

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*January 15, 2023*

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

*11:00 a.m.*



MATTHEW 25

*"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**  
**SUNDAY**  
January 15, 2023

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

Tommy Dorsey

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Sisters and brothers, rejoice! We live sustained by God's presence and love.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,*

**God rejoices with us.**

*As we mourn the wounds and the griefs of God's children,*

**God weeps with us.**

*As we struggle for justice,*

**God struggles with us.**

*As we strive for peace,*

**God strives with us.**

*As we work to build the beloved community,*

**God works with us and through us.**

*As we offer our gifts to all,*

**God uses our gifts to work blessings for others.**

*Sisters and brothers, rejoice!*

**Sustained by God's presence and love, let us worship God!**

**\* HYMN**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

GG 2

ITALIAN HYMN

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

*silence for personal confession*

**Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess  
our slowness to do good, our willful blindness to injustice,  
and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed.  
We have, far too often, refused to heed your call to do justice,  
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God.**

**We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements,  
yet we too often cling to the privileges derived from historical inequity.  
We participate in our own oppression, and that of others.  
Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions,  
and to change our behavior.**

**In accordance with the words of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
shake us from our complacency to respond to your command to do justice;  
move us to action with your graceful compassion;  
and give us the courage to accept the costs of discipleship,  
in order that your will may be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## RESPONSE

Expressive, with a bluesy edge ♩ = 60-66

Congregation

\*Lord, have mer - - - cy. Christ, have

mer - - - cv. Lord, have mer - - -

cy, have mer - cy on us.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

\* **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GG 582  
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

\* **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**

*Children will return to their seats after Children’s meditation.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 49:1-7  
Galatians 3:23-29*

OT p. 679  
NT p. 189

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

#### **SERMON**

*All of You Are One*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

\* **HYMN**

*O for a World*

GG 372  
AZMON

# THANKSGIVING

## \* 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



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## OFFERTORY

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Arr. Rollo Dillworth

*Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might,  
 Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,  
 True to our God, True to our native land.*

- \* **RESPONSE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG 607  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
 praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## **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** *We Shall Overcome* GG 379  
 WE SHALL OVERCOME

- \* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

- POSTLUDE** *Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"* Carl Haywood

Today's Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted with permission from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peacemaking Program.

In Matthew 25:40 Jesus teaches that we serve Him when we serve the most vulnerable, “the least of these,” who are members of His family. Increased racial injustice and widening economic disparity in our country reveal there is work to be done. At its September 2020 meeting, Lewinsville’s Session voted to join several hundred other Presbyterian churches undertaking this work as part of the “Matthew 25 Initiative” of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for dismantling structural racism. Below are notes on music and composers performed for this morning’s worship service.

In the winter of 1932, while on the road performing, **Thomas A. Dorsey** (1899-1993) received word of the death of his wife, Nettie, in childbirth, with the newborn dying the next day. The experience so transformed Dorsey creatively and spiritually, that legend has it that he composed his most famous gospel song, *Take My Hand Precious Lord* during a mourning service that very week. It was **Martin Luther King Jr.’s** (1929-1968) favorite song, and at his request, **Mahalia Jackson** (1911-1972) sang it at his funeral in April 1968.

It was right at the turn of the last century in which **James Weldon Johnson** (1871-1938) wrote the poem *Lift Every Voice and Sing* and brother **John Rosamond Johnson** (1873-1954) later set those words to music. James Weldon Johnson was principal of the Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida when 500 of his students first recited the poem (in 1900) as part of a commemoration ceremony honoring the late President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). Often referred to as the Negro National Anthem, its universal themes of liberation, perseverance and faith enable us to reflect on our shared history while at the same time encouraging us all to become agents of social justice and social change.

In 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. Part of the school’s mission was to help prepare civil rights workers to challenge unjust laws and racist policies that discriminated against African Americans. The school also made a point of bringing Black and White people together to share experiences and to learn from each other. Dr. King delivered the main speech that day, honoring the school’s 25th anniversary. As part of the meeting, folk singer **Pete Seeger** (1919-2014) got up with his banjo to play a tune. Later that day, Dr. King found himself humming the tune in the car. “There’s something about that song that haunts you,” he said to his companions. *We Shall Overcome* and other protest songs provided the soundtrack to the Civil Rights Movement. “We’ll Overcome” first appeared as a protest song during a 1945–1946 labor strike against American Tobacco in Charleston, South Carolina where African American women strikers seeking a pay raise to 30 cents an hour sang as they picketed. Pete Seeger, the nationally known folk singer, revised the lyrics from “We will” to “We shall.”



