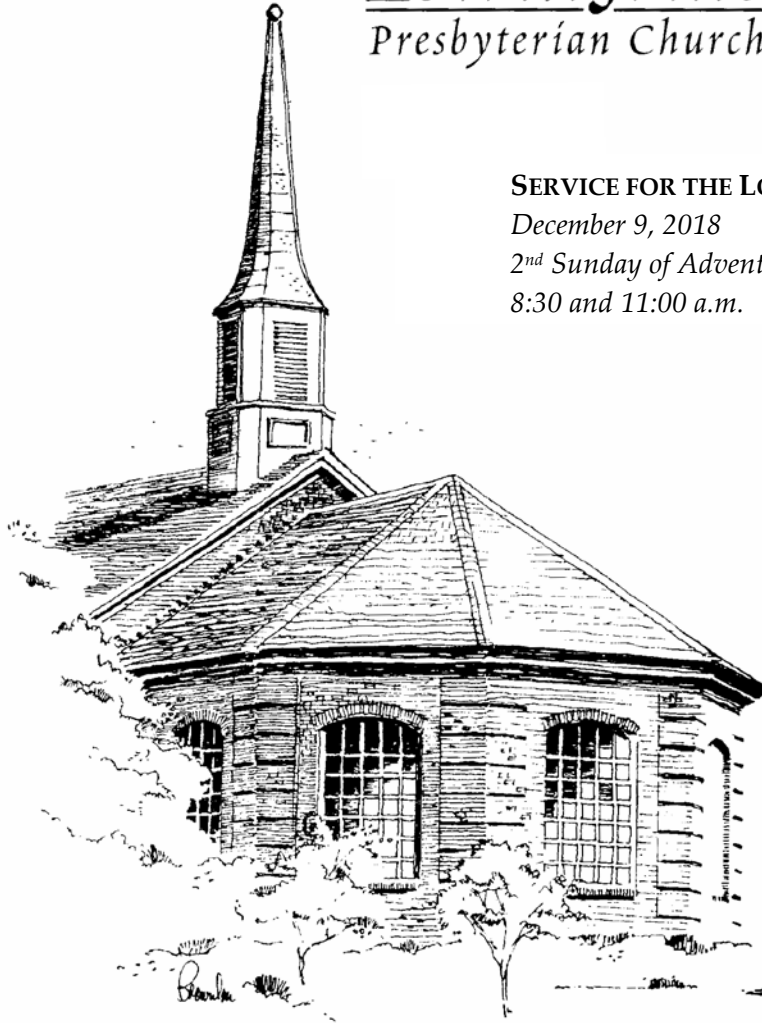


# *Lewinsville*

*Presbyterian Church*



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*December 9, 2018*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

--MATT. 25:35

**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.

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

### **Leadership at Lewinsville**

#### **Ruling Elders**

Clerk of Session: Tim Dokken

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Rob Hunter  
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Janie Waldrop  
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Sally McKeown  
Karen Siple\*

**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). 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?** – Visit the web page [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org) or call the church office.

#### **NOTES FOR WORSHIP:**

GG – Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal  
Renew! - Renew! Hymnal (grey)

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

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 9, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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THE GATHERING

WELCOME

\* SONG *Prepare the Way, O Zion* GG 106

CONFESSION

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\* RESPONSE *While We Are Waiting, Come* GG 92, vs. 2

**With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.**

**Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

THE WORD

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *Bethlehem* *Micah 5:2-5*

Reader: We light the Bethlehem candle, as a reminder of Jesus' birth, in an ordinary little town, in an ordinary place, among ordinary people.

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**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Malachi 3:1-4* O.T. p. 889

*Luke 3:1-6* N. T. p. 60

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Messenger in the Wilderness*

Rev. Scott Ramsey

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* GG p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

OFFERING *Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive! O Thou That Tellest* George Frideric Handel

\* RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG 606

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer continues...*

*Communion will be served using intinction. Gluten-free crackers are available.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *My Soul in Stillness Waits* GG 89

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

### THE SENDING

\* SONG *People, Look East* GG 105

\* THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
December 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL  
arr. Peggy A. Thompson

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 40:3-5*

*A voice cries out:*

**"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;**

*Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**Let every valley be lifted up; let every mountain and hill be made low.**

*For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."*

**Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

GG 106  
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Silence*

**God of Light, who shines in deepest darkness, we hear you calling us out from despair into hope. But we are strangely frightened by your call. We are afraid of taking chances; we are afraid of following your light, because it leads us into new places. We are afraid of seeing the different ways that people are hurting. We don't always want to see your light shining in the face of our neighbor. Yet we know that**

