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January 2019

JANUARY WORSHIP

JANUARY 6 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:-12

Sermon: "*Home By Another Way*"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

7:00 p.m. Taizé

JANUARY 13 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22

Sermon: "*A Dangerous Initiation*"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

6:00 p.m. Salzman Lecture

JANUARY 20 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Sermon: "*Forsaken No More*"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

JANUARY 27 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.

Psalm: Psalm 19

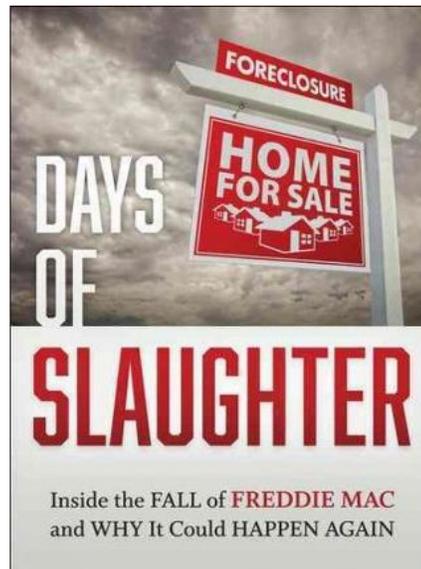
Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "*The Spirit Leads Us To Community*"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

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2019 SALZMAN LECTURE

JANUARY 13

6:00 P.M. GATHERING & RECEPTION IN ST ANDREWS HALL

6:30 P.M. LECTURE IN THE SANCTUARY

Bringing Faith to Bear: "Days of Slaughter: Inside the Fall of Freddie Mac -- and Why It Could Happen Again."

Author Susan Wharton Gates, PhD, will share experiences and insights as a former vice president of public policy at Freddie Mac in the lead up to the 30-percent collapse of house prices and subsequent government takeover of her company in 2008.

Over a 10-year period, Susan had been the chief writer of CEO testimony to Congress, giving her a birds-eye view of the competing ideological and political cross currents that contributed to the crisis and are still rife today.

Published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2017, her first-person account explains the tensions and fateful choices made by homeowners, as well as government and business leaders, and laments the lack of ethical reasoning and moral courage amid mounting risk.

Today Susan splits her time between teaching business and public policy ethics in Virginia Tech's graduate programs, and running a small business called Vintage Picnic on Maryland's eastern shore. Susan and her husband Peter reside in Vienna, are the parents of three grown children, and are members of Christ Church Vienna.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

As we enter a new year of calendar time, we may pause to reflect that the “ending of the old” and the “beginning of the new” is a constant theme of Scripture:

“See, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:5).

“I appoint you...to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow (i.e., to bring to an end), and to build and to plant (i.e., to start something new)” (Jeremiah 1:10).

“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old; I am about to do a new thing.” (Isaiah 43:18-19).

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

In order for *the new* to come to be, *the old* must be allowed to die. If we cling too tightly to *the old*, then our hands will not be free to embrace and welcome *the new*.

As you move into 2019, when you consider your own life: what behaviors, practices, and ways of doing things have outlived their usefulness? What parts of your life – aspects of your life that may once have been very energizing and fulfilling - have begun to drain you of energy, and no longer bring you great joy? Are these parts of your life things that are passing away and need to be allowed to die? And coming from the other direction, what new practices or involvements or commitments do you sense that you may be called to take up in 2019? Are there things you want to do in 2019, for which you must create space in your life?

Look back over the short list of Scripture texts above. God wants to do a new thing with you, for you, and through you in 2019. What might that be?

Blessings for your ministry,

Pastor Scott



WHY ALL GOD’S CHILDREN CAN SING IN THE CHOIR

The Lewinsville Chancel Choir is fortunate to have the four magnificent voices of our Section Leaders – called our “Chancel Quartet” (soprano, alto, tenor and bass).

