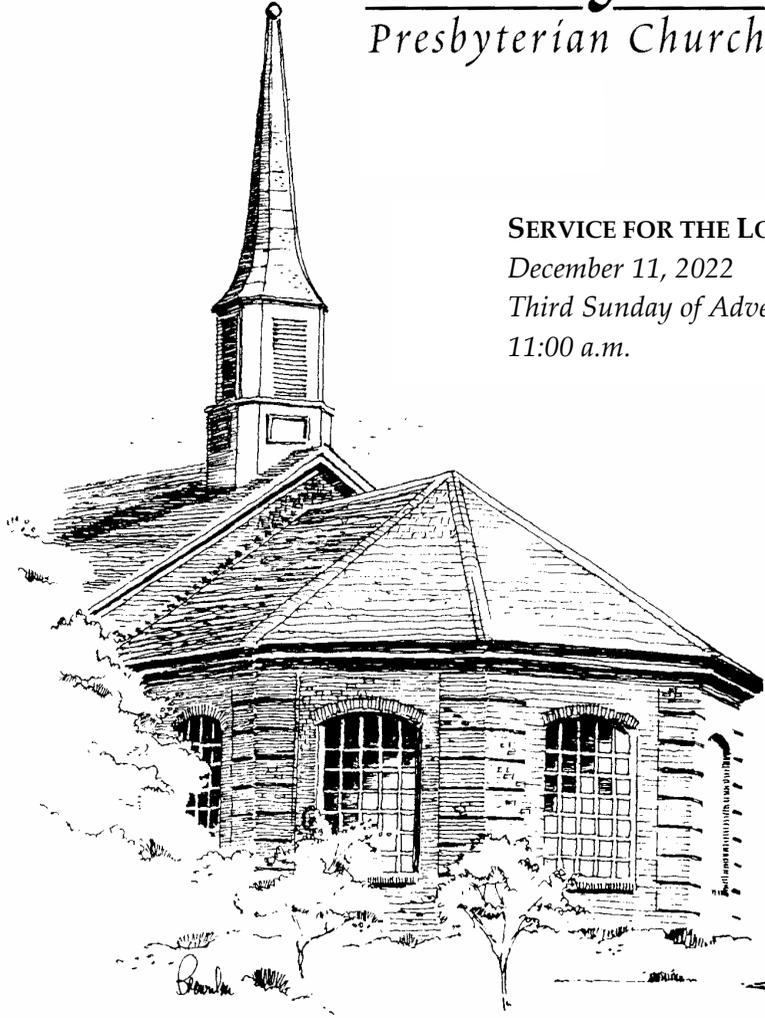


Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 11, 2022

Third 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.

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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
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 2022

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...

The light shines even in places where shadows touch our lives.

Rejoice, then, for Christ's presence comes among us with mystery and with power...

And brings new light to our world. Let us worship God!

* HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GG 87

GENEVAN 42

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence

Mighty and powerful God, your word says, "Rejoice always." But we would rather sulk about the things that don't go right. Your word says, "Pray without ceasing." But we can go for days without even thinking about you. Your word says, "Give thanks in all circumstances." But our thankfulness is fleeting, because we think we are entitled to blessings. Your word says "Hold fast to what is good," but we tend to hold fast to our sinful ways of thinking and acting. In the stillness of your Advent love and light, forgive us, heal us, and make us new through the presence of the Holy Spirit. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 3)

GG 88

VFENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, 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.*

THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Luke 2:8-10*

Evan Ayars, Zachary Gutierrez,
Kathryn Morgan, Jeanette Mulherin

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds. It wasn't the rich and famous who came to worship Jesus that first Christmas Eve, but poor shepherds, working hard in the fields. God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them first.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, those whom we can easily overlook or ignore, yet to whom God is committed, and who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and hearers of the word.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children are invited to come forward to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism.

PRESENTATION

Gregory Michael Walsh, son of Brittany and Brian Walsh

RENUNCIATIONS AND AFFIRMATIONS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On 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 living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

CHARGE AND WELCOME

I charge you, the people of this congregation to nurture and to love Gregory, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple. Let us stand and welcome the newly baptized.

