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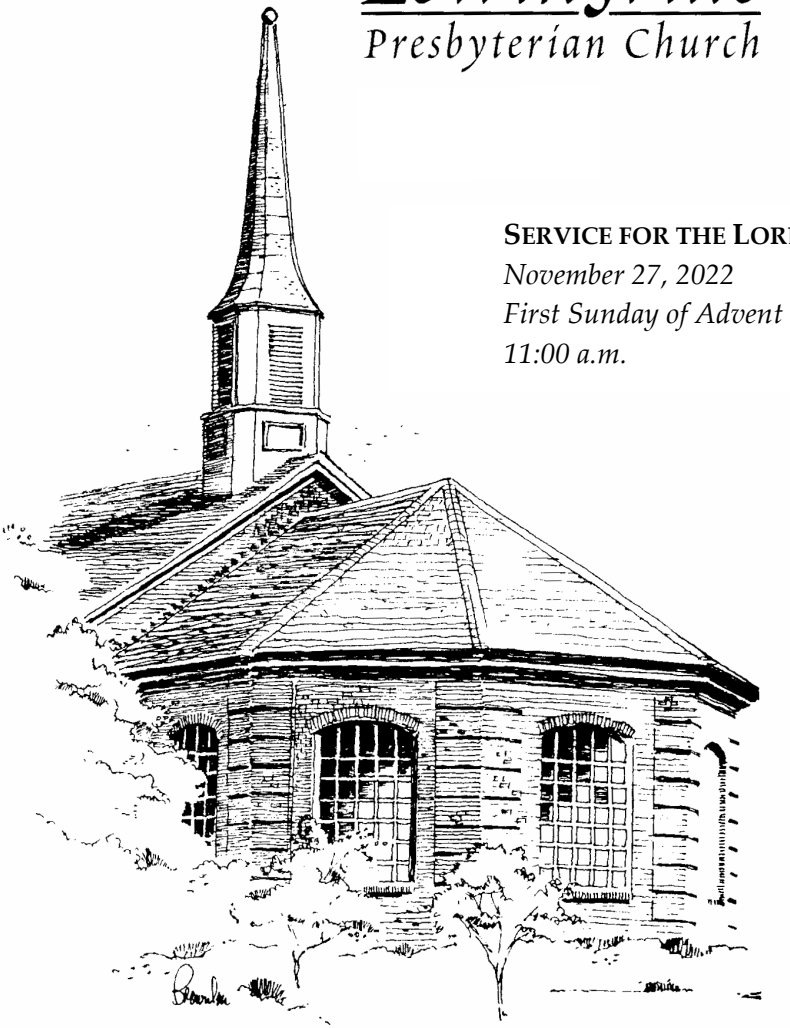
Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.

"JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF GOD"

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).

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: Linda Bender		Treasurer: Janet Gale
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		Sue Thomas
Pat Matheson*		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.

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
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2022

* *If you are able, please stand* †† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645* Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!

Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

We are here, watching and waiting with expectant hope.

May God bring justice to all people this very day. Let us worship God!

* HYMN *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* GG 349
WACHET AUF

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence

We confess, O God of Advent Hope, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see your marvels around us in the people and events that we view as commonplace or mundane. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest we sleepwalk through our lives. Forgive and redeem us, that we may turn from the ways of fear and greed. Send your light upon us, so

that it may shine through us into your broken world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1) GG 88
VFENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER Brittany Walsh

THE WORD

WEEK ONE - PROPHETS
Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Isaiah 9:2,6* Bruce and Betty Douglass

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We first remember the prophets of old, who dared to speak of a child to come, who promised the coming of a Savior. The candle of prophecy

reminds us of the faithfulness of God's promises, so that we can live in hope.

People: We also give thanks for the prophets among us today, who bring us surprising visions of hope, who challenge us to think in new ways, and who show us a future that we would not otherwise have anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

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	*Isaiah 2:1-5*	OT p. 631
	Matthew 24:36-44	NT p. 27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The Future That Is Coming To Us* The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN *Watchmen Tell Us Of the Night* GG 97
ABERYSTWYTH

* 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Augusta Niday

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts* Arr. Kenneth P. Lenz

RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 3)* GG 643
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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

* HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* GG 82
HYFRYDOL

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* Paul Manz

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Join the flower committee as we gather to decorate the exterior of the church on **Saturday, December 3**, 9:30am – 1:00pm for Advent and Christmas. We need help decorating outdoors, including hanging wreaths, roping lampposts, potting plants and stringing lights outdoors. Service hours are available for students. Bring work gloves and wire cutters. This event is for adults and youth, age 13 and up. We are also hosting the 3rd Annual Advent Bird Ornament and Gingerbread Bird House Party for families and children (ages 3-12) from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. on December 3. We will create bird feeder "decorations" for the Lewinsville trees to help our feathered friends celebrate Advent with us. Each family will also assemble and decorate their own Gingerbread Bird House to take home. Register for this event online at www.lewinsville.org. Questions: email Pam Deese at Pamela.Deese@afslaw.com or Allison Lineberger at alineberger@lewinsville.org. Registration for the Bird Advent Ornament and Gingerbread Bird House Party closes November 30.

