

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.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019

10:15AM

*“No slave can serve two masters...
You cannot serve God and wealth.”
-Luke 16:13*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Suite in C Major
Präludium
Allemande

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nivita Thomas

Leader: Joy rings through the skies,

People: For God's love is alive in our hearts.

Leader: Gladness cascades like a mountain stream,

People: For God's word brings new life.

Leader: Delight ripples through the trees,

People: For God's grace heals our wounds.

Leader: Let our songs raise the roof,

People: For God is great and worthy of praise!

* GATHERING HYMN 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy, we confess

that we are so much in your debt

that we should fall on our knees before you.

We who are forgiven much

have forgiven little.

We are quick to pass judgment on others,

to despise those whose beliefs are different from ours.

**We have loosed hurtful words,
and have failed to honor Christ in our deeds.
Have patience with us, Lord,
for we are slow to learn and even slower to act.
Our deep desire is to do your will.
Forgive us our sin,
and help us claim with joy
the new creation you promise in Jesus Christ.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 341*)

**O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

**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

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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 Thanks Be to Thee

George Frideric Handel

SECOND READING Luke 16:1-13

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

SERMON "The Sure Thing"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 771 “What Is the World Like”

NEW WORLD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The 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 C Major

George Frideric Handel

Corrente

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 634

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *May God Support You All Your Days* (Psalm 20)

DICKINSON COLLEGE

* POSTLUDE

Suite in C Major

George Frideric Handel

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.

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

Victoria Borrelli, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER

John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Gade Smith and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

Have you ever known someone who did the right thing for the wrong reason? In Luke 16, Jesus tells a parable about just such a person. It's called "The Parable of the Dishonest Manager." This shady character gives a whole lot of money to the needy. It turns out, though, it isn't his money to give! This grifter embezzles a tidy sum from his master in a shrewd gambit to save his own skin. Remarkably, the returning master doesn't call in the police. He gives his faithless subordinate a promotion instead! What could Jesus possibly mean, telling a pulp fiction story like this one? Let's find out!

LITURGIST: Nivita Thomas DEACON ON DUTY: Laurel Rose
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Jennifer Winters

Please Note

Pastor Carl will be on Study Leave September 23-October 6

Pastor Carl will be on a Mission/Study Tour to Armenia, led by the PCUSA's Jinishian Memorial Foundation, from September 23-October 6. The Rev. David Widmer, interim pastor from Bethlehem Presbyterian in Pittstown, will provide emergency pastoral care coverage. Guest preachers will be the Rev. Brooks Smith (September 29) and the Rev. Kathryn Henry (October 6). To learn about the mission trip go to: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/discover-armenia/>

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 22	8:30AM	IHN Clean Up Crew
	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	after worship	Handbell Choir Practice
Saturday, September 28	6:00PM	Big Band Jazz at LPC
Sunday, September 29	8:45AM	Adult Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship—The Rev. Brooks Smith, Guest Preacher
	10:30AM	Church School
	after worship	Handbell Choir Practice

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 Melinda Nye**—Congregation member and Deacon Melinda Nye has recently died. The family is making plans for a service in her memory, details to be announced. We pray for comfort and strength for Melinda's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life.
- ✝ **The Family of Rebecca Terry**—Congregation member Becky Terry died on Thursday, September 5. The family is making plans for a service in her memory, details to be announced. We pray for comfort and strength for Becky's children, family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Her husband, John, predeceased her on January 4, 2017.
- ✝ **The Family of Phyllis Burton**—Phyllis, mother of congregation member Linda Ricks, died on August 14. Phyllis and her husband, Arthur (died 2016), were very active members of the Lamington Church community before they retired to Maryland. A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Saturday, October 12 at 12:45PM. We pray for comfort and strength for Phyllis' family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Phyllis was 94 years old.
- ✝ **Henry Aulenbuch**, seven and half years old, Henry has finished treatment for a brain tumor. He is resting at home. His legs don't work and he is confined to a wheelchair. We pray for Henry's continued healing and strength.
- ✝ **Gunnar Bickhardt**—was born on July 30, 2018 with heart issues and has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar will soon be one year old and is doing great! He is eating well and will soon be discharged from feeding therapy. His physical therapy is progressing too—he is getting up on all fours and beginning to rock back and forth—Gunnar is very motivated to reach his brother's toys! 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
Barbara Pereyra
Joe Scott

Volunteers Needed: The Big Band Jazz Event is on Saturday, September 28 from 6:00-9:00PM. The event will be catered and hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. We need at least one to two volunteers to help with the set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help, please contact Susan Wittpenn at wittpenns@comcast.net, or (908) 832-0978.



Help Us Spread the Word: Please use your social media accounts to tell your friends about the Big Band event on September 28 at LPC. This will help Lamington Church expand its reach. You can direct them to our website (www.lamingtonpcusa.com) or pass along the latest copy of LPC's weekly e- newsletter. Post it to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, ...

*** Buy Your Tickets TODAY ***

The Third Annual Big Band Jazz Event at LPC
Saturday, September 28
6:00-9:00PM

Tickets will be on sale today after worship during coffee hour
(*payment option: check or cash*)

-or-

Register online on our website: www.lamingtonpcusa.com
(*payment option: credit card or check*)