Gregory, it is with joy and thanksgiving that we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ. Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 11:2-11*

OT p. 663
NT p. 11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Are You the One?

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

* HYMN

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

GG 89

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield
Arr. Kirby Shaw

*People get ready, there's a train a-comin'
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord
So, people get ready for the train to Jordan
Picking up passengers coast to coast*

*Faith is the key, open the doors and board 'em
There's hope for all among those loved the most*

*There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind just to save his own, believe me now
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner
For there's no hiding place against the kingdom's throne*

* RESPONSE

Savior of the Nations Come vs. 3

GG 102

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.*

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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

GG 93

TRURO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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
DECEMBER 11, 2022**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Michael Wachtel by his wife Diane and their children.**

JOIN US FOR THE FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE THIS MORNING! The sale will feature products from Ten Thousand Villages as well as knitwear designed and created by a member of our Afghan Refugee Family. According to Ten Thousand Villages, Fair Trade is doing “business differently, putting people and planet first.” That means you can trust that every purchase and donation you make directly impacts the life and community of its maker in a developing country. Together we break the cycle of generational poverty and ignite social change. The sale will be held before Adult Education hour and after the 11:00 a.m. service in St. Andrews Hall. Checks, cash, and credit cards are accepted. Beautiful hand-crafted products from around the world will be available for purchase.

We will be joined by Parasto (a member of our Afghan Family) who will be selling knitwear that she designed and hand crafted. All the proceeds of the sale will go directly to Parasto who is hoping to create her own business in the near future.



LONGEST NIGHT/BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14. The Longest Night/Blue Christmas worship service reminds us that God is deeply and profoundly present with us when we are in difficult places. It could be the death of a loved one, a difficult health diagnosis, a challenging family situation, grief over

a situation in the world, or some other hurt and pain. These situations can make the jubilant and bright sounds of the Christmas season seem out of place. The Longest Night service can draw us close to the comfort and strength found in God's heart. As we did last year, Lewinsville will share the Longest Night/Blue Christmas Worship Service with our neighbors at Immanuel Presbyterian Church (1125 Savile Lane, McLean, VA). Immanuel will host this year's service on Wednesday evening, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. with pastors and others from Lewinsville participating. You are invited to join us for this evening of bearing witness to the tender side of the Advent and Christmas season.

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 18, 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.



God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

The Mission and Service Ministry Group urges all Lewinsville congregants to generously support this important special offering. There are several easy ways to donate: (1) donate on-line at the Lewinsville website (click on the blue "Make a Gift" button and follow directions to "Christmas Joy Offering"; (2) use the "Christmas Joy" offering envelope included in your packet of offering envelopes; or (3) write a check payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church with a notation for "Christmas Joy Offering."



ALTERNATIVE GIFTS PROGRAM - Lewinsville's Mission and Service Ministry Group invites you to participate in the annual **Alternative Gifts** program. An Alternative Gift is a wonderful and easy way to honor loved ones, friends, service providers and others while providing a tax-deductible gift to support the important work of one or more of our church's mission partners.

The Alternative Gifts program 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

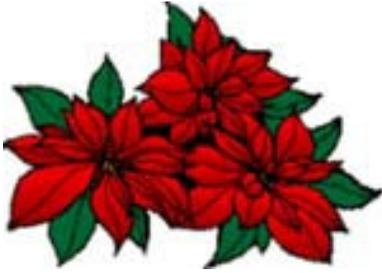
Donations may also be specified to support any other Lewinsville mission partner.

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.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18! The Summer Mission Project Team will be selling delicious goodies in St. Andrews Hall before and after the 11:00 worship service. All profits will go directly towards expenses related to our mission project next June (details still TBD). We look forward to greeting you and thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHANCEL BELLS PLAY AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DECEMBER 15, 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 jnohaft@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 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: \$ _____

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PASTOR
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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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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	Chancel Choir
LAY READER	Carol Kaffenberger
DUTY ELDER	John Day
DUTY DEACON	Rachel Russell
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

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