PRE-SCHOOL ANGEL BREAKFAST – Families with children ages 2 to 5 are invited to begin the season of Advent/Christmas on **December 4** by attending the very popular Preschool Angel Breakfast. Held on the first Sunday in December, families will create Angel crafts, share in a breakfast of Star shaped Pancakes, play a game of A*N*G*E*L (a lot like BINGO) for prizes and hear the Christmas Story presented by the Lewinsville Puppeteers. The Angel Breakfast will take place in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday morning CE hour, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Children may bring Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa or other adult relative. Registration is required so the "angels" will know how many star pancakes to make. Register today online at www.lewinsville.org or by contacting Allison Lineberger at alineberger@lewinsville.org. Registration closes on December 1.

NEEDED LRR DRIVERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 SERVICE OF WORSHIP - This is a real mission opportunity, so easy and rewarding, meet some of our LRR neighbors and it takes such a small amount of time and energy. Usually 2-4 riders, pick up at 10:45 and return to LRR following the service. Please give this serious consideration. Many of our current drivers have been driving for over twenty years and might retire if given the opportunity. For more information, please call Lois Dokken 703 789-0617 or manpadokken@aol.com

CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY DECEMBER 4, 2:00 PM - On December 4th Lewinsville will be Caroling around the neighborhood. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm for Cocoa,

Cookies, and a caroling warmup. Different groups will sing at LRR, Chesterbrook, the Fallstead, and around the community. All are encouraged to join! Please contact jnothaft@lewinsville.org to rsvp.

CHANCEL BELLS PLAY AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DECEMBER 15 AT 4:00 PM - The Chancel Bells will perform in the Library of Congress' Great Hall. Stop by downtown and enjoy festive music in a wonderful space! The Bell Choir is always looking for new ringers and substitutes, please contact jnothaft@lewinsville.org for further information.

"ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM" CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - ALL YOUTH AND CHILDREN WELCOME! The Lewinsville Choristers, Junior Choristers, Puppets, and Youth Group will perform the Christmas Musical "On Our Way to Bethlehem" on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm. All ages and levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons.

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING - The Christmas Joy Offering – is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and takes place this year from November 27-December 25, 2022. 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 Lewinsville congregants to generously support this important special offing. There are several easy ways to donate: (1) CLICK HERE to donate on-line; (2) use the "Christmas Joy" offering envelope included in your packet of offering envelopes; or (3) write a check payable to Lewinsville with a notation for "Christmas Joy Offering." Please give generously.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS PROGRAM - Lewinsville's Mission and Service Ministry Group invites you to participate in in the annual **Alternative Gifts** program. This is a great opportunity to give a gift that honors someone special to you and, at the same time, support one or more LPC mission partners. An Alternative Gift is a wonderful and easy way to honor loved ones, friends, service providers and others and simultaneously provide a tax-deductible gift to support the important work of one or more of our church's mission partners.

The Alternative Gifts program begins on Sunday, November 27, and continues throughout the season of Advent.

Members and friends of Lewinsville Church can participate in this program by making a donation on-line using the link from the Church's web page https://www.lewinsville.org, or by stopping by the Alternative Gifts table near the church office on Sunday mornings during Advent. This year the Mission and Service Ministry Group is highlighting the following mission partners for your special support:

- The Friends of The Lewinsville (meal support program)
- Falls Church – McLean Childrens Center
- United Orphanage and Academy (Kenya)
- Falls Church Homeless Shelter
- PC(USA) Disaster Assistance Fund (for hurricane Ian relief)
- SHARE of McLean

Donations may also be specified to support any other LPC mission partner.

Beautiful cards are available for you 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 Augusta Niday at thenidays@gmail.com or Alan Stevens at avslc11@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

For the 2022 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 Sunday, December 18.

NAME_____

PHONE_____

IN MEMORY OF_____

IN CELEBRATION OF _____

AMOUNT of GIFT: $ _____

Ministers	The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
Associate Pastor for Christian Formation	The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
Stated Supply Pastor for Care Ministries	The Rev. Jen Dunfee
Director of Christian Education	Allison Lineberger
Director of Music Ministries	John Nothaft
Children's Music Specialist	Evan Ayars

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Music Ministry	Chancel Bells
Lay Reader	Pam Deese
Duty Elder	Nate Jones
Duty Deacon	Suzanne Parisi
Audio/Visual Ministry	Ed Kenney and Carlos Claros

Clerk of Session	Linda Bender
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

Church Staff

Director of Communications Ministry	Diana Villarreal
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