Our Section Leaders are vital to the health of the Lewinsville Music Program. Having this group allows all people with varying musical skills to sing in the choir. If people are unsure of their musical abilities, they can sit next to the appropriate Section Leader, or sit in front of the Section Leader, allowing them to hear their part. This means that the person can learn the music more quickly and become more confident. Because of Section Leaders, the choir can learn more difficult and complex music, which attracts good singers into the choir. The level of an individual’s musical training and talent are no longer a defining factor, because the Section Leaders allow “All God’s Children to Sing in the Choir.”

In addition to the duties of providing support and leadership for all of the choir, the Section Leaders also serve as Song Leaders for Taizé Services and the 8:30 Worship Service. They are solely responsible for service music on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil, in addition to their work as occasional soloists and members of a small ensemble during the Liturgical Year.

Read more about each of our Section Leaders on our website:

<https://www.lewinsville.org/chancel-quartet/>.





FAREWELL FROM STEPHANY

I'm so grateful that God led me to you, Lewinsville! From my first time here on Christmas Eve in the early 1980s—at the invitation of a

friend!—and up to this present moment, I have been abundantly blessed by you. You are the model of a strong, thriving, resilient congregation, which I've carried in my heart and mind into seminary and then into all the churches I've served.

Through the years, you have welcomed me back in the times between my interim service. In May, you invited me to walk more closely beside you in pastoral care. I can't think of any more beautiful way to wrap up this chapter at Lewinsville. Thank you, Scott Ramsey, all of our wonderful staff, and the Personnel Committee and Session for inviting me on board and working so collegially! Thank you to the Deacons/Stephen Ministers, Congregational Care and Membership, and everybody who works so devotedly on Extended Serving of Communion. You all have been complete partners in ministry!

My husband and I plan to move to Denver next year. Our family began to settle there ten years ago, and we want to be with them. It is exciting to prepare for this move to a place we enjoy, and also daunting to get ready—as so many of you know from the major moves you have made yourselves!

In the coming year, Scott and several LPC leaders look forward to guiding the formation of some new small groups. To all of you, look for such opportunities to get to know each other better. Also, think about greeting, making coffee, learning in our classes, helping at LRR and Chesterbrook, and finding so many other settings to meet each other. God has brought us together here. Give God your thanks for centering us here in the spirit of Jesus Christ—gathering us here, to help us grow in faith, love, and service. Cherish and enjoy your time at Lewinsville. I do, and I will carry you with me always!

Wishing you blessings, grace, peace, and love throughout all the years to come,

Stephany Crosby



THE BUILDING TASK FORCE UPDATE

If you cannot see the newly designed restrooms in the image of the church lobby and St. Andrews Hall that accompanies this report, be assured they are directly in front of you. When construction concludes, they will be easily accessible from the sanctuary, St. Andrews Hall, and all meeting rooms on the main level of Heritage Hall. Nearly identical restrooms will be found on the basement level directly below.

Last month, the capital campaign committee met with Session to bring elders up to date on plans for launching the fundraising element of the redesign and repurposing of Heritage Hall. This month, members of Session will make their commitments to the capital campaign, leading the way, as elders should, to set an example for those who follow.

Heritage Hall has not had a major facelift in sixty years—and it is long overdue. This place is a physical manifestation of our faith and our belief that we must continually renew this place, and keep it ready to accept the next plan God has in store for our future.

On Sunday, February 24, 2019, there will be congregation-wide luncheon launch of the Trail Blazer Capital Campaign, an event welcoming everyone to a new chapter in the life of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Members will receive an invitation in early February. Details of place, time and program will be outlined in the invitation.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of this project, please call Bob Clark or send your inquiry to bclark@lewinsville.org





*Reformed Institute's 16th
Annual Convocation*

*"Still People of the Book? - Protestant Identity in Our Time"
with Dr. R. Bruce Douglass
Saturday, January 26, 2019*

