



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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February 2021

FEBRUARY WORSHIP**FEBRUARY 7, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

"Receiving Power"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

9:45 a.m. Virtual Annual Meeting**7:00 p.m. Taizé Worship****FEBRUARY 14, service online at 11:00 a.m.****TRANSFIGURATION**

Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9

"Listening to the Beloved"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

3:30 p.m.-HOOPS & MUSIC**FEBRUARY 17, online at 12 noon & in person at 3:30 p.m.****ASH WEDNESDAY**

Psalm 51:1-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Humble"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

LENT 2021: CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: *life and Ministry Together***FEBRUARY 21, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

1st Sunday of Lent

Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

"The Center of our Community: Christ at the Center"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

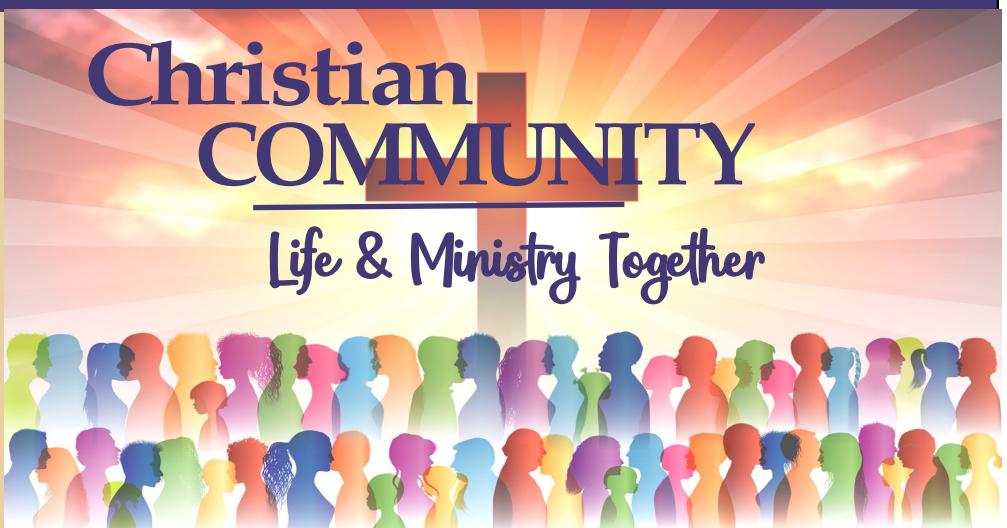
FEBRUARY 28, service online at 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mark 1:16-20; Mark 12:28-34

"The Goal of our Community: Serving Christ as our Purpose"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**LENT 2021: "CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: LIFE AND MINISTRY TOGETHER"**

During the weeks of Lent, our worship will be focused on the theme "Christian Community: Life and Ministry Together". Even as we worship separately during these days of the pandemic, we are bound together in community by the Holy Spirit, gathered together in discipleship to Jesus and sacrificial love for each other.

In addition, it is our pleasure once again to bring you a Lenten devotional for your use during the season of Lent that offers reflections on our Lenten theme. For each day of Lent, writers from the congregation will provide brief reflections on this theme, drawing from a Scripture passage.

During these turbulent times through which we are living, this theme offers us a way to reflect on what makes the Christian community different from other gatherings and groups in our world. The church of Jesus Christ is more than a random collection of individuals, and it is more than just another service organization. The Christian community of the church has its own life, its own purposes for being, and its own distinctive characteristics. What does Christian community in the church look like? Why is Christian community so important? How is it different than other forms of community in the world? In what ways is it challenging? What do we do when it breaks down? What resources does God make available to us, in order to strengthen and support us in living and serving together? How does God call us to live and serve together? What kinds of attitudes and commitments are required of those who enter into community in the church? These are the kinds of questions that this theme can raise for us.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the theme for the LPC Lenten devotional and for our Sunday worship during the season of Lent is “Christian Community: Life and Ministry Together.” What I want to observe here is how profoundly our experience of – and participation in – Christian community is shaped by **repentance**.

