

Lewinsville

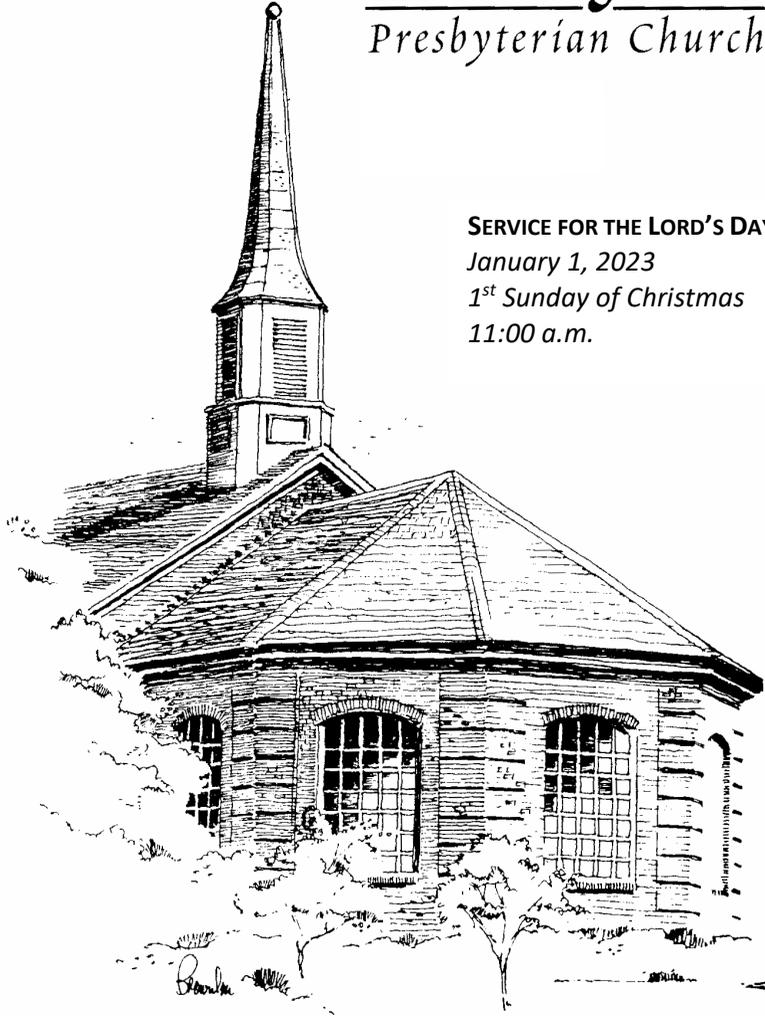
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m.



“JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF GOD”

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

- Psalm 100:1-2

Welcome to Lewinsville! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are *so glad* to have you join us for worship today.

Wherever you have come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here at Lewinsville. At Lewinsville, we believe that *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help* and we hope that you experience that love and support from God today. If there is something that has made church hard for you, worrying about noise of kids, mobility or hearing issues, feeling like part of your identity might not be welcome, we hope you will find Christian community here at Lewinsville. Individuals and families - of all different configurations – are loved and affirmed in our congregation.

God's loving grace is poured forth upon all people, from the youngest among us to the oldest. It is for that reason that we are glad to welcome *children of all ages* to worship.

- There are pillows available in the narthex to make the pews more comfortable,
- There are worship bags with activities for young children to use during the worship service.
- Nursery care is available downstairs for our very youngest children.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary
- Enlarged print Glory to God hymnals are available from the ushers.

We would love to connect you with the ministries of our congregation in ways that would be meaningful to you – faith formation and Christian education classes and groups for children, youth, and adults; small groups and other fellowship activities to meet with others on the spiritual journey; mission projects and service efforts in our community; providing and receiving care in times of loss or need.

We would love to stay in touch with you - please use the QR code below to share your contact information with us. Welcome!