Does it matter whether Christians know anything about the Bible? Does it matter whether they understand the claims their churches' creeds make? For most of their history Protestants assumed the answer to questions of this sort was obvious. Not only did they seek to make the Bible as widely available as possible, but they also made a concerted effort to enable people to understand the basic doctrines of their churches. They valued, in other words, an educated laity, out of a conviction that religious literacy is important to the practice of discipleship, and that is a reason why Protestants were so effective in influencing the wider culture. In our time, however, that appears to be less and less the case — in the industrialized world, at least. In other parts of the world Protestants often exhibit today some of the same zeal for Biblical and theological knowledge that past generations did in this part of the world. But even in the United States, the level of Biblical knowledge among Protestants (including evangelicals) appears to be quite low, and the churches seem to be unable to do anything about it. What is the meaning and significance of this development? Does it portend a fundamental change in Protestant identity? If so, of what sort? Where is it taking us?

Dr. R. Bruce Douglass

*Outgoing Director of the Reformed Institute Associate Professor Emeritus,
Department of Government Georgetown University*

Dr. Bruce Douglass, a ruling elder in the PCUSA, was the Director of the Reformed Institute from its inception in 2003 until 2018. He is Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Government, Georgetown University and Dean of the Faculty, Georgetown College 1994–1998. Bruce is the author of *The Iron Cage Revisited* (Routledge 2018) (among other works).

**Saturday, January 26, 2019
National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington,
DC 20016**

**Continental breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Presentation and Response, 9:30 a.m. to
Noon**

**No charge for this event; registration is helpful but not
required**

Books will be available for sale.

Snow Date: Saturday, March 23

**To register: www.reformedinstitute.org or contact
Mary Hill, the program coordinator, 703.518.5125,
mhill@reformedinstitute.org**



FAIRFAX INTERFAITH COALITION FOR HABITAT

Want to prepare for the Summer Mission Project? Here's an opportunity to volunteer with Habitat in our own backyard. The next workdays for the Fairfax Interfaith Coalition for Habitat (FICH) with Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia will be Wednesday, January 16 and Saturday, February 23 from 8:45-3:00. We will be working on a new single family home in the Route 1 corridor of the Alexandria portion of Fairfax County. Volunteers supply their own lunch and Habitat supplies water and tools. If you're interested in joining volunteers from other local congregations on either of these dates, contact Mary Frase, the Lewinsville representative to FICH, at maryjfrase@gmail.com or (703) 536-4091.

DIRECTOR OF CARE MINISTRIES SEARCH COMMITTEE

Lewinsville is searching for a Part-time Director of Care Ministries position available beginning February 1. This person will work with the Pastor and the Board of Deacons/Stephen Ministers to coordinate the various care ministries of the congregation, to cultivate a caring congregational atmosphere. If you have any questions or suggestions of potential candidates, you may speak with Pastor Scott or with Charlie Mendenhall, chair of the search committee. Applicants can submit resumes and contact information to CareSearch@lewinsville.org.



You may have noticed the photo wall in the glass case above the coffee pots in St. Andrews Hall. The pictures, for the most part, were taken from a Photo Directory a few years ago. But as the years have progressed, it has become dated. Children have grown older, some of the pictures have been lost, and some families have never had a picture on the wall. So, we ask you to check your picture if there is one. If you would like to have yours updated, or if you don't have a photo, please give us a picture about 2' x 2", or stop by our "photographer" between services in January so we can snap one for you. If you would like to help take photos, or help when we reassemble the wall, please contact Claire Grossi, cbgrossi@gmail.com or 703-893-6989.



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Christ House is a temporary residential medical facility for the District's sick and homeless. Christ House provides comprehensive and compassionate health care to sick, homeless men and women in the District and assists them in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness. Christ House provides referrals to community resources including in-patient recovery programs, mental health services, transitional living programs, nursing homes, and vocational training programs. Volunteers from Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (LPC) provide dinner to the residents on the Second Sunday of each month. Other supporters donate winter coats, clothing, and sundry items.

For more information about Christ House and other LPC mission and service partners, please check out the Lewinsville Mission and Service Handbook available at the information center next to the church offices. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Betsy Hendrix at betsylhendrix@gmail.com.





SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT:

During the month of January, middle school and high school will join together as one group for Sunday School. On January 6, we will have a pancake breakfast with Session Member Clay McConnell. On January 20, we look forward to hearing about the faith journey of Sherri Brothers, wife of member Siobhan Grayson. We can't wait for these members of the LPC community to join us for fellowship during the education hour.

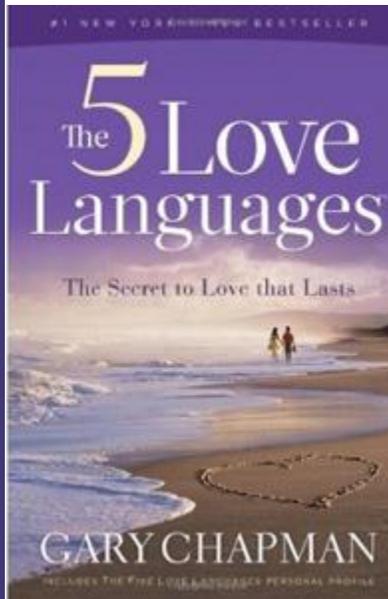
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

The month of January is filled with exciting Youth Fellowship opportunities. We plan to join together for food, fellowship, and discussion each Sunday night. On January 10, Roland McElroy, Irene Foster, and members from the Capital Campaign committee will be joining us for fellowship to discuss the exciting new plans for the Youth Center and ways that the youth can help raise funds to improve the Youth Center. The Youth can't wait for the changes to the Youth Center. We also look forward to the Annual Ski Retreat on January 25-27. January is sure to be a great month for the Youth at LPC.

CONFIRMATION:

LPC is excited to have a Confirmation class this coming Spring 2018! The class will be led by Pastor Scott and Pastor Annamarie. We look forward to starting this Confirmation Journey on February 10 and Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost, June 9. We are also planning a Confirmation Retreat which is scheduled for March 23-24. If you know of an 8th-10th grader interested in diving deeper into their faith and going on this Confirmation journey, please let Pastor Annamarie know!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED IN JANUARY
MODULE 3-JANUARY 6-27**



THE 5 LOVE

LANGUAGES: The Secret to Love That Lasts is a #1 New York Times Bestseller by Gary Chapman. The book was first published in 1992 and was most recently republished in 2015. Chapman posits that each one of us has a "primary love language" that when fulfilled keeps the "emotional love tank full."

If you have been married for 15 years or fewer and would like to explore The 5 Love Languages with other married couples, then join The 5 Love Languages small group.

Dan & Tonya Deyo and Dave & Pattie Gunter will lead the group and help participants discover a renewed sense of their spouse's love. This class will meet in the Library; 9:45-10:45 a.m.

500 YEARS ON



Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation

500 YEARS AND COUNTING--PROTESTANTISM'S NEXT CHAPTER

In the aftermath of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, it is appropriate to consider these questions: Why do Protestant churches still exist? Are we Protestants still protesting something? If not, what is the point of being a Protestant today? Should we assume the present division of the Christian religion into institutionally separate (and even competing) expressions will persist indefinitely? Or are we instead entering a "post Protestant" and perhaps even "post denominational" era?

- January 6 - The Origins of "Protestantism"
- January 13 - The Evolution of Protestant Christianity
- January 20 - A "Post Protestant" Era?
- January 27 - The Global South: The Explosive Growth of Post-Colonial Christianity

This class will be led by R. Bruce Douglass and will meet in the Chapel; 9:45-10:45 a.m.



