

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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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August 19, 2018

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them . . .

-Hebrews 13:1-3a

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Album for the Young, Op. 68 (First Section: For Children)

Robert Schumann

1. Melodie
3. Little Trill Song
4. A Chorale
5. Little Piece
14. Little Study

WELCOME

Rich Ramsay

* 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: Let us lift up our voices to God: we need your presence, Lord, on the long road.

All: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, join us in the person of strangers, walking along side us.

All: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power; let this time of worship be a sacred hour.

Leader: Come, let us join our voices in praise and song for the Holy One.

* GATHERING HYMN 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* 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 576)

Jacques Berthier

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 34 (selected verses)

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Church school is on summer recess. Nursery Care is available for the very young children.)

PIANO SOLO Scenes from Childhood, Op. 15
12. Child in Slumber
13. The Poet Speaks

Robert Schumann

SECOND READING Luke 1:39-56; Matthew 2:13-23

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

SERMON

Rev. Ann B. Shamy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 439 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

* 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

Album Leaves, Op. 124
6. Little Lullaby

Robert Schumann

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 539 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

ELLERS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Album for the Young, Op. 68 (Second Section: For Adults)
35. Mignon

Robert Schumann

** 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. **Note:** Dr. Wilton will be away on vacation from July 30 through August 29. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the church office. After hours, the Rev. David Widmer of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of Pittstown at (862) 324-3247.

Today's Worship Notes

Welcome The Rev. Ann B. Shamy, Guest Preacher

The Rev. Ann B. Shamy, a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serves as Staff Chaplain for Pediatrics and Perinatal Services at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and for Children's Specialized Hospital at Mountainside and in New Brunswick. She is clergyperson for the SIDS Center of New Jersey. Ann and her husband John reside in Somerset; they have three adult children and a seven-year old granddaughter and three-year old grandson.

DEACONS: Eleanor Halsey & Joe Scott

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

LEMONADE HOSTS: Chris and Rich Smith

Note: Call to Worship adapted from “*Leading in Worship: Worship Resources in a Mennonite Voice for Ears of All Kind*” (carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/prayers-call-to-worship)

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; Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER; John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER; Mary Ann Scott 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...

- ✝ **Harry Carpenter**, a long-time member of Lamington Church died on Sunday, August 5. A Memorial Service at LPC is being planned for October 13 at 11:00AM. We pray for Harry's family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- ✝ **Cynthia Pereyra Noonan**, as she deals with her paralysis. It will be 11 years in September. We give thanks for her husband Trevor, for his ongoing care and love. We pray for strength and comfort for both Cynthia and Trevor.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 19	10:15AM	Worship—The Rev. Ann Shamy
Sunday, August 26	10:15AM	Worship—The Rev. Stan Purdum

Please Help! Togo Clothing Drive

We are collecting clothing donations for Sylvie Ayedze and her three sons—Etiam 23; Nola, an American citizen born to the Ayedzes while living in Princeton, 18; and Nanu, nine years old.

Although IRS regulations prevent us from receiving monetary donations earmarked for the Ayedze Family, we are happy to accept clothing donations that, through the generosity of a church member, will be shipped directly to them in Togo—a West African nation on the Gulf of Guinea.

Gently used and new items would be greatly appreciated. **Lightweight summer clothing only please!** A collection bin (labeled "Togo Clothing Drive") is located in the church entranceway between the manse.

Sizes: Sylvie—shoes 9M, Dresses and Blouses size 12-14; Etiam—XL shirts, slacks 46x32; Nanu—M shirts, slacks 30x19; (Nola—is fine—he is in school in Maryland with Sylvie's cousin.)



JOIN US!!
Kick-Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ
September 9 after Worship

We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual **BBQ on the front lawn immediately following our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 9**. Tables will be set up; but if you prefer to picnic, please bring a blanket to sit on the lawn. Invite a friend to come and introduce them to Lamington Church. To help make this day fun and special, please bring their favorite salad or a finger dessert. We will also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. If you have questions, please call Debby at (908) 832-7230 or Shelley at (908) 510-6961. **Hope to see you there!!**



Please join us for the Second Annual
BIG BAND JAZZ EVENT
Featuring the 18 Piece Swing Jazz Band
REEDS, RHYTHM & ALL THAT BRASS

Saturday, September 15th
5:30pm to 9:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

\$50 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer.
To purchase tickets, please visit:

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*Casual Cocktail Attire