“Repentance” is a core word of the Lenten tradition. The Greek word behind “repentance” is *meta-noia*, which means “beyond mind” or “change of mind.” Repentance/metanoia involves a deep and enduring “change of mind” or transformation. It can also mean to “turn around” and go in a new direction.

Participating in Christian community requires this type of repentance-change, because we are not prepared well by the world for the life of Christian community. The world prepares us for combat, competition, acquisition, accumulation, and self-promotion. The church, however, invites us to compassion, neighborliness, forgiveness, justice for the weak and powerless, and humility.

When we have been profoundly shaped by the spirit of the world (as anyone who watches TV or uses a smartphone will be), we must consciously enter into a practice of repentance – not to beat up on ourselves or make ourselves feel guilty, but to move in the different direction of Christian community.

We will find several things as we repent and disengage from the priorities of the world. We may miss out on some things to which we have grown accustomed, and other people may think we are strange or weird or even wrong. But we will also experience lightness, freedom, and new forms of strength and clarity. We will discover that we actually do not need all the “things” that the world pushes on us. When we turn around and change our minds so that we are following Jesus, we will experience and wondrous grounded-ness and security that flows from discipleship to him.

Blessings for your Lenten journey,

Pastor Scott



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Due to the circumstances of this Lent, brought about by COVID-19, the primary way that the Lenten devotional will be made available is electronically. Each day’s devotional entry will be available on the church’s website, and you may sign up to receive the Lenten devotional by clicking here: <https://www.lewinsville.org/2021-lenten-devotions/>.

If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the Lenten devotional, you may contact Sandy Albrecht in the church office. If you have any questions about the Lenten devotional, feel free to reach out to Judy Herseth, Laura Jones, or Pastor Scott.



The ZOOM/Webinar link will be provided in the Thursday Mail.

QUARTERLY LEADERS’ MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

On Sunday, February 21, at 1:00 p.m., the program staff and the leaders of the church’s Ministry Groups will gather for the next installment of the Quarterly Leaders’ Meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to align the work of the different Ministry Groups, and to ensure that we are all “pulling in the same direction” as we work together.

If you have any questions or suggestions about any of our ministries, feel free to reach out to the leaders of that Ministry Group or speak to Pastor Scott.





According to the USDA, more than 11 million children live in food insecure homes across our country. This Super Bowl Sunday, the Lewinsville Youth will partner with the **Souper Bowl of Caring** to ensure that the folks in Northern VA always have a place to go to get food assistance.



FEBRUARY 7 TO 14

We'll be accepting funds for this initiative until February 14th where you can donate in person at our monthly HOOPS event.

To donate online, please go to: <https://www.lewinston.org/events/souper-bowl-of-caring/>

All proceeds will go to support local food assistance programs and pantries in the area.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST
YOU SHALL RETURN."

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17
12 NOON & 3:30 P.M.



GENESIS 3:19

ASH WEDNESDAY MESSAGE

"HUMBLE"

PSALM 51:1-17;
MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ.

The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes—placing a cross of ashes on one's forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death.

This Ash Wednesday, we begin our 40-day journey to the cross and empty tomb. We begin the Lenten journey with the sign of the ashes, as a reminder of our mortality, our frailty, our sinfulness, and our need for the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

This year, there will be two ways to experience worship for Ash Wednesday:

- 1) A virtual Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be available on the church's website at www.lewinston.org at 12 noon on Wednesday, February 17.
- 2) There will be an outdoor Ash Wednesday Service at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17. To participate in this service, you must pre-register on the church's website. Masks are required, physical distancing will be maintained, and there will be a limit of 50 people. Given the unfolding circumstances of COVID-19, this event is subject to change. Stay tuned to Thursday Updates and weekly bulletins for up-to-date information.



**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 14
3:30 P.M.**

**BRING A FRYING PAN
AND RUNNING SHOES!**

For the Kids: Pancake Racing! Minute –2-
Win-It Mardi Gras style games! Mardi Gras
Masks! & Beads! Beads!
Beads!