News from Our Lewinsville Family

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS

ASHBY PONDS:

Quinn and Celia Morrison,
Evelyn Jones, Fran Kogon,
Richard Rager
Ruth Bathe, Dee Custer
Mary Partridge
Charles and Mary Hutchison
Joanne Field
Margot Scheffey
Fran Pearce
Michael Werner, Bob Heilen
Minnie Fadullon, Louise Fox,
Jane Gardner, Dong Lee,
Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn,
Mina Sulaiman

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

THE GARDENS AT FAIR OAKS

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

THE HERMITAGE:

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

THE KENSINGTON:

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

SUNRISE, HUNTER MILL:

SUNRISE, MCLEAN:

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:

WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE:

THE TRIBUTE AT LOUDOUN ONE:

Chuck McGuire
Betty Palmer
Elaine Baker, Jean and
Charlie Mertz, Helen Martin
Lora Watson
Alice Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to ALL Lewinsville couples celebrating January wedding anniversaries

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Steve Stephenson** and family surrounding the death of his nephew, Stephen Neal, on November 17. A memorial service was held in Michigan on November 25.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **John Baxley** and family on the death of his father, Henry Baxley, who died in Marshall, VA on November 26. A funeral service was held December 2.

MARRIAGES

Lindsay Trout and Cheryl Guarna on November 24 in Leesburg, VA. Linda Bender officiated. **Sally and Mike McKeown** are Lindsay's parents.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to David and Silke Douglass on the birth of their son, Dax Rohan Douglass, on December 5. The proud grandparents are **Bruce and Betty Douglass**.

Thank You

Words are inadequate to express my thanks for the outpouring of cards, calls, visits, love and support that everyone has shown us these past weeks. To everyone who had anything to do with the day of the memorial service from the beginning stages until the end of the day, I'm eternally grateful. Lewinsville is a very special place and it's because of people like you.

Thank you again for everything. Scotty and Jim Benson

YOUTH SKI TRIP

The Annual Youth Ski Retreat is scheduled for January 25-27.

We will be driving to Wintergreen for some fun, fellowship, and skiing. This retreat will be a highlight of the Youth Ministry program year.

Ask Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom for details about registering.

Single
SENIORS

SINGLE SENIORS - will hold their next monthly fellowship lunch in the Chapel Friday, January 11 at 11:30 am.

Bring \$5 for a simple lunch. For further information and to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken (manpadokken@aol.com / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm (wmaiwurm@gmail.com / 703 759-6705)

ADULT CLUB PLANNING MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24,

Meeting in the chapel after the 11:00am worship service.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and dessert provided.

Contact Brigitte Rais 703 356-3848 if you can attend.

Session met in November just before the Thanksgiving holiday and we realized that we had plenty to be thankful for including...

Session
Highlights

- A motion to approve transitioning Annamarie to a full-time position was overwhelmingly approved
- Susan Bartram and Maia Foster presented information on LPC's progress towards achieving certification as an Earth Care Congregation initiative
- Discussion on how to bring middle school students into participation in LPC's mission projects
- Looking at possible development of a part-time position to support pastoral care ministry through coordination of volunteers and to provide improved follow up with care recipients
- LPC received a grant from Google that will allow us to place free ads on Google – how that works, well we can figure that one out...

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HOLY HAPPY HOUR RECITAL SERIES - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 6:15 P.M.

Lewinsville will kick off their *Holy Happy Hour Recital Series* Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:15 p.m.. The Holy Happy Hour Recital Series will take place the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The program will feature a thirty minute musical offering followed by wine, hors d'oeuvres, and Christian fellowship. The concert is free and open to the public and a good will offering to support the music department will be taken.

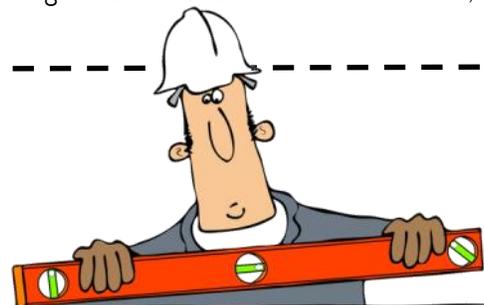
Our music director, John Nothhaft will inaugurate the series with works of Bach, Dupré, and Mendelssohn.

LOOKING AHEAD

ANNUAL MEETING



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019



WINTER MISSION PROJECT

This year, a small group of college students and young adults will be heading to Staunton, VA for the Winter Mission Project. From January 2-5, we will be working with Habitat for Humanity building homes around the area. We are looking forward to sharing our gifts and serving the community.