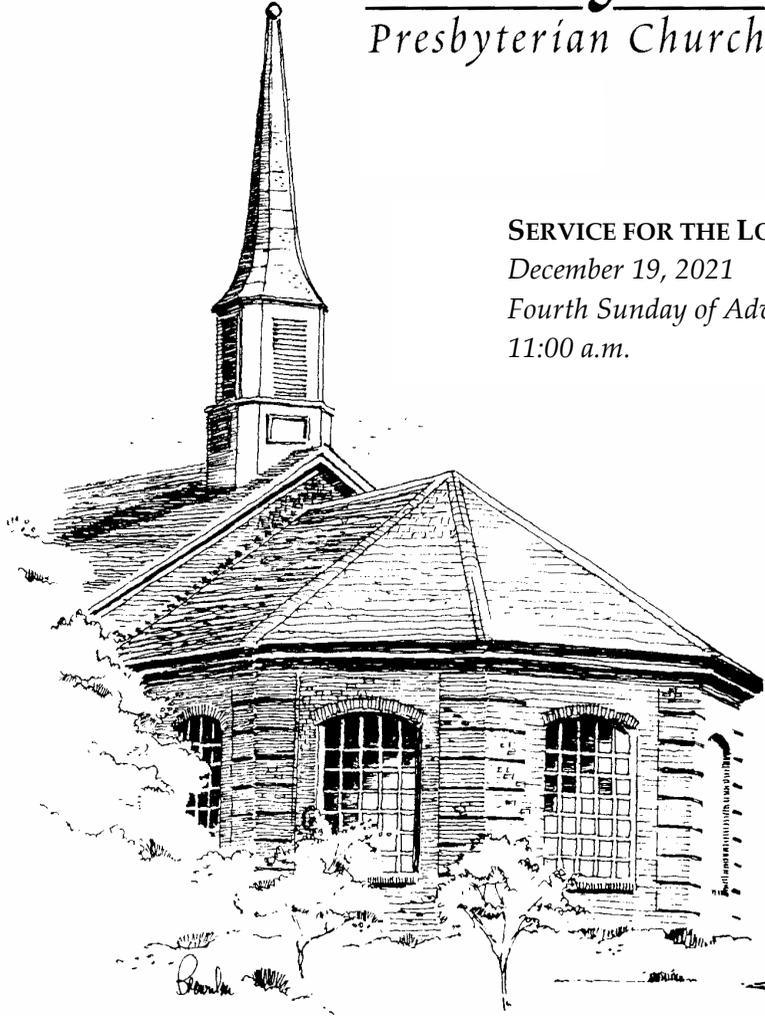


Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 outside in the parking lot off the Great Falls Street side of the building

In order to provide a safe, loving, and welcoming environment for our youngest, unvaccinated congregants, as well as immune-compromised congregants, we ask that you wear a mask while inside the building. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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

Leadership at Lewinsville

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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.

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

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen Op. 122, No. 8

Johannes Brahms

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, God sent you in mercy to be Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Teach us the compassion of God.

Jesus, your life took flesh in the mercy of Mary's womb.

We rejoice in the compassion of Mary.

Jesus, your family took shape in the mercy of Joseph's welcome.

We give thanks for the compassion of Joseph.

Jesus, your holy family knew the struggle of the poor, when they were refused the mercy of shelter in Bethlehem.

Teach us the compassion of God, and lead us in the ways of justice and mercy.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

GG 99

MORNING SONG

††

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have not been faithful to you. We have disrespected the gift you gave so freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored his teachings, we have lived lives of apathy, and we have turned away from the

cries of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* GG 89
Refrain: Sung twice For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits
Truly my hope is in you

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

THE WORD

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *Angels* *Luke 2:13-14*
Christopher, Kelly, Leah and Lars Sexton

Reader: Today we remember the angels. The angels are God's messengers who announce the coming of the Lord. The angel, Gabriel, spoke to Mary and Joseph to announce the birth of Jesus. The angels sang out with joy to proclaim Jesus' birth to the shepherds. The angel Michael announces the coming of Christ again in the Revelation to John.