Join us for an afternoon of
fun, fun, FUN & Games traditional to the
Fat Tuesday/Pancake Day Celebrations!
Racers need to bring a frying pan from
home. (Pancakes and other game supplies
will be provided)!



PLUS A MUSICAL CONCERT OF MARDI GRAS AND VALENTINES DAY JAZZ

On February 14, during the outdoor HOOPS event, Evan Ayars and John Nothaft will provide a musical concert of Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day jazz standards.

**The performance will take place at the Lewinsville
Gardens at 3:30 pm.**

MUSIC MINISTRY PIANO SALE

Lewinsville recently sold a baby grand Kohler & Campbell piano from Fellowship Hall.

The piano was a gift from the Rogers family, a friend of Gary and Ann Baise. After assessing Lewinsville's instrumental needs during the renovation, our music ministry decided the piano could better serve a student in need.

Heather Lee, a junior studying piano at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts received the instrument. Heather also plays alto saxophone and the harp. She hopes the instrument will enable her musical studies to grow further as the fine instrument will provide a more resonant sound, better keyboard, and more nuanced approach to touch.

As part of Lewinsville's mission in music, we are delighted to support talented young artists in our community.



YOUTH DOUBT NIGHT

On Sunday evening, February 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting "A Doubt Night."

This will be your opportunity to ask Pastor Scott, Pastor Jen, and Youth Director Ben Evans questions you've got 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.



SUPER BOWL

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
VIRTUAL VIEWING BEGINNING AT 6:30P.M.**

On Super Bowl Sunday, Youth Fellowship will gather virtually to watch the first half of the game and Halftime Show together.

Call begins at 6:30 p.m.

Look for an email with a link to join!

**YOU DON'T WANT
TO MISS IT!**



Confirmation Class



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES
BEGIN SUNDAY, FEB 14
9:45 A.M.**

Lewinsville will be starting Confirmation Classes for eligible youth grades eight and up on

Sunday, February 14. Classes will take place during the Sunday Education hour starting at 9:45 until 10:45 a.m. Confirmands should work to find a Mentor—a Christian from your community who will agree to help guide you through this process. Once you have found a mentor, or if you need some help finding one, email Ben Evans for more information.

bevans@lewinsville.org



**CONGRATULATIONS, LINDSAY TROUT!
FAIRFAX COUNTY REGION 1 2020-2021
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR!**

NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS:

ASHBY PONDS: Quinn and Celia Morrison, Evelyn Jones, Richard Rager

BRIGHTVIEW, GREAT FALLS: Elizabeth McKenna

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES: Dee Custer, Nancy Miller

EDGEWORTH PARK AT NEW TOWN, WILLIAMSBURG: Ruth Bathe

THE FALLSTEAD: Margie Roe

THE GARDENS AT FAIR OAKS, CLIFTON: Mary Partridge

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH: Charles and Mary Hutchison

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD: Joanne Field

THE HERMITAGE: Margot Scheffey

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON: Fran Pearce, Bob and Beverly Johnson

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE: Louise Fox, Jane Gardner, Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn, Mina Sulaiman

TRIBUTE AT ONE LOUDOUN: Fran Kogon

VIENNA MANOR, FAIRFAX: Steve Stephenson

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN: Elaine Baker, Jean and Charlie Mertz, Helen Martin

THE VIRGINIAN: Don Robb

WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE: Lora Watson

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to ALL Lewinsville couples celebrating February wedding anniversaries. The following couples are celebrating a milestone occasion:

- David and Phebe Morrison—20 years on February 17
- Ryan and Deirdre Ramsey—10 years on February 20
- John and Elizabeth Bowen—56 years on February 27

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of **Ann Brown** on her death on January 4.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Danny Howell** and family on the death of his brother, Edwin Howell, on January 18.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Dave Smith** and family on the death of his sister, Nancy Smith, on January 21.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Susan (Hodges) Ross and Jason Ross on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Palma Ross, on December 25. The proud grandparents are **Carolyn and Dale Hodges**.



