

# *Lewinsville*

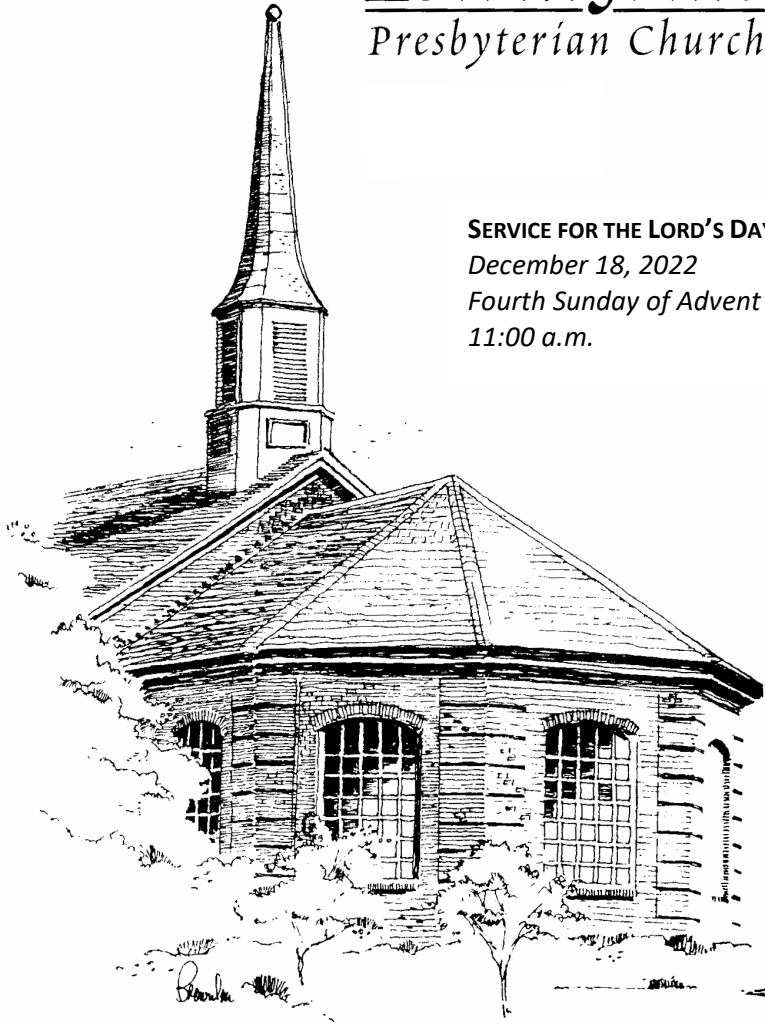
*Presbyterian Church*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*December 18, 2022*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*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

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  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 18, 2022

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*English Carol*

Arnold B. Sherman

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!*

**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.**

*From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
we gather together, united by God's Spirit.*

**We come together to celebrate God's glory  
and proclaim God's praise! Let us worship God!**

\* **HYMN**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*  
(Canticle of the Turning)

GG 100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Silence*

**O Holy God, the fact that we are *waiting* during Advent is itself a confession. We wait for a Messiah because the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted, and hungry people stand unheard at the door. We wait for your incarnation because we have not recognized you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not served you in our neighbor. In the stillness of Advent love and light, forgive us, heal us, and make us new, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**RESPONSE**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 4)*

GG 88

VFENI EMMANUEL

*O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
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 THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*Angels*

Luke 2:13-14

Scott and Susan Bartram

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**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*  
*Matthew 1:18-25*

OT p. 636  
NT p. 1

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*A Holy Dream*

The Rev. Layne Brubaker

**T H A N K S G I V I N G**

\* **HYMN**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

GG 129  
ES IST EIN' ROS'

\* **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.**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

John Day

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**



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

**OFFERTORY** *Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen Op. 122, No. 8* Johannes Brahms

**RESPONSE** *Savior of the Nations Come vs. 4* GG 102  
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.*

**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 BENEDICTION**

\* **DISMISSAL**  
*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE** *Go Tell It On the Mountain* GG 136  
GO TELL IT

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## 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.

The online photo directory has family photos and individual photos. So please submit both your group photo and individual photos for any adult member. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Grossi (703-887-8650) or Bettie McElroy (703-967-4999).

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### **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 – please consider donating at LPC's January blood drive.

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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

The red rosebud in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Emerson Faith, born on November 28, daughter of Allison and Jonathan Ford. The proud grandparents are **Jody and Rob Ransom**, and the proud great grandmother is **Dee Custer**.

### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells
LAY READER	Rachel Russell
DUTY ELDER	John Day
DUTY DEACON	David Jessee
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Rich Tullos, Carlos Claros, Haziell Andrade

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

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD TODAY!** 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.

**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.”

*Lewinsville  
Alternative Gifts*



**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](mailto:thenidays@gmail.com) or Alan Stevens at [avslc11@verizon.net](mailto:avslc11@verizon.net).

**"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 TODAY, Sunday, December 18.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN CELEBRATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT of GIFT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHRISTMAS AT LEWINSVILLE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4:30pm Family Service**

**Featuring the youth and children's musical,  
"On Our Way to Bethlehem"  
followed by cocoa and cookies**

**7:00pm and 9:30pm**

**Candlelight and Communion**

**The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey preaching**

**Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20**

**"Authority in the Manger"**

**7:00 pm features Baroque orchestra and Chancel Choir and Bells**

**9:30 pm features Jazz trio and Young Adult Choir**

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**Sunday, December 25**

**Service of Worship – 11:00am**

**Service of Lessons and Carols**

**The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey leading worship**

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STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CARE MINISTRIES  
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES  
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**

Clerk of Session: Linda Bender  
Pat Buss  
Phil Church  
Phil Cooke  
Carol Kaffenberger

John Day  
Siobhan Grayson  
Nate Jones  
Kelly Sexton

Treasurer: Janet Gale  
Karen Hager  
Grant Mann  
Scott Schlegel  
John Walcott

**Deacons/\*Denotes Stephen Leader**

Andrew Borene  
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\*

**MISSION CO-WORKERS**

Brian and Helen Chapaitis, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jerico, VT  
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Frank Dimmock, The Outreach Foundation (Africa specialist), Decatur, GA

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