

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 3, 2025 11 A.M.**



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

**CHURCH ON FIRE:
THE BOOK OF ACTS AND OUR MISSION**

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BY BURNING.” – EMIL BRUNNER**

GROWING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

Welcome to the SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Church on Fire: The Book of Acts and Our Mission



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At the beginning of the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descends upon the gathered church in “tongues of flame.” As a result, Jesus’ disciples are empowered and authorized to go out into the world in mission.

During the summer of 2025, we will explore this theme in a variety of ways. What does it mean for the church to be “on fire”? How is God’s Holy Spirit related to the mission of our congregation? How can we be more open to God’s Spirit? Where might God’s Spirit take us? We will be taking a slow path through the book of Acts, exploring stories that may be both familiar and unfamiliar, that describe the mission of the early church. Plan to join us for this inspiring, exciting sermon series, as we receive God’s power and direction and guidance!

Worship is a primary activity in which we experience all of this. God’s loving grace is poured out upon all people, from the youngest among us to the oldest. It is for that reason that we are glad to welcome *children of all ages* to worship:

- There are pillows available in the narthex to make the pews more comfortable.
- There are worship bags with activities for young children.
- Nursery care is available downstairs for our very youngest children.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video station at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Enlarged-print *Glory to God* hymnals are available from the ushers.

During the coming year, our hope is that each person who participates in the ministries of this congregation will become more like Jesus, and that we as a community of faith become more like Jesus together. Along this path, we will be transformed from the inside out, we will become agents of joy in our hurting world, and we will discover that each one of us belongs to God, now and forever. Let’s embark on this journey together.



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August 3, 2025

** If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

God Welcomes All

GTG 399

THEMBA AMEN

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!*

**For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.
Let us worship God!**

*** HYMN**

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

GTG 638

IRISH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we pull away from you, and all the ways we let ourselves be pulled. You call us to a life full of gentleness and wisdom, but instead we are overcome with bitter envy and selfish ambition. You call us to make peace, particularly in our own hearts, but instead we are filled with disorder and distraction. We confess that we avoid asking you to be a part of our lives because we are afraid of what you might ask us to do.

When we do seek your presence, it is often for a fixed, self-focused agenda. Send your Holy Spirit to us, O God, that we might draw closer to you in our hearts, our words, and our actions. O God, we cry out for forgiveness, Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Renew! 85

WILLAN KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory Be to The Father

GTG 581

GLORIA PATRI

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.

*** 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.

T H E W O R D

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

There are no Sermon Stories during the summer. There are worship bags and children's Bibles available for children in the Sanctuary, and Bible story toys and activities in the coat room outside the Sanctuary doors.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 18:1-17

NT 137

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

REFLECTIONS ON MONTREAT

SERMON

*Arguments, Protest, and Conflict:
Just Another Day in Mission*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

*** 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.**

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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the “Make a Gift” Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

My Spirit Longs for Thee

by Alan Bullard

*My spirit longs for thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.*

Of so divine a guest

*unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest
unless it come from thee.*

*Unless it come from thee,
in vain I look around;
in all that I can see
there is no rest to be found.*

*There is no rest to be found
but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
and send it from above!*

*** RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

THE INVITATION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

*...and with all the faithful of every time and
place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

GTG 552

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer continues.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE *O Lamb of God, You Take Away the Sins of the World*

GTG 555

LAND OF REST

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: have
mercy on us.
Lamb of God and grant us your peace.**

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake. Gluten-free crackers are available. Wine is in the outside ring; grape juice is on the inside. Please indicate your preference.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I Come With Joy

GTG 515

DOVE OF PEACE

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

1. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.
2. Here share with us, in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food.

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Loving God, we give you thanks for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us today. Because he lives, we look for abundant and eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray, Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *O God of Every Nation*

GTG 756

LLANGLOFFAN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

Lewinsville has a long history of enjoying our music ministry. Feel free to stay and enjoy the Postlude, or you are welcome to exit the sanctuary during the postlude.

An Elder or Deacon will be standing beside the pastors on the way out of the sanctuary, to take notes about any pastoral concerns.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Chris and Kelly Sexton by the Tullos families.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Anne Schwartz

August 16, 2025, 2 p.m.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry

Lay Reader

Duty Elder

Duty Deacon

Audio/Visual Ministry

Lewinsville Lower Voices,

John Nothaft

Rachel Russell

Beverly Johnson

Peterson Huang

Rob Ransom/Carlos Claros

(Aperture Media)

RED BANNERS

You may have noticed that the Pentecost Banners and Paraments continue to hang in the sanctuary. Red is the Liturgical Color associated with Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Typically, red paraments and banners are commonly used on Pentecost Sunday and, in some congregations (such as Lewinsville), on Reformation Sunday. This year, however, with our Summer Sermon Series theme, “The Church on Fire: The Book of Acts and Our Mission,” the Pastors and the Worship Ministry decided to extend the “Red Season” through the Summer to remind us of the Holy Spirit as we journey through the book of Acts.

