

Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 16, 2020
6th Sunday after Epiphany
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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Elaine Guth
Rob Hunter
Harriet Neldon

Lori Mabus
Clay McConnell
Ryan Ramsey
Jody Ransom

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Bruce Douglass
David Gunter
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Sharon Gamble
Janie Waldrop
Pat Matheson*

Banafshe Aghvami
Carolyn Fisk
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Sally McKeown
Wendy Maiwurm*

Gary Eames
Emily Foster (vice moderator)
Charlie Mendenhall
Rachel Russell
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. 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 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

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

- * CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG 607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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

Be Still For the Spirit of the Lord

Renew! 201

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

THE SENDING

- * SONG *We Are Marching in the Light of God* GG 853

- * 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
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February 16, 2020
11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord --

the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.

Happy are those whose hearts delight in God's law --

**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture an attitude of
generosity within us.**

Happy are our lives when we gather to worship the Living Lord --

the Fountain of Grace, the Giver of Life.

Let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN

How Happy Are the Saints of God

GG 457
WAREHAM

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life?

Forgive us, dear Lord, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

RENEW! 85

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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GG 582, vs. 1

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. 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.*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

THE WORD

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

*Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Matthew 5:21-37*

OT p. 186
NT p. 4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Blessings and Curses

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

GG 839
ASSURANCE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith (PCUS)

Jesus was God in the flesh.

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself.

He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.

He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant.

Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf.

He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners.

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do.

We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.

In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

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THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Deep River

H.T. Burleigh

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promis'd land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG 607
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

* HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

GG 853

SIYAHAMBA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Piano Sonata No.16 in C major, K 545, Mvt I. Allegro

W.A. Mozart

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMPOSERS- To honor Black History Month Lewinsville's Chancel Choir will be singing choral works of African American composers throughout the month.

H.T. Burleigh, born in 1866 in Erie, PA, played a significant role in the development of American art song. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music in New York being mentored by Antonín Dvořák. Burleigh influenced Dvořák's "New World" Symphony which used African-American Spirituals throughout the work. Burleigh was a charter member of ASCAP and served as baritone soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York for 52 years. He is well regarded for his arrangements of African American folk song and passed away in 1949.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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. 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, for further information on activities.

PASSING OF THE PEACE – “FIST BUMP FEBRUARY” During the month of February, when flu season can be on the rise, when we pass the peace during worship, we'll be sharing “Fist Bumps” rather than handshakes. Let's trade “Fist Bumps”!

ASK-A-PASTOR NIGHT –Join us **Sunday, February 23**, 6:30pm for “Ask-A-Pastor” night. This will be your opportunity to ask Pastor Scott, Pastor Annamarie, and Pastor Jen questions you have about the Christian faith, the Bible, theology, the church, spirituality, and more. It will be a fun night to see how your pastors think alike on some matters and think differently on others, and to engage with each other in a fun, light-hearted, but serious conversation about our faith. Submit your questions ahead of time in the box outside the church office or online at www.lewinsville.org/events/ask-a-pastor-night/.

PANCAKE BRUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. Lewinsville will hold our “Shrove Tuesday” celebration on Sunday, February 23, with one service of worship at 10 a.m., followed by a Pancake Brunch in Fellowship Hall. There will be pancake games led by the youth.

THE SECOND SATURDAY SET WILL MEET ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY - Doug McGuire moved to Ashby Ponds a year ago, and it's now time to pay him a visit. We'll gather there on **Saturday, February 22**, at 5:00 for dinner and a tour. It's located at 21170 Ashby

Ponds Blvd., Ashburn, about a 35-45 minute drive from church. When you arrive at the Ashby Ponds gatehouse you'll receive a map of the area, including the Great Oak Clubhouse where we'll meet for dinner and visitors' parking. A shuttle service runs from the visitors' parking to the Clubhouse.

We'll gather in the banquet room for appetizers and drinks (bring your own adult beverage) and then move on to a catered dinner (\$12.50 per person, checks payable to Doug). After dinner and dessert there are choices: a tour of the facilities, including Doug's apartment, or the game room for pool or shuffleboard and conversation or both. Doug needs to have a final count for dinner reservations ASAP so call or email him today 703 625-0199, or (dmcguire42@icloud.com)

WINTER IN THE CITY - Sweaters, jackets and coats, caps, and flannel shirts in good condition are needed for Christ House patients and the homeless men who use the **Unity Health Care** shower room at Christ House. **New men's underwear and socks** are especially needed for shower program users who must have new underwear in order to visit the Christ House/UHC medical staff. **Unity Health Care** also distributes **blankets** from its van on cold nights to homeless men and women living on the streets of Washington. **Used blankets**, in reasonable condition (frayed or missing binding is OK) are greatly needed. Your warm **blanket** could make a life and death difference! If each LPC pledging unit provided one used **blanket** from its household, we would have approximately 350 **blankets**. Just one pair of socks, a package of men's underwear, or an outgrown sweater will bring comfort and warmth to one of the poorest of Christ's children. Please be generous in your giving throughout the winter months.

Place your winter gift of warmth in the boxes located in the Volunteer Room. Thank you for your support of this special outreach to those in need during the winter months.