**your grace shines in just those kinds of places. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to seek your light. Guide us in your way, that we may reflect your light into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, we pray. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    *While We Are Waiting, Come*  
**With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

GG 92, vs. 2

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.*  
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\* RESPONSE                      *Glory Be to the Father*  
**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.**

GG 581

\* 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.*

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*Bethlehem*

*Micah 5:2-5*

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## CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

*Following the Children's Meditation, children age 4 through grade 2 are invited to meet Allison Lineberger in the Narthex for Sermon Stories. Children will return to the Sanctuary for worship with their parents following the sermon.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

*Malachi 3:1-4*

O.T. p. 889

*Luke 3:1-6*

N. T. p. 60

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Messenger in the Wilderness*

Rev. Scott Ramsey

### \* HYMN

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

GG 163

ABERYSTWYTH

### \* 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**

**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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
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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.**

**T H A N K S G I V I N G**

THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*See Amid the Winter's Snow* John Goss/arr. William E. Moats

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG 606  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

- \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



## SENDING

\* HYMN

*People, Look East*

GG 105  
BESANÇON

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DISMISSAL

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*We Three Kings*

John H. Hopkins/arr. Bill Ingram

*(You are invited to remain seated for the postlude. If you wish to leave, please do so quietly.)*

*The pastor will be in the narthex to greet you following worship.*



# Announcements for the Week of DECEMBER 9, 2018

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

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.

*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. 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.*

*Please refer to the website, [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org), for further information on activities.*

**THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** - is **TODAY** for the **January** newsletter. Plan to get your material to Sandy Albrecht, [salbrecht@lewinsville.org](mailto:salbrecht@lewinsville.org) by Monday, **December 10**, so it can be included in the newsletter.



**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - As of December 4 we have received 146 pledges totaling \$961,314.00. Compared to 2018, 43 pledges increased, 74 pledges were unchanged, and 21 pledges decreased; there are 8 new pledges. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we look forward to receiving it soon.

**SPECIAL ADULT CE SESSION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16** – “*The Star*” of Bethlehem is a documentary film that unlocks the mystery of the world’s most famous star. 9:45 in the Chapel.

**THE FLOWER DONATION CHART** - for 2019 is in Heritage Hall (outside the volunteer room), so sign up to donate Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. You may also sign up at [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org). The recommended minimum contribution for sanctuary flowers is \$100 and \$60 for narthex flowers.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**ALTERNATIVE GIFTS OPPORTUNITY DURING ADVENT** – The Mission and Service Ministry Group invites you to participate in the annual *Alternative Gifts* 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. Obtain one of the beautiful *Alternative Gift* cards for each person you are honoring, and write one check (payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church) for your selections. The following organizations are highlighted for your special support: **Friends of the Lewinsville (meal subsidy program), Homestretch, United Orphanage and Academy (Moi's Bridge, Kenya), Falls Church Homeless Shelter, Second Story, and S.H.A.R.E.** You may also support any of the other organizations/projects listed in the LPC Mission Handbook. To learn more about these organizations and reference the Mission Handbook, visit the *Alternative Gifts* table in St. Andrews Hall each Sunday during Advent.

**FAIR TRADE SALE** – This year, after a hiatus of several years, **Ten Thousand Villages** will again be our vendor. This is an all-fair-trade store in Alexandria with beautiful, affordable products crafted by artisans from around the world. Come prepared to shop for stocking stuffers, even larger Christmas gifts or treats for yourself! The sale each year is sponsored by the Mission and Service Ministry Group.

**THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE** - will take place **Sunday, December 23** between the worship services (and continuing after the 11:00 service if goodies are still available). This is a great opportunity to pick up a last minute Christmas gift or something to have on hand for unexpected holiday visitors! All proceeds will benefit the Winter/Summer Mission Project Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE WINTER MISSION PROJECT** - is scheduled for January 2-5 and we will be going to Staunton, VA. If you know of any college students or young adults interested in service, please encourage them to sign up at [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org) or talk with Linda Bender.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

**SINGLE SENIORS** - are warmly invited to our next monthly fellowship lunch in the Chapel **Friday, December 14** at 11:30 am. Our program will focus on Christmas music, including singing carols led by our Director of Music John Nothaft, with help from one of our own, Jim Scopeletis. Bring \$5 for a simple lunch. For further information and to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken ([manpadokken@aol.com](mailto:manpadokken@aol.com)) / 703 789-0617 or Wendy Maiwurm ([wmaiwurm@gmail.com](mailto:wmaiwurm@gmail.com)) / 703 759-6705).

