

# Advent 2011

Service for the Lord's Day  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2011  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



**WELCOME.** We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you 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 newcomer, 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.

If you are seated on the aisle, and the sanctuary is filling with people, kindly move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to enter and join the community with least disturbance to others. Thank you.

**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](mailto:tmoge@yahoo.com)

**NARTHEX ACTIVITY CENTER** for children is available in the narthex. Children who need more freedom of movement during worship can go there *with parental supervision* for quiet activities. Parents will be able to listen to the service from the narthex.

**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](http://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?** – Please call the Church office for more information, 703 356-7200.

**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*

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GATHERING

GREETING

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME

PRAYER AND SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
(based on PH 14)

arr. Michael Burkhardt

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel*  
**for he has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them.**  
*By the tender mercy of our God,*  
**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**  
*to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,*  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Luke 1:68,79*

\* HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

PH 466  
AZMON

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the future,  
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.  
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.  
We accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbors,  
abuse the earth,  
and refuse your justice and peace.**

*silence for personal confession*

**In your mercy, forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,  
and to seek things that will endure  
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH 13 (stanza 3)

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
Your 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.**

\* 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

#### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:5-25, 57-80*

NT p. 56

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

*How's Your Tongue?*

Rev. Deborah McKinley

#### \* HYMN

*Song of Zechariah*

PH 601  
KINGSFOLD

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967: 9.18-19*

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel,  
whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness.  
When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment  
and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers.  
These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny  
in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations.  
The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age,  
and a true servant of God  
in whom God's purpose of Israel and for humanity would be realized.  
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.**

**He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,  
the beginning of the new creation,  
and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction  
and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

#### FAITH IN LIFE

Alex Scopeletis

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



## Worship Notes

### Storyteller

Today we welcome Tracy Radosevic, an internationally-acclaimed storyteller. As the scripture reading, Tracy will tell the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah (Luke 1:5-25, 57-80). She will deliver a captivating way of hearing this ancient story as fresh and new. Since 1991 Tracy has traveled all over the world and extensively in the United States bringing her special brand of humor, insight, and faith to audiences of all ages through the power of narrative.

### Faith in Life

Telling stories is one of the oldest of human activities. Listening to stories is one of the favorite of human activities. Through stories we learn about people and places. Our imaginations are set free to wander into uncharted territory as we imagine the emotion we've heard in someone's voice, or the landscape described in detail. We find our own spirits inspired and encouraged as we discover points where the story intersects with our own lives. While listening to someone's story of taking courageous action, we might find ourselves encouraged and dare to move forward with courage, into a situation that used to be daunting.

"The story of the gospel is attractive to people because it arouses their desire for love, grace and hope for something beyond ordinary human flourishing. It is a story that radiates a splendor that answers to their deepest longings." *William Dryness in Poetic Theology, pg. 88.*

Today we embark on telling and hearing stories of Faith in Life. Once each month, during worship, we'll hear a member of our community of faith tell a story of how they have seen God at work in the world. It may be the story of a moment in the midst of a busy day when someone simply knew that God was at work. It may be the story of an afternoon spent with a new friend, in which someone has experienced grace anew. It may be the story of compassion offered by family members. The stories of God's activity in the world and in our lives are as varied as the variety of people who tell them and listen to them. God uses other people's stories to inspire us, to challenge us, to comfort us; to draw us deeper into the Kingdom of God.

### Crèche Exhibit

Year round there is a beautiful crèche scene on display in the entryway to the sanctuary. This year, during Advent and Christmas (Nov. 27 - January 6), you will find several crèches in the narthex. We will use a different one each week during the Children's Meditation in worship. These crèches come from around the world, on loan from members of our congregation. Plan to spend a few minutes before or following worship gazing at the scenes and learning how different cultures depict that scene surrounding the manger.

# 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.*

## Prophets and Angels

Aaron David Miller

Advent  
Lessons and Carols  
Westminster Choir  
December 18

8:30 and 11:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 11, 2011

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Michael Wachtel by his wife, **Diane**, children and grandchildren.

**\*\*\*WITHIN OUR PRAYERS\*\*\***

*Help carry one another's burden, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

ALL NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST HAVE BEEN REMOVED FOR PRIVACY REASONS. THE PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS CONTAINS THE COMPLETE LIST.