People: God's messengers are with us still today, if we have ears to hear. We can hear their voices and wait with joy for the coming of the Lord.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the angels, who bring us good news of great joy.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:5-13, 18-20, and 39-56* NT p. 56

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Dissident Friendship* The Rev. Layne Brubaker

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod and J.S. Bach

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Translation: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

* 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There Is No Rose

Benjamin Britten

*There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia, Alleluia
For in this rose containèd was Heaven and earth in littel space,
Res miranda, Res miranda.
By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three,*

*Pares forma, pares forma.
The aungels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gaudeamus, gaudeamus.
Leave we all this werldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus, Transeamus, Transeamus.
Alleluia, Res miranda, Pares forma, Gaudeamus, Transeamus.*

Translations: vertu = virtue; litel = little; res miranda = miraculous thing; pares forma = in the parent's image; the aungels sungen = the angels sang; gaudeamus = we rejoice; werldly = worldly; transeamus = we follow

[The Chancel Choir will perform Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols as a prelude at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service. The text sung is principally in Middle English, with some Latin and Early Modern English. The text of "There is no Rose" dates to the early 15th century.]

* RESPONSE *While We Are Waiting Come* GG 92, vs. 1
*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

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.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN *People, Look East* GG 105
BESANÇON

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Arr. Roland M. Carter

Today's Offering: Click the "Make a Gift" button to give online at www.lewinsville.org. To give via text message, text 703-270-0451 with the amount you would like to contribute, then follow instructions.

FROM THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTEBOOK - Our little white frame chapel sat nearly alone at Barrett's Crossroads when it was dedicated on a snowy Sunday, January 3, 1847. Across the street, Mankin's General Store could be seen through the trees. A couple of horse-drawn carriages were tied up outside the church. Several congregants arrived by foot, and were late. Another came on his mule. Inside, a single pot belly stove struggled to keep the chapel warm. Elder Amzi Coe had arrived early to light the fire. Rev. Levi Christian preached that first Sunday, and although his sermon topic is not recorded, its length was likely a full hour—typical for the time. Just 30 feet wide and 40 feet long, the new Lewinsville Presbyterian Church quickly became a cherished spiritual refuge for the 17 Presbyterian founders.

Celebrating 175 Years of Service and Ministry—1846-2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

CARE MINISTRY

DROP-IN PRAYER EACH TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. DURING ADVENT: On the last Tuesday in Advent, December 21, come to the Sanctuary between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. for a time of prayer. There will be opportunities for praying silently, reading prayers together, praying through the Tuesday prayer list, for individual prayer with a Pastor or Deacon/Stephen Minister, or lighting candles. If you are in the need of prayer and would like to join in offering prayer for others, or enjoy a time of quiet contemplation, come on by. All are welcome.

LONGEST NIGHT - Join us **December 21, 7:30pm** for our Jazz and Blues Longest Night Service. Blues music is a genre and musical form which originated from African-Americans communities in the deep south. The Blues is characterized by the blue notes (or "worried notes") which is an essential part of the sound. The longest night service will intertwine Jazz and Blues music with scripture and reflection. Blues songs are typically lyrical rather than narrative and blues singers express feelings of melancholy and sadness using the Blue Notes. This will be a quiet worship service in which we name the "darkness" that surrounds us, and even while doing so, claim the light of Jesus Christ— "the light no darkness can overcome." We hope you'll consider joining us.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - Lessons and Carols service at 11:00 am.

MISSION AND SERVICE MINISTRY



THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and takes place this year from November 28-December 19, 2021. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The Mission and Service Ministry Group urges all LPC congregants to generously support this important special offering. There are several easy ways to donate: (1) donate on-line at the LPC website (click on the blue "Make a Gift" button and follow directions to "Christmas Joy

Offering”; (2) use the “Christmas Joy” offering envelope in the pew rack or included in your packet of offering envelopes; or (3) write a check payable to LPC with a notation for “Christmas Joy Offering.”



ALTERNATIVE GIFTS PROGRAM - The Mission and Service Ministry Group is providing the opportunity to transform a donation into a Christmas gift through the Alternative Gift program during the season of Advent. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and the Mission and Service Group invites you to join in the Alternative Gifts program and make donations to our mission partners in the name of a loved one.

