

Advent 2009

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2009
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Season of Promise

WELCOME. We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. All people are welcome here, to join in worship and service. All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation immediately following worship in St. Andrews Hall (down the steps outside the sanctuary, and to the left).

If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a new comer, we invite you to wear the yellow dove badge, sign the pew pad, meet some folks and visit our Information Table in St. Andrews Hall, located just outside the church office.

Please turn off all cellular phones, pagers and watch alarms during worship. Please refrain from using flash photography during the worship service.

CHILD CARE is available in two different rooms on the lower level for infants/toddlers and for preschool/kindergarten children. Two certified child-care attendants staff the infant/toddler room and parent volunteers staff the preschool/kindergarten room during services. If you are able to assist in the preschool/kindergarten room, please contact Alison Staeger, Volunteer Coordinator, at (703) 980-3781 or tmoge@yahoo.com

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS (words only) are available from the ushers upon request. Please return the hymnal to the ushers after the service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

PILLOWS are available in the coat room, just outside the narthex, to help make the pew more comfortable during worship. Feel free to borrow a pillow and return it after worship.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Sermons are posted every week on our website, www.lewinsville.org. When you are away from home for any reason, join the Lewinsville Church family by downloading a video or mp3 audio recording of the sermon. DVD recordings of worship services are also archived in the Library. Feel free to check them out any time.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT LEWINSVILLE CHURCH? – The next Inquirers Class begins on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. in the Library. Registration for the class can be made at www.lewinsville.org, or call the church office at 703 356-7200 during weekday business hours.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP:

PH - The Presbyterian Hymnal
Renew - Renew! Hymnal (grey)

OT - Pew Bible Old Testament
NT - Pew Bible New Testament

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* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME

PRAYER AND SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:30

Coventry Carol

Lloyd Larson

11:00

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Mark Schweizer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather in worship

Remembering the light and love of God in Jesus Christ.

As the Advent candle is lit:

*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;
The one who follows me will not walk in darkness
But will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

Arise, shine; *Isaiah 60:1*

For your light has come

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Come, Lord Jesus,

our light and our salvation.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Who are we, Lord God,
that you should come to us?
Our days are unfocused and filled with distraction.
Our hearts are filled with empty desires.
Our mouths speak empty promises.
We remain unfaithful to your goodness,
seeking after that which does not satisfy our deepest longings,
unable to believe your promise of new life.**

silence for personal confession

**Yet you have visited your people
and redeemed us in your Son.
As we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH 13 (v. 3)

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; You Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.**

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Greet those around you, saying "Peace be with you" or "The Peace of Christ"

If you prefer not to shake hands in greeting while passing the Peace of Christ, you may choose to make eye contact and greet others in another personal way.

During the passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward and join the pastor on the chancel steps.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Children will return to sit with their parents following the meditation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WRITTEN WORD

Micah 5:2-5a

OT p.865

Luke 1:39-56

NT p.57

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPOKEN WORD

Surprise!

Rev. Deborah McKinley

* HYMN

Song of Mary

PH 600

MORNING SONG

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

**Jesus, the long expected Savior,
came into the world as a child,
descended from David,
conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of Mary, a virgin.
He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.**

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We affirm that Jesus was born of woman

as is every child,
yet born of God's power
as was no other child.
In the person and work of Jesus,
God himself and a human life
are united but not confused,
distinguished but not separated.
The coming of Jesus was itself
the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his birth, life, death and resurrection,
he brings about the relationship between God and humanity
that God always intended.

Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition:

Your kingdom come, Lord.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

THE THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES THROUGH OUR GIFTS

Today we receive The Christmas Joy Offering.

Envelopes may be found in the pew racks. Please be generous.

OFFERTORY

8:30

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Cathy Moglebust

11:00

An Advent Prayer

Allen Pote

* PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

- * CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
**All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

PH 10 (v. 4)
WINCHESTER NEW

- * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

- * HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PH 43
FOREST GREEN

- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

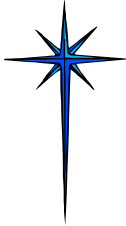
POSTLUDE

Herr Christ, Der Einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601 Johann Sebastian Bach
(Lord Christ, the only Son of God)

*The pastors will be in the narthex to greet you following worship.
For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude,
please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary,
or until the postlude has concluded.*

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Always remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, God and Christ. Let them know that they are at home in worship at Lewinsville!



CHRISTMAS AT LEWINSVILLE

**Monday, December 21: Longest Night Worship Service,
7:30pm**

Joy and happiness are the words of the season. But what if you feel only sadness or anxiety or fear? Holidays can bring painful memories and profound loneliness. At the Longest Night Worship Service we'll gather in candlelight to sing, pray, and gather at the Lord's Table, claiming the light of Christ, the Light no darkness can overcome.

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship

4:30 pm Family Festival Worship with Children's Choirs,
childcare provided

7:30 pm Candlelight Communion Festival Worship with
Adult Choir, *childcare provided*

10:30 pm Candlelight Communion Festival Worship with
Youth Choir

Sunday, December 27: Christmas Lessons and Carols, 11am

Join the singing of the season with a Christmas Carol Sing
at **10:45**.

Bring Christmas cookies and goodies to share during
Fellowship time following worship.

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ
and equipped by the Holy Spirit
to transform our lives through biblical reflection,
faithful worship of God,
sharing our faith and life journeys,
and living out Christ's love in the World.*

VISION STATEMENT

*Our vision is to grow in the understanding of our faith
as we experience God's Word in our lives,
to develop a strong spiritual grounding
in the midst of modern life,
and to create deeper connections with God,
the world, the local community and each other.*

MINISTERS
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ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Congregation of Lewinsville Church
The Reverend Deborah A. McKinley
The Reverend Emily Berman D'Andrea

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH HANDBELLS
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Carole Huston
Laura Hinton
Allison Lineberger

MUSIC MINISTRY 8:30
11:00

Jubilate Ringers
Alleluia Ringers/Westminster Choir

LAY READERS 8:30
11:00

Barbara Gibby
Janie Waldrop
Linda Bender
Glenn and Evelyn Jones

GREETERS 8:30
11:00

ADVENT CANDLE 8:30
11:00

The Hunter family
The McConnell family

CLERK OF SESSION
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DUTY DEACON

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Jack Pearl
Linda Bender
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