LET'S DO LUNCH! FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 A.M. ON ZOOM

Single Seniors will meet virtually for fellowship via ZOOM on Friday, February 12, at 11:30 a.m. Your lunch can be whatever falls out of your cupboard or refrigerator. We'll look forward to seeing each other's faces, even if just on the screen, and updating one another on how we're doing.

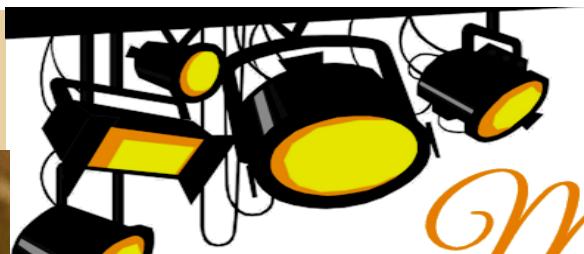
A ZOOM link will be sent out later.

REV. JEN DUNFEE

CARE MINISTRY

During the interim time while the church seeks its next Associate Pastor, I have the great blessing of attending Mission and Service meetings. I am always inspired by how generous Lewinsville is in its allocation of budget for mission and the passion of the committee members as they live the gospel and the mission statement of Lewinsville by “responding to human need.” I encourage everyone in the congregation to visit the Missions page of the LPC website www.lewinsville.org/missions/ to see the wide variety of organizations that the church supports, from those a mile from the church to those on the other side of the world. The website describes each place that the Mission budget supports and also offers ways for the congregation to engage in service in a “how you can help” section. You can also find a section called “A Call to Action” www.lewinsville.org/call-to-action/ with the most recent Mission updates and needs. Scrolling down to the bottom of this page will bring you to a list of “Virtual Volunteer Opportunities” during Covid-19. As the mom of middle school and high school students with service hour requirements, I am especially grateful to Joe Parisi for compiling this list of ways for anyone to serve remotely.

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Mission SPOTLIGHT

InterVarsity is an international, inter-denominational Christian organization that ministers to college students.

InterVarsity is a vibrant campus ministry that establishes and advances witnessing communities of students and faculty. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church supports a chapter of InterVarsity based at the University of Virginia (UVa) in Charlottesville.



InterVarsity
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

The InterVarsity chapter at UVa has existed for over 60 years. This past year, InterVarsity connected with over 300 students through weekly large-group (now virtual) gatherings and small-group bible studies. InterVarsity seeks to see student's lives transformed by the power of the Gospel, renew the school's campus through missions, and develop student leaders with a passion to change the world.

InterVarsity welcomes students into caring, diverse communities, where they can build friendships and explore Christian faith. InterVarsity's ministry on campus has also centered around inductive Bible study that includes observation, interpretation, and application. Students engage in communal discovery—generating questions together, sharing what they see and think, and discovering Scripture's meaning for themselves.

To learn more, visit the UVa InterVarsity website at www.virginiaivcf.com. If you have any questions about Intervarsity and Campus Ministries or supporting this work, please contact Jed Metge at jed.metge@intervarsity.org.

APPRECIATION FOR ALTERNATIVE GIFTS DONATIONS

The Mission and Service Ministry Group is pleased to report the success of the 2020 ALTERNATIVE GIFTS project conducted during the season of Advent. Thirty-one donors stepped forward and made generous contributions totaling \$16,665 to one or more of LPC's mission partners. The mission partners selected by donors to receive their gift donation(s) were SHARE of McLean, United Orphanage & Academy (Kenya), Falls Church Homeless Shelter, Homestretch, Second Story (formerly Alternative House), Falls Church – McLean Children's Center, Friends of The Lewinsville (meal subsidies), Habitat of Northern Virginia, and Miriam's Kitchen. These mission partners and the Mission and Service Ministry Group greatly appreciate the generosity of the LPC members and friends who participated in the 2020 Alternative Gifts project.