An Alternative Gift is a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the special people in your life and provides a tax-deductible gift to support Lewinsville Presbyterian Church mission projects. The Alternative Gifts program began at the end of November and continues through Advent. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate on-line or stop by the Alternative Gifts table set up in the narthex after the Sunday services. You can give a donation in honor of your loved one to provide financial support to our mission partners, including:

- Homestretch
- The Friends of The Lewinsville (meal support program)
- FACETS
- Falls Church-McLean Children's Center
- United Orphanage and Academy in Kenya,
- SHARE, and other Lewinsville Presbyterian Church mission projects.

Beautiful cards are available to let the honoree know that an Alternative Gift has been given in their name. For more information about these Lewinsville mission partners and the Alternative Gifts program, please contact Alan Stevens at avslc11@verizon.net.



TODAY'S BAKE SALE - profits will go directly towards expenses related to the work camp with Appalachian Service Project next June. The Summer Mission Project Team thanks you for your continued support.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE CONCERT 12/24 AT 6:30 PM - The Lewinsville Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells will perform a 30 minute prelude ahead of the 7:00 pm service. The Chancel Choir will perform.

OTHER



BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 9, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM, BLOODMOBILE IN LARGE PARKING LOT - Our next blood drive is scheduled for **Sunday, January 9**. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations via their bloodmobile. The bloodmobile will be parked in the church's main parking lot near the Music entrance. When you arrive, check in at the INOVA Tent. All INOVA Blood Services personnel will be wearing masks and **donors will be required to bring and wear their own masks**. Please bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. We are excited to offer walk-ins. We highly encourage people to sign up for an appointment in advance for planning purposes. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

YOUTH - TONIGHT, **December 19, 6:15-7:30, Youth Christmas Party at the LRR Pavilion!** We will celebrate with games and Christmas treats. Please bring a \$5.00 or less white elephant Christmas gift. Please reach out to Layne with any questions. lbrubaker@lewinsville.org

PARENTS OF YOUTH - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 9, 5:30-6:15** for an information meeting about programming throughout 2022. We will be specifically discussing Summer Mission Program and Montreat Youth Conference.

Christmas Eve Services at Lewinsville

- 4:15 pm Family Carols and cocoa, family and friends gather outside the church for fellowship
- 4:30 pm Family /Christmas Eve Service. Hear the story as told through song and puppets. All children will be able to safely participate.
- 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Prelude Concert. The Chancel Choir and Bells will perform Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" with harp.
- 7:00 & 9:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, led by Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
(Communion at the 7:00pm service)
Readings: Psalm 96 and the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20
Sermon Title: "A New Song"



CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

For the 2021 Advent Season, we will return to decorating the Narthex, Sanctuary and outdoors, which decorations will include a large floral display for Christmas Eve.

We are grateful for your contributions to our Christmas Decoration Fund, which you can make this year by either filling out the form below and returning it to the church office or electronically by visiting the sign-up at <https://www.lewinsville.org/sign-up-christmas-decorations-fund/>

All who have given in memory or celebration of loved ones will be listed in our Christmas Eve bulletin. Any money remaining will be used for our Flower Fund throughout the year. Please note that the Flower Committee will purchase only enough flowers and greens to decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex, not for each contributor.

We suggest a contribution of \$70. Checks should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated "Christmas Decoration Fund."

Forms and checks must be returned or submitted online no later than TODAY, December 19.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN CELEBRATION OF _____

AMOUNT of GIFT: \$ _____

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC SPECIALIST

The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
The Rev. Jen Dunfee
Allison Lineberger
John Nothafft
Evan Ayars

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	John Nothafft
GUEST MUSICIANS	Chancel Choir, Emma Gamble, Evan Ayars, Katy Morgan
LAY READER	Rachel Russell
DUTY ELDER	Kelly Sexton
DUTY DEACON	Diane Alden

CLERK OF SESSION	Linda Bender
TREASURER	Janet Gale

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Andrew and Ellen Collins, Interserve (USA), Chiang Mai, Thailand
Frank Dimmock, The Outreach Foundation (Africa specialist), Decatur, GA

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