*The weekly prayer list includes those members and friends of the church family who are in a short-term temporarily serious or critical situation. Please remember in your prayers all those listed. The number in parentheses is the area cluster. Names placed on the weekly list will be removed after six weeks unless the church office is requested otherwise. We need your help to keep our prayer lists accurate and current.*

**LYFE (YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)** - This morning will be the last in our *Heaven and Hell* series with the Juniors and Seniors. We will meet in the Youth Center at 9:45am. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the second room of the Youth Center to continue their talk about *The Story*. Youth Christmas Party tonight at 6pm in the Youth Center. Please bring your gift of \$10 or less (no gift cards please). Also, with the main dish being provided, those with the last name A-M, please provide a dessert and those with the last name N-Z, please provide a side or a salad. Advisors will bring drinks. We look forward to seeing you all. Bring some friends!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - will meet in the Chapel next Tuesday morning, **December 13** from 10:00am-12:00pm. Interested knitters/crocheters of all skill levels are welcome to join in this ministry that seeks to reach out to our members with love, blessings and comfort, to enjoy fellowship and learn from one another. Points-of-contact: Nancy McGuire (703-759-2224/ngmcguire3@verizon.net) or Janet Jacewicz (703-231-4973/janetjacewicz@cox.net)

**THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** continues; with the study focusing on the lectionary readings for Advent. Each week we study the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Plan to join us each Wednesday, 10-11:30am, in the chapel. No previous bible knowledge or expertise expected or needed. Simply bring your Bible, your curiosity and your desire to know Jesus Christ and explore the Word. Discover how immersing yourself in the bible readings before Sunday can change and enhance how you worship on Sunday. Snacks included!

**LIBRARY NEWS - CHECK IT OUT!** Please come by the libraries and see the Christmas season books available for your enjoyment and checkout. We have a huge selection for both adults and

children, thanks to many of you donors. In the children's library find out why the poinsettia is considered the Christmas flower...thanks to author Tomie de Paola and learn about the 4th wise man. For adults, Newcombe's *Christmas Treasure*, Karon's *Shepherds Abiding*, and Wernecke's *Christmas Customs Around the World* are just some of the titles available. There will be some children's books in the main library during the Christmas season, so stop by.

## MISSION AND SERVICE CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

### ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING - Today, and December 18

An opportunity is available to double your Christmas gift giving by participating in Lewinsville Church's *ALTERNATIVE GIFT* program. An *ALTERNATIVE GIFT* is a wonderful and easy way to honor loved ones, friends, teachers, neighbors, service providers and others on your Christmas gift list and simultaneously provide a tax deductible gift to support one or more Lewinsville mission projects. This opportunity is provided by the Mission and Service Ministry Group in St. Andrews Hall after church services. All that you need to do is consider all of the people you wish to honor in this meaningful way, identify the organization(s) you wish to support with your charitable contribution, obtain one of the beautiful *ALTERNATIVE GIFT* cards for each person you are honoring, and write one check (payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church) for all of your selections.

The organizations being highlighted by the Mission and Service Ministry Group for this year's *ALTERNATIVE GIFT* giving are: **Homestretch, Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, Friends of The Lewinsville, SHARE**, and the **United Orphanage and Academy** in Kenya. Descriptive information about how donations will be used by each of these organizations may be reviewed at the table in St. Andrews Hall.

**MIRIAM'S KITCHEN** - Thanks to the congregation for the overwhelming response of gently used coffee mugs for Miriam's Kitchen. The staff and clients of Miriam's are very appreciative. Now there is a great need for donations of coffee to help fill all those mugs. Any kind of canned coffee (regular, flavored, decaf) is appropriate. Miriam's clients drink a lot of coffee, not just at the breakfast and dinner programs but also during the after- breakfast and pre-dinner activity programs (art, writing, resume preparation, yoga, life lessons).

Coffee can be left in the Volunteer Room in the plastic tray labeled Miriam's Kitchen. Thanks also for the donations of SMALL toiletries from traveling (soap, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste but NOT conditioner or women's cosmetics). These are still needed to fill the holiday gift bags that will be distributed to Miriam's clients on the morning of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lewinsville's regular fourth Friday. Contact: Mary Frase, (703) 536-4091 or maryjfrase@gmail.net.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** - A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. This offering will be received on Sunday, **December 18**.