The church's continued and abundant generosity to the needs in our Mission Spotlights, special collections, the alternative gifts, and the Deacon Fund have enabled us to not just sustain but increase our support for the increasing economic needs during the pandemic. We have even joined a new partnership with other churches in McLean to help those in need of food and support local business. The initiative is called "McLean Cares" and was started by Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and now is a joint effort with Immanuel, Lewinsville, Rodef Shalom and McLean Baptist Church. Augusta Niday serves as the LPC representative to the McLean Cares leadership team. With donations from these churches, and a generous \$15,000 grant from the McLean Foundation, McLean Cares has provided 1,573 meals and put \$18,000 back into the local community to help support restaurant workers and local business owners. Please visit and like the McLean Cares Facebook page to learn more:

www.facebook.com/stophungersupportbusiness. The meals have helped people who live at the Winter Hill apartments, families at Terraset Elementary School, the McLean Falls Church Children's Center, Culmore Center, the Fallstead, and SHARE. I give thanks to God to be a part of a church that is so committed to loving God by serving God's beloved children and am reminded of the words of Isaiah 58:10 "if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

In Christ,
Jen

WHY PRAY?

**LED BY REV. DAN THOMAS
WITH PASTORS SCOTT RAMSEY &
JEN DUNFEE
9:30-10:45 A.M. ON ZOOM**

Why pray? We pray because prayer is a gifted means of grace from God that enables us to form a trustworthy, lasting, and intimate relationship with our loving Creator. As Morton Kelsey, Professor Emeritus of Theology at the University of Notre Dame reminds us,

"Prayer is not so much asking for what we wish from the Divine as it is fellowship with the Holy One who wants our presence far more than we want the Holy One's presence."

How can we as people of faith more passionately seek God's presence? What are some helpful prayer techniques we can use to help draw ourselves more fully into our Creator's loving presence? Join Rev. Dan Thomas, and pastors Scott Ramsey and Jen Dunfee as together we explore and experience such techniques as how to use the Bible in prayer, centering prayer, praying through the hours, the Jesus Prayer, and going for an intentional prayer walk. Time for sharing prayer experiences and questions will be a staple of each class session. **This class will NOT be recorded.**

SONGS OF CRISIS: DRAWING GOD INTO HISTORY IN THE PSALMS

PSALMS

LED BY ROB HUNTER 9:30-10:45 A.M. ON ZOOM

Many of us, when thinking of the Psalms, bring to mind an especially beloved example, often Psalm 23. This book of the Bible contains some of the most lyrical and striking language in world literature, and Psalms are often associated with images of peace and joy— "still waters," "steadfast love endures forever." But the Jewish people lived in tough times, beset by enemies, natural disasters, and evil rulers. The Psalms reflect this too. In this class we will look at some of these tough Psalms, to open up a little the complex bond the people of Israel had with their God, and to help us reflect on our own relationships with God. Each week we will dig into one or two of the Psalms, fitting them into the context of their time but also looking for ways these Psalms can fit into our times, and our own spiritual lives. It will be helpful to have a Bible handy during the class. **This class will NOT be recorded.**

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AN ECO-MINDED LENT

Lent is a contemplative season of fasting, self-denial, spiritual growth and simplicity; a time to become more in touch with our Creator. Our journey as an Earth Care Congregation invites us to link the traditional practices of Lent with a greater awareness of the finite resources of our planet. As you think about how you will observe Lent this year, consider engaging in some form of ecological fasting. Possibilities include reducing purchases to essential goods only; eliminating the use of single use plastics; reducing water usage; reducing waste; eliminating or reducing meat from your diet; and taking steps to reduce energy consumption.

(For detailed suggestions, see www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm



A link to a Lenten Creation Care calendar of daily readings and actions will be provided in the Lewinsville Update and on the LPC website prior to the beginning of Lent to help guide your earth care-related Lenten discipline.