Help Support Your Neighbors with Urgent Needs — Donate to the Deacon's Fund

The first Sunday of each month, the Deacons ask you to consider a donation to the Deacons Fund. The fund is used to help alleviate urgent needs faced by the Lewinsville community. The Deacon's Fund assists church and community members with rental/housing, medical, and food support. Cash and check donations are received in the narthex after the worship service. Alternatively, donations can be made on the church website or by scanning this QR code.



Dinner Church- Back to School Special

Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall – Please note date change for August

Join us for this monthly worship service welcoming people of all ages to gather in community. This service offers a unique way to worship God while sharing a meal together. It is an age-inclusive experience, designed to bring everyone—from children to adults—into meaningful worship. Dinner Church also serves as an alternative for those who find Sundays challenging to attend, creating an opportunity for worship and fellowship midweek in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Come hungry. Leave fulfilled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children

There are no Sermon Stories during the summer. There are worship bags and children's Bibles available for children in the Sanctuary, and Bible story toys and activities in the coat room outside the Sanctuary doors.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Last Chance to Join the Summer-Pickup Choir

One more opportunity to sing in the service this summer. If you've ever wanted to sing in the choir but didn't feel you have the time for the pick-up anthem for the 11 a.m. worship on:

- August 24 - Children and Youth Pick-Up Choir

FELLOWSHIP

LRR Gala: Save the Date and Donate to Support Our Neighbors

The Friends of the Lewinsville will host the Annual LRR Gala on Saturday, November 1, 2025, to celebrate the senior residence's 50th anniversary. LRR is an independent senior living facility formed in 1975 by the members of Lewinsville Church which opened in 1980. All active Lewinsville Church members are also members of LRR, Inc. There are 161 apartments. All residents receive at least some rental subsidy and the Gala raises funds that support residents with meals, and other essential programs. Because of personnel cuts to HUD and threats to cut essential housing and other support programs from the Federal budget, your donation in support of the LRR Gala will make more of a difference than ever before. In addition, the Gala provides a really fun opportunity to share an evening of fellowship with the LRR residents.



A New Refugee Family!

Because all federal funding for refugee resettlement has been stopped, there are hundreds of families in our area who have no income and little help. The Lutheran Social Services staff has asked if Lewinsville could help with another family that is in desperate need of assistance. We said yes. We are also continuing to help the M family from Afghanistan.

The P family is from Ukraine. There are 2 daughters (age 13 and 8) and a son (15). Because the Temporary Protective Status for Ukrainians was revoked by the administration in May, both parents have lost their jobs, are no longer able to work legally, and have used all their savings to pay for the past two months' rent. They have lost all public benefits, such as SNAP (food stamps), so they have no way to purchase food.



The Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT) has agreed to pay the P family's rent and utilities (\$2200) for three months, and we are sending them a \$2,000 check to pay for food and basic necessities. We are also reaching out to other churches in the area, encouraging them to join in supporting this and other refugee families. If you have friends in other

churches whom you might contact encouraging their church to provide assistance, contact Betty Douglass (ebdouglass22046@gmail.com) for further information.

It is only because of the amazing generosity of this congregation and the amazing donations many of you have made that we are able to provide this assistance.

THANK YOU!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need Prayer for Someone – Including Yourself?

If you would like your Lewinsville family to pray for someone or for you, there are several ways to submit a prayer request. Fill out one of the prayer request cards in the back of the pew and drop it into the offering plate. Submit a request online or call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Peter. If you wish, the names will be added to our weekly prayer email.

MINISTERS	The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
PASTOR	The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION	The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	The Rev. Jen Dunfee
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CARE MINISTRIES	The Rev. Peter Manning
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES	John Nothaft
CHILDREN’S MUSIC SPECIALIST	Evan Ayars

**Leadership at Lewinsville
Ruling Elders**

CLERK OF SESSION: DOUG SMITH		TREASURER: ROBERT GAUGLER
Spencer Deese	Janet Gale	Emily Foster
Betty Douglass	LeeLee Hunter	Debbie Leavens
Beverly Johnson	Jerry Kohlenberger	Karl Sandberg
Madison Kloster	Alan Kohler	Roy Siple

Deacons/*Denotes Stephen Leader

Judy Herseth	Harriet Hopkins	Carroll Bastian
Tom Staeger (Moderator)	Rob Ransom (Co-Moderator)	Peterson Huang
Karen Siple*	Corbin Rugh Rochedreux	Virginia McCormick

MISSION CO-WORKERS
Andrew and Ellen Collins, Interserve (USA), Chiang Mai, Thailand

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PASTOR EMERITUS	The Reverend Gary G. Pinder



New to Lewinsville?



WELCOME TO LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! We are delighted to welcome all newcomers to our church family! At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, we are claimed by God in Jesus Christ, called to live as a community of faith, and sent to participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom on earth.

As you embark on this journey with us, we invite you to explore our mission and vision, which guide our every endeavor. To learn more about who we are and what we do, please visit our website at lewinsville.org.

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