**PARENT'S DAY OUT IS BACK!** - On December 15 from 9am-12pm, the LPC Youth Ministry is sponsoring

Parent's Day Out, an intergenerational event where children from the community can spend time with LPC youth while their parents prepare for the holidays. We will spend time watching Christmas movies, making crafts, decorating Christmas cookies, and playing games. If you know a child or parent interested in attending this event, they can sign up on the Church website or contact Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom. We can't wait for this merry event!

**SECOND SATURDAY SET** - Mark your calendars now and get out your glad rags (black tie optional). It's time for the Second Saturday Set's annual Christmas Party, **Saturday, December 15, 6 pm** at the home of Gary and Ann Baise. It is our special holiday dinner, so please bring a generously portioned festive dish to share. Our hosts will provide all the beverages - adult and nonalcoholic. Call 703-534-1753 or email Ann, [vthedgerow@aol.com](mailto:vthedgerow@aol.com) to join the festivities and get a food assignment. In addition to your food and festive selves, please consider bringing a donation for Christ House (hats, gloves, underwear, socks, etc.) that someone really will use.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

You may contribute to our Christmas Decoration Fund this year by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office or by depositing it in the offering plate.

All who have given in memory of loved ones will be listed in our Christmas Eve bulletins. Any money remaining will be used for our Flower Fund throughout the year. The Flower Committee will purchase only enough flowers and greens to decorate the Sanctuary and not for each contributor.

We suggest that your contribution be \$60. Checks should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated "Christmas Decoration Fund".

**Forms and checks must be returned no later than Sunday, December 16.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please print or type)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ALTERNATIVE GIFTS**

- 8:30am Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
Rev. Scott Ramsey preaching
- 9:45am Church School/Adult Education  
*The Journey: Led by Dan Thomas - Library*  
*Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis – Led by Scott Ramsey, Linton Brooks, David Morrison, and Cathy Saunders*  
Church School/Youth  
High School/Middle School Sunday school – Youth Center  
Church School  
Bible in a Box (ages 2 and 3) – (Lower Level room 8)/Joyful Noise (lower level room 6)/  
Godly Play (ages 4 and 5) (lower level room 2)/Workshop Rotation (grades 1-6)  
(Lower Level room 1)
- 11:00am Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
Rev. Scott Ramsey preaching
- 6:00pm *Amahl and the Night Visitors* – Sanctuary

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 9:00am Senior Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Spiritual Seekers ChristCare – room 25A  
6:45pm Barnabas ChristCare – Library

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- 1:30pm Program Staff meeting – Library  
1:30pm Bible Study at Lewinsville Retirement Residence  
7:00pm Building Task Force meeting – room 103  
7:00pm Mangement Ministry Group meeting - Chapel  
7:30pm Mission and Service Ministry Group meeting – Library

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 11:30am Bible Study – Chapel  
7:00pm Worship Ministry Group – Library

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

- 9:00am Senior Exercise Clas – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal – Music Room

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 10:00am Circle 7 – Library  
11:30am Single Seniors – Chapel

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 9:00am Parent's Day Out

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ALTERNATIVE GIFTS/FAIR TRADE FAIR**

- 8:30am Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
Rev. Scott Ramsey preaching
- 9:45am Church School/Adult Education  
*The Star of Bethlehem* - Chapel  
Church School  
Bible in a Box (ages 2 and 3) – (Lower Level room 8)/Joyful Noise (lower level room 6)/  
Godly Play (ages 4 and 5) (lower level room 2)/Workshop Rotation (grades 1-6)  
(Lower Level room 1)
- 11:00am Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
Rev. Scott Ramsey preaching
- 3:00pm Better Angels – Library
- 4:00pm Puppet rehearsal (all ages) –room 8
- 4:45pm Youth/Children Choir rehearsals – Fellowship Hall/Music room/Room 25A
- 5:30pm Christian Education Committee meeting - Library
- 6:15pm Youth Fellowship – Youth Center
- 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers rehearsal – music room

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The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church  
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The Reverend Stephany Crosby

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STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Allison Lineberger  
The Reverend Annamarie Groenenboom

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY 8:30  
11:00

Lisa Greenfield  
Jubilate Ringers

LAY READERS 8:30  
11:00

Barbara Gibby  
John Thomas

GREETERS 8:30  
11:00

Rachel Russell  
Carol Kaffenberger and Wendy Maiwurm

DUTY ELDER  
DUTY DEACON

Jim Edmondson  
Sharon Gamble

CANDLE LIGHTERS 8:30  
11:00

Gary and Ann Baise and Karen Budd Falen  
Yuko Takakusaki and Eimi Tuttle

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Liz Stevens

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Andrew and Ellen Collins, Thailand  
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