Welcome Information



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
January 1, 2023

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Noël X

Louis-Claude Daquin

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The mercies of the Lord are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

The old has gone, the new has come.

A thousand years is like a day in the Lord's sight.

We begin the new day of this new year in worship, praising the Lord our God.

* **HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GG 611

HYMN TO JOY

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

God before, above and beyond time, with the birth of Jesus you enter our time and offer to redeem us from its urgency.

We confess how much we let to-do lists and calendars dictate our hours and how little time we spend mindful of your presence.

We know you are always with us, in every second, minute, hour, day and year, but we rush past you on our way to whatever is next.

And when we rush past you, we rush past your children, whose needs we ignore and

whose humanity we fail to see.

We confess our misplaced attention and we confess how our busy-ness makes us feel important.

Call us above and beyond the minutia that rules our day, widen our perspective to see how we might serve you by serving others, and reorient our priorities to put you in the center.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **RESPONSE** *The Snow Lay on the Ground (vs. 4)* GG 116
*And thus that manger poor became a throne; for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

* **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.*

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 *Lamentations 3:17a-26* OT p. 766
Revelation 21:1-6a NT p. 259
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* HYMN

Amazing Grace

GG 649

AMAZING GRACE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Articles 1 & 2 of the Confession of Belhar

We believe in God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

This, God has done since the beginning of the world, and will do to the end.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.

We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

(Scan this QR code to donate, or go to www.lewinsville.org and click the “Make a Gift” Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY*O Holy Night** **RESPONSE***What Child is This (vs. 3)*

GG 145

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who are baptized and profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.
Baptized children, with their parents' permission, are encouraged to receive the Sacrament.*

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 is offered.

...and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

RESPONSE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs. 1)

GG 128

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all.

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (vs. 3)

GG 146

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

In the Bleak Midwinter

GG 144

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Gracious God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. As we have received your new life in bread and cup at this table, give us grace that, in all things, we may yield ourselves – our wills and our works – as a continual offering of thanksgiving to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S E N D I N G

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN**

Joy to the World

GG 134

ANTIOCH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Auld Lang Syne

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

John Nothaft

LAY READER

Barbara Gibby

DUTY ELDER

Grant Mann

DUTY DEACON

Leslie Kohler

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Rich Tullos, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES – are available on the table in the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE, JANUARY 8, 2023, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Register for an appointment at: <https://bit.ly/LPC0108>

Just one blood donation can save up to three lives and INOVA's inventory is at a critical low. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building. There will be volunteers to help guide you to the location. 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. Walk-ins are accepted, appointments highly encouraged.



SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR OUR NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY! - As mentioned in the December

Newsletter, it's time to create a new Photo Directory for Lewinsville! And we need everyone to participate! We're doing it differently this time. Instead of having a professional photographer here to take photos, then sell to us, we are inviting folks to submit their own photos.

Read our complete details about the online Photo Directory, instructions on how to take your photos and how to submit them are on our website here: <https://www.lewinsville.org/photo-directory/> (or simply click on the middle square box on the home page). We will also have the option for someone else to take your photo starting in January.

If you have any questions, please contact [Claire Grossi](mailto:claire.grossi@lewinsville.org) (703-887-8650) or

[Bettie McElroy](mailto:bettie.mcelroy@lewinsville.org) (703-967-4999).



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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 Nothaft
Evan Ayars

Leadership at Lewinsville
Ruling Elders

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Phil Church
Phil Cooke
Carol Kaffenberger

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Siobhan Grayson
Nate Jones
Kelly Sexton

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Sharon Gamble (secretary)
Suzanne Parisi
Roberta Wolfe

Banafshe Aghvami
Diane Alden
Janet Kohlenberger

David Jessee (moderator)
Leslie Kohler
Virginia McCormick
Rachel Russell
Sue Thomas

Pat Matheson*

Karen Siple*

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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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