" is the title of a bestselling novel and film. A river runs through all three of our hymns this morning as well: the river of God's abundant faithfulness. Those who drink from that river never thirst!

LITURGIST: Ann Silk  
DEACONS: Cindy Campbell  
COFFEE HOUR: Eleanor & Greg Halsey

### 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...

- ✝ **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 Rev. Becky Pratt**, co-Pastor of the Stanton Reformed Church, seriously ill with cancer. We pray for comfort and strength as she undergoes treatment.

### 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; Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS  
Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE  
Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

### The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

#### Session

##### Class of 2019

Lynn Carter  
Patrick Palmer  
Duncan Rose  
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)  
Immanuel Thomas



##### Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser  
Jim Grubel  
Greg Halsey  
Alison Paine  
Georgie Schley

#### Deacons

##### Class of 2019

Sallye Grubel  
Eleanor Halsey  
Mary Jenkins  
Joe Scott  
Hunter Lewis

##### Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell  
Monica Immanuel  
Sandi Ramsay  
Laurel Rose  
Etta Marshall

### The Upcoming Week

Sunday, February 17	8:30AM 8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	IHN Clean Up Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Handbell Choir Practice
Wednesday, February 20	7:00PM	Bible Study—Manse
Fri., Feb. 22–Sun., Feb. 24	(Fri. PM to Sun. AM)	Confirmation Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg
Sunday, February 24	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:15AM 11:30AM	Adult Choir Practice Worship Church School Annual Meeting Handbell Choir Practice



**Weekly Adult Bible Study:** Join us *on Wednesday evenings for our weekly Adult Bible Study, from 7:00-8:00PM.* These "fireside Bible studies" are led by Pastor Carl at the Manse.

The first series of studies is on the Parables of Jesus: a different parable each week. The passage for Wednesday, February 20 is *The Parable of the Widow and the Judge*, Luke 18:1-8.

**Note:** The Wednesday Bible study will not meet during Lent. We will resume after Easter with another topic. Members of the group have decided to attend the ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers. See information below.

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**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 a different pastor will lead the study portion of the evening. Watch for details on the weekly location. **Please note, that on Wednesday, March 20, Lamington Church will host the Lenten Soup Supper.**




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**March 6**  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
**at Lamington Church**  
**7:00PM**

**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](mailto:melnye08@gmail.com), or at (908) 787-2020.



**When:**

***February 24, 2019***

**Time:**

***Immediately after Worship***

**Where:**

***Sanctuary***

The meeting will include a number of reports on the life of our church and we will elect the slate of leadership candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.

(Please note that in the event of snow, the meeting will take place at the same time the following Sunday—March 3.)