



# LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 9, 2022  
DEDICATION SUNDAY  
11:00 AM

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

PRELUDE

*We Three Kings*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118 and Psalm 84*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,*

**That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.*

**My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

*A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to live in the tents of wickedness.**

*O Lord of hosts,*

**Happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.*

*Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### CONFESSION

Eternal God, high and holy, no building can contain your glory. Yet you know how easily our hearts can be captivated by buildings and things of this world. You know how easily we can stop seeing them as vessels of your grace and love, instead treating them as idols of success and control. Forgive us when we turn away from you; forgive us for our sin, our fear, and our lack of faith. May this church - this sanctuary, this building – always be a gathering place for people of goodwill. When we worship, teach us to worship you with gladness. When we study; help us to search for your truth. When we meet here, may we always be seeking your will, so that this congregation may be a sign of your Spirit at work in the world, and a witness to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Genesis 12:1-4a*  
*Luke 8:4-15*

Linda Bender

### SERMON

*Sowing Seeds of Faith and Blessing for 175 years*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

### HYMN

*Within Your Shelter, Loving God (Psalm 91)*

ABBAY

*Within your shelter, loving God, my refuge and my tower,  
I safely walk by day and night beneath your guiding power.*

*Because I trust in you alone, no evil shall come near.  
The strong defender of my home, with you I have no fear.*

*Your holy angels bear me up and keep my feet secure.  
Though fierce and angry foes assail, in you my way is sure.*

*As often as I call to you, you kindly hear my prayer.  
In times of trouble and distress I rest in your own care.*

*All those who know your name on earth shall life abundant know.  
On all abiding in your love your saving grace bestow.*

### 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

*The Work of Christmas*

Dan Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music from the heart.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*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.*

## FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### CLOSING HYMN

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

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*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we, with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.*

*Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

POSTLUDE

*Noël Suisse*

Louis Daquin

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Participating in the worship service (in order of appearance):

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

John Nothaft, Director of Music Ministries

Lewinsville Section Leaders -

Katy Morgan, Jeannette Mulherin, Evan Ayars, Zachary Gutierrez

Linda Bender, Lay Reader

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

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

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*From the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Notebook* - One of the more interesting characters in Lewinsville's history is Miles C. Munson, perhaps best known as the Lewinsville Elder who served four Presbyterian churches in Northern Virginia. In addition to Lewinsville, Elder Munson helped establish Falls Church Presbyterian, Ballston Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian of Arlington. At Ballston, he also taught a Sunday School class. Altogether, he held the office of Elder for 50 years. His vocation was Clerk in the Pay Division of the U.S. Treasury Department, a post he held 47 years. He also owned a farm near the present intersection of S. Glebe Road and Columbia Pike. When he died in 1914, he was buried next to his wife, Kate, in Oakwood Cemetery of Falls Church. Elder Munson lived 83 years.

*175 Years! A Shared Journey of Faith—1846-2021*

## **Announcements for the Week of** **January 9, 2022**

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR** - Immediately after the Livestream 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to a Coffee Hour Zoom for a time of fellowship and connection. During the weeks when we are livestream only, this casual, short Zoom (about 20-25 minutes) will give us a chance to "see" each other and check-in. Pastors will join as quickly as they can get on the computer after the postlude!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83983064126?pwd=UWVyOGNtUIZpWFVIN0hmU0VITUZSdz09> If you need the call-in number, email Pastor Jen [jdunfee@lewinsville.org](mailto:jdunfee@lewinsville.org)

**CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING WORSHIP WITH THE PSALMS FOR DEDICATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 9,**

**7PM ON ZOOM** - On Sunday evening, January 9, at 7:00 p.m., Lewinsville Presbyterian will have a Zoom Contemplative Worship Service for Dedication Sunday. Earlier in the day, we will have remembered the date in early 1847 when the original building for Lewinsville was dedicated. At that time, it was common for the congregation to sing primarily from the book of Psalms in the service of worship. Following in that tradition, our contemplative worship that evening will draw heavily from the Psalms. Come for this special contemplative service, which will be rooted in history as we move into our future.

The Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82879871709?pwd=QmFxOFdaYWpMdjdyMWhNcC9jY1c2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 828 7987 1709

Passcode: 222546

Dial by your location for audio only:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)



**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY, JANUARY 9, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM, BLOODMOBILE IN LARGE PARKING LOT** - Our next blood drive is scheduled for **today, 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.

**THE LEWINSVILLE FAITH AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE** announces that the next event in its series, "Pathways Out of Poverty in Northern Virginia" will take place virtually via ZOOM on **Sunday January 16, 2022, 3:30-5:00pm.** The panels discussion topic will be Financial Empowerment. Panelists will share experiences at helping low-income individuals and households build good money management skills, and suggest ways we can engage and support these efforts. The event is co-sponsored by Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and Redeemer Lutheran Church of McLean, Virginia, in partnership with Tysons Interfaith coalition. Go to <https://www.lewinsville.org/> to register.



**THIS YEAR'S REFORMED INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONVOCATION** - is **Saturday, January 22, 9:30am, at National Presbyterian Church (with Livestream option).** The speaker is **Dr. Brian Blount**, President and Professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

This year's annual convocation digs deeply into the Reformed Tradition to find elements of liberation for the church and for those marginalized in society. From Calvin's theory of revolution to modern calls for freedom from oppressive church and social structures, this presentation will open your eyes to the transformative power of Reformed thought and life.

Dr. Blount holds a BA from the College of William and Mary, an MDiv from Princeton

Theological Seminary, and a PhD from Emory University. He served as pastor of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, from 1982 to 1988, before studying for his doctorate. He served as the Richard J. Dearborne Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary for 15 years before being called as President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA in 2007. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

NOTE: Masks Required, Please be vaccinated or take Covid test day before. Any symptoms please attend online.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM** - If you would like to be a part of the Refugee Resettlement Team, reach out to Layne at [lbrubaker@lewinsville.org](mailto:lbrubaker@lewinsville.org). This team will take the lead on this new mission of our congregation.

**PARENTS OF YOUTH – Tonight, January 9, 5:30-6:15.** Parents Information session will be moved to Zoom using the same link as Youth Fellowship. Layne will email you the link. We will be discussing the entire 2022 program year. We will specifically go over the details for Summer Mission Program and Montreat Youth Conference.

**SINGLE SENIORS LUNCH WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 11:30 AM** - We will enjoy one another's fellowship and report on our Christmas celebrations and New Year's resolutions. The Zoom link follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86323752420?pwd=ZDFUenJzcmZ5alhZMWNlaDZjN0N4QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2375 2420

Passcode: 059977

Phone number: 1 301 715 8592

**YOUNG ADULTS** - Join us virtually **Monday, January 17** at 7:30 for Game Night. We will gather to catch up and play some fun games via zoom. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Layne ([lbrubaker@lewinsville.org](mailto:lbrubaker@lewinsville.org)) for the zoom link.

**SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS IN 2022** - [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up on the webpage. . Flowers are featured during each online worship service. The recommended minimum contribution for sanctuary flowers is \$110.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.** Please send your submissions to [Sandy](#) no later than January 15. Thank You.