Additional information: www.unityhealthcare.org and www.christhouse.org
Point-of-contact: Janet Jacewicz - jjacewicz@gmail.com/(703) 231-4973

COMMUNION SERVER TRAINING—Training will be offered after the 11 am worship service on **Sunday, March 1**, in the Sanctuary. **We welcome any member interested in participating as a server and invite you to attend Communion Server Training (involving no more than 30 minutes)**. At Lewinsville, Communion is a holy sacrament integral to our worship and is offered by intinction at every 8:30 am service and at the 11:00 am service on the first Sunday of every month, either by intinction or, alternatively, traditionally (seated). There is a standard process to be followed by those who serve Communion so please join us on March 1 to learn how it is done. If questions, please contact Michelle Gottke at michelle.gottke@gmail.com or Elaine Guth at elaine.j.guth@gmail.com.

ADULT CLUB PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, **March 1**, 12:15pm in the chapel. Bring a sandwich for lunch; dessert and coffee provided. RSVP to Brigitte Rais, 703 356-3848, if you can attend.

LENTEN PRAYER WORKSHOP - Have you ever told anyone "I will pray for you" and then never got around to it? Does your prayer life feel stale? Then come to the Lenten Prayer Workshop on Saturday, **March 14**, 9:30 am - noon to explore and experience ways to include prayer consistently in daily life, expand our hearts, and be more fully in God's presence! The workshop, led by Pastors Scott, Jen Dunfee and Dan Thomas, will share prayer techniques such as Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, Praying in Color, Praying the Hours, and a Lewinsville Prayer Walk. To help us provide sufficient materials and refreshments, please make a reservation on the LPC website <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/prayer-workshop/>.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:30am Service of Worship – Sanctuary
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey preaching (Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Matthew 5:21-37)
- 9:30am Messy Church breakout opening – Fellowship Hall
Joyful Noise (lower level room 6)/Godly Play (ages 3 to 5)
Children & Youth (grades 1-12), Messy Church Learning Centers
Adults, Topic and Theme Discussions
- 9:45am Adult Education
Exploring Christian Poetry. Led by Rachel Russell. Library
Why Do Christians Believe That? Led by Linton Brooks. Chapel
Messy Church Adult Breakout Session: Bridging the Generation Gap. Room 25A
Youth Confirmation Class – Youth Center
- 11:00am Service of Worship – Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey preaching (Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Matthew 5:21-37)
- 12:15pm Foundation meeting – Library
- 12:15pm Quarterly Leaders meeting – Chapel
- 1:30pm Choirs at Chesterbrook Residences
- 3:00pm Junior Choristers/ Junior Bells (grades 1-3) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 4:00pm Puppets (for all ages) rehearsal – room 8
- 4:45pm Lewinsville Choristers (grades 4 – 12) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 5:30pm Lewinsville Bells (grades 4 – 12) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 6:15pm Youth Fellowship – Youth Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY
- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry – Chapel

- 1:30pm Circle 3 - Chapel
- 2:00pm Worship at Lewinsville Retirement Residence
- 7:30pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting - Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 1:30pm Program Staff – Library
- 7:00pm Session meeting - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 11:00am McLean Garden Club – St. Andrews Hall
- 11:00pm Bible Study – Chapel
- 2:00pm Worship at Chesterbrook Residences

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 9:00am Senior Exercise Class – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Committee on Preparation for Ministry – room 104
- 7:00pm Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Chapel, Bethany room, room 104, room 25A

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 7:30pm Young Adult Game Night - Chapel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 7:30am Men’s Square – Bethany Room
- 10:00am Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP/JAZZ SERVICE
- 10:00am Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 - The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey preaching (Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9)
- 11:15am Shrove Pancake Brunch – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Junior Choristers/ Junior Bells (grades 1-3) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 4:00pm Puppets (for all ages) rehearsal – room 8
- 4:45pm Lewinsville Choristers (grades 4 – 12) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 5:30pm Sunday ChristCare – Library
- 5:30pm Lewinsville Bells (grades 4 – 12) rehearsal – John Knox room/Music room
- 5:30pm Sunday ChristCare - Library
- 6:00pm Youth Fellowship – Youth Center
- 6:30pm Ask-A-Pastor Night – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Chancel Bells – Music Room

MINISTERS
PASTOR
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CARE MINISTRIES

The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
The Reverend Annamarie Groenenboom
The Reverend Jen Dunfee

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Allison Lineberger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

John Nothafft

DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS

Kylie Johnson

CHILDREN'S MUSIC SPECIALIST

Evan Ayars

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY 8:30

Kate Edwards

11:00

Chancel Choir

LAY READERS 8:30

Carol Kaffenberger

11:00

Virginia McCormick

GREETERS 8:30

Patricia Buss

11:00

Dan Thomas

DUTY ELDER

David Gunter

DUTY DEACON

Carolyn Fisk

CLERK OF SESSION

Tim Dokken

TREASURER

Janet Gale

MISSION CO-WORKERS

Brian and Helen Chapaitis, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jerico, VT

Andrew and Ellen Collins, Interserve (USA), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Frank Dimmock, The Outreach Foundation (Africa specialist), Decatur, GA

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