**BETHANY HOUSE**

A hearty thank you to all who participated in the November Bethany House Household Items Drive. The folks at Bethany House were delighted to receive the following much needed supplies to replenish their pantry shelves and to stock the homes where their clients live with the household basics. We collected:

202 rolls of toilet paper	12 cans of Lysol spray
201 toothbrushes	10 packages of wipes
101 boxes of Kleenex	6 towels
80 tubes of toothpaste	6 bottles of dish detergent
48 washcloths	5 bars of bath soap
40 cans/tubs of disinfectant cleaners	3 bottles of scrubbing bubbles
35 sponges	3 bottles of shampoo
29 rolls of paper towels	2 pairs of latex gloves
25 sticks of deodorant	1 bottle of windex

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**CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND** - You may contribute to our Christmas Decoration Fund by filling out the Decoration Fund form or by signing up on the Lewinsville website, [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org). Also, please note the Flower Chart for 2012 is now in St. Andrews Hall, so please sign up for your special week occasion.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS  
AT LEWINSVILLE**

**Alternative Gift Giving**

December 11 & 18

**Mission Project Bake Sale**

December 18 (between services)

**Intergenerational Event**

*Beyond Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer:  
Hymns and Carols for Christmas*

December 18 at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall

**WORSHIP**

Advent Lessons and Carols

*Prophets and Angels*

Westminster Choir

December 18 (8:30 and 11:00 am)

Longest Night Worship Service

December 21 (7:30 pm)

Christmas Eve Services

Family worship with Children's Choirs (4:30 pm)

Festival worship: Candlelight and Communion (7:00 and 9:30 pm)  
(childcare provided at 4:30 and 7 p.m.)

Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 25 (one service at 11:00 am)

You are invited to bring cookies for coffee and fellowship after the service

**CHILDCARE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Childcare will be provided from 4:15 until 8:15 p.m. There will be no volunteers in the PS/K room so children ages infant through five years who need care should be dropped off with the ladies in the infant room. For Christmas morning service there will be no care provided in either room and parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2011

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Worship - S  
Rev. Deborah McKinley preaching  
Jubilate ringers
- 9:30 a.m. Fathers - *Night of Silence* rehearsal - S
- 9:45 a.m. Church School/Adult Education, Module 2 ends  
*Life Lessons from Care Notes* - 103  
*History of Christianity in America from Puritans to the Revolution* - LIB  
*C.S. Lewis's Case for Christ* - CH
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - S  
Rev. Deborah McKinley preaching  
Chancel Choir
- 4:15 p.m. Cherub/Chimers choir rehearsal - 25A
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Children's choir rehearsals -MR
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening ChristCare - LIB
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship - YC
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers rehearsal - MR

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:00 a.m. Nat. Cap. Presbytery Review Group meeting - LIB
- 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Seekers ChristCare - LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Vision Task Force meeting - CH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - CH
- 10:00 a.m. Program Staff meeting- LIB
- 2:00 p.m. Committee on Ministry Transition team meeting - LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Session meeting - CH
- 7:30 p.m. Circle 1 - BR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - CH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 4 - LIB
- 1:00 p.m. Emily Clergy Group - LIB
- 6:30 p.m. SEA Group meeting - LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry meetings - CH/P/BR/SCR
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - MR

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

3:00 p.m. Westminster Choir rehearsal - S

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. Service of Worship - S  
Advent Lessons and Carols - *Prophets and Angels*  
Westminster Choir

9:45 a.m. Church School/Adult Education  
Intergenerational Event  
*Hymns and Carols for Christmas - FH*

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - S  
Advent Lessons and Carols - *Prophets and Angels*  
Westminster Choir

12:30 p.m. College kids lunch at Rocco's

4:15 p.m. Cherub/Chimers choir rehearsal - 25A

4:30 p.m. Youth/Children's choir rehearsals -MR

5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening ChristCare - LIB

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas party - YC

6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers rehearsal - MR

**ROOM ABBREVIATIONS KEY**

**LOWER LEVEL**

**JKR - John Knox Room (25A)**

**MR - Music/Choir Room**

**FH - Fellowship Hall**

**UPPER LEVEL**

**YC - Youth Center (200)**

**P - Parlor (206)**

**MAIN LEVEL**

**LIB - Library (101)**

**CH - John Calvin Chapel (100)**

**SAH - St. Andrews Hall**

**S - Sanctuary**

**N - Narthex**

**BR - Bethany Room (behind S)**

**SCR - Staff Conference Room**

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Allison Lineberger  
Doug Miller

MUSIC MINISTRY 8:30  
11:00

Jubilate Ringers  
Chancel Choir  
Tracy Radosevic

STORYTELLER

GREETERS 8:30  
11:00

Tim and Patty Dokken  
Tom Carr and Jane Gardner, Sally McKeown  
The Steel family  
Allison and Meggie Lineberger

CANDLE LIGHTERS 8:30  
11:00

CLERK OF SESSION  
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