Widely regarded as the father of gospel music, **Thomas A. Dorsey's** (1899-1993) composing talent became a merging point in the early '20s, for many musical styles. In actual fact, his first musical impact was as a blues stylist as both writer and performer. Raised in Georgia, he attended a Baptist Convention in Chicago in 1922 and was so moved by the musical preacher he heard that night that he had a conversion experience, coining the term, 'Gospel Music,' and writing his very first gospel song all within a week. He was honored so often with honorary doctorates that he came to be known as Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey.

**Rollo Dilworth** (1970-) from St. Louis, Missouri, is Associate Professor of Choral Music Education and Chair of the Music Education Department at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance in Philadelphia, PA.

**Carl W. Haywood** (1949-) a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, is a graduate of Norfolk State University, Southern Methodist University, University of Southern California. Dr. Haywood, a dynamic advocate of NSU, is Director of Choral Activities and conducts the NSU Concert Choir and the Spartan Chorale. He also serves as a National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Choir.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

LAY READER

Linton Brooks

DUTY ELDER

Kelly Sexton

DUTY DEACON

Sue Thomas

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Rob Ransom, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

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



**DON'T FORGET! SUBMIT YOUR FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS – for the new Photo Directory!** Our new photo directory includes both individual and family photos. Read the complete details about how to take your photos and how to submit them here:

<https://www.lewinsville.org/photo-directory/>. If you would rather have someone take your photo instead of doing it yourself, the link provided will also give you the option to sign up for a photo shoot time before and after worship services in January. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Grossi (703-887-8650) or Bettie McElroy (703-967-4999).

**SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS IN 2023** - at the web page [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org). Typically, individuals will choose to contribute flowers for the sanctuary on a specific Sunday in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. *A contribution of \$120 for Sanctuary flowers is suggested.*

**HOLY HAPPY HOUR! JANUARY 25 6:15 P.M.** - The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" String Quartet will perform! The program will showcase the viola section. The Holy Happy Hour concert series has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for each concert. This event is free and open to the public and a free will offering to support the music department will be taken. Ample parking available in our parking lots and along Chain Bridge Road. Come to escape commute traffic and enjoy fantastic music!

**REFORMED INSTITUTE CONVOCATION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

The Reformed Institute ([www.reformedinstitute.org](http://www.reformedinstitute.org)) is sponsoring its annual Convocation on Saturday morning, January 28, at National Presbyterian Church. This year's speaker is Mark Charles, whose address will be about "The Injustices of the Doctrine of Discovery." Mark Charles is a speaker, writer, and consultant, the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. The "Doctrine of Discovery" was a Papal Decree that gave many European Countries religious legitimacy to invade and colonize the "new world" in the name of Christianity. Mark has faced the colonial legacy of Christian Indian schools in his own family, has served as a Reformed pastor, and has rediscovered his Navajo identity and spirituality. He teaches the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and Christendom in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. He is the co-author, with Soong-Chan Rah, of the book, *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*. You may register for this event at [www.reformedinstitute.org](http://www.reformedinstitute.org), and you may read more about it at <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/2023-convocation-on-the-injustices-of-the-doctrine-of-discovery-with-mark-charles/>.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 5, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** The 2023 church budget adopted by the Session will be presented; the terms of call for our installed pastors will be presented and voted upon; the election of new Ruling Elders, Deacons/Stephen Ministers, Nominating Committee, and Lewinsville Foundation members will take place. All church members are expected to attend; non-members are welcome to attend!

**JAZZ BLUES CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 5, 7:00 P.M** - Lewinsville will lean into the 'blues' note as we 'Journey into the Heart of God.' This service will intertwine Jazz and Blues music and feature a jazz quartet with scripture and reflection. Blues songs are typically lyrical rather than narrative and blues singers express feelings of melancholy and sadness through the Blue Notes - specific chord progressions.

**HOLY HAPPY HOUR! VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AT 7:00 PM** - Tedde Gibson will accompany Buster Keaton's silent film "Go West" on Lewinsville's pipe organ. A perfect 'date night' for Valentine's Day, the Vienna Vintner will curate wines appropriate for the evening.

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**Ruling Elders**

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Scott Schlegel  
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Banafshe Aghvami  
Diane Alden  
Janet Kohlenberger

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Leslie Kohler  
Virginia McCormick  
Rachel Russell  
Sue Thomas

Pat Matheson\*

Karen Siple\*

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Janet Gale

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