

"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!







# THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

\* If you are able, please stand

†† Latecomers seated

## GATHERING

# **CALL & RESPONSE**

I am here in the heart of God God is here in the heart of me Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave God is here in the heart of me.

**W**ELCOME

PRELUDE Troubled Water Lena McLin

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of Lent, we remember Jesus' death and his love for us and for all people.

Lent can be a season of tears; but out of these tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out of death.

Let us worship God with reverence and adoration.

\* HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

GG 165

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

silence for personal confession

Lord, more than we would like to admit, we have turned away from you and your calling to us to follow you in word, thought, and deed.

Too often, we have allowed ourselves to get carried away with our own agendas, and have forgotten that you summon us to pursue your priorities and your vision for the world.

Lord, forgive us for our sins, and help us to follow you in our daily lives, Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **RESPONSE**



## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and everall be, world without end. Amen, 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

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

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

NT p. 156

Matthew 4:1-11

NT p. 3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Grace Abounding

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

# \* HYMN

# Jesus Be With Us

# A hymn for Matthew 25 churches in the PC(USA)



This hymn celebrates God's work through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Matthew 25 invitation (pcusa.org/matthew25)—eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. The refrain is based on Matthew 1:23, "and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us,'" and Jesus' closing words in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Text and Tune: David Gambrell, © 2020 Music arr. Phillip Morgan, © 2020 MATTHEW 25 Irregular \* 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.

# THANKSGIVING

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING



(Scan this QR code to donate, or go to <a href="www.lewinsville.org">www.lewinsville.org</a> and click the "Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

**O**FFERTORY

Walk With Me Lord

Rosephavne Powell

Walk with me, Lord.
Walk with me.
All along this tedious journey,
Walk with me, Lord,
Please walk with me.

When I'm burdened,
Walk with me.
When my head is bowed down with sorrow,
Walk with me Lord.
Please walk with me.

All along this tedious journey,
Walk with me, Lord.
You are my shield, you are my sword.
Lord, please walk with me.

Until I make it safely home, Lord, please walk with me. I am weary, walk with me.

\* RESPONSE Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child, Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.

GG 126 WONDERFUL CHILD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory!" Let the heavens ring.

# 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** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

GG 649

AMAZING GRACE

- CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** Elegy Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

To honor Black History Month Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of African American composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to promote and engage with underrepresented and underserved populations.

**Lena McLin** (1928-) is the niece of Thomas A. Dorsey, known as the father of gospel music. Rev. Dr. McLin is the recipient of the Chicago Music Awards 2003 Lifetime Achievement award and the Human Symphony's Foundation living legends award honoree in 2007 and She has been awarded honorary degrees from Virginia Union University and Spelman College.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), born in London, England achieved such success he was called the 'African Mahler.' in 1890, Coleridge-Taylor began studies at the Royal College of Music. Originally studying the violin, he switched to composition under the tutelage of Charles Villiers Stanford. By the late 1890's, and with Edwards Elgar's support, his compositions became commonplace concert repertoire. He endeavored to bring African and Indigenous influences into his classical compositions wherever possible, and his most famous work, the cantata "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," based on poetry by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, became one of the most popular choral works of its time in England, rivaling Handel's "Messiah" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah." He was one of the only Black persons to ever be received by president Theodore Roosevelt at the White House.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Matthew Zahradnik who died on February 13. A memorial service was held on February 25 at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

#### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY
Chancel Choir
LAY READER
Rachel Russell
DUTY ELDER
Scott Schlegel
DUTY DEACON
Russell
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY
Rich Tullos, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA - In response to the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working through its long-term relationships to provide assistance. You may support this by clicking the button on the Lewinsville giving page (click "Make a Gift" on Lewinsville.org) or by going directly to https://pda.pcusa.org



OUR ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY: Today is the last day to have photos taken in the Chapel before and after church. If you haven't signed up for today, walk-ins are welcome up to 12:45 pm. So far, we have received individual and family photos from 90 families. We commend many of our older members for making appropriate arrangements for their photos! But we can do better! We are missing photos from quite a few of our younger families and church leadership. Our photo directory can be useful only if a majority of our families submit photos, so we encourage submissions

throughout the spring. The most important thing to remember when submitting your photos is to submit the "Actual" or "Largest" size to assure your photos won't be fuzzy. The Directory will be available from the church website beginning March 1. Click on "My Lewinsville" on the main menu or, for a short while, the Photo Directory box on the main page. There you will find information on how to request a login, as well as a link to the instructions for how to take and submit your photos. We plan to have the print version available in September when we issue the regular print-version telephone directory.

The 2023 Lent Study – February 26-28, "Seeking 'What is the Church?' in Times of Transitions and New Challenges" -A review of the recent debates about church growth and vitality, providing biblical and theological contributions from different church traditions and reflection on the history and theology of church within the Reformed tradition.\

THE ZOOM LINKS BELOW ARE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT MEET IN PERSON FOR THESE SESSIONS. PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE RECORDED.

**Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m.**: "Christian's Response to 'What is the Church?' in times of turmoil" Biblical Text: Acts 2: 1-13

Lent Study with Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi Lecture 1

Feb 26, 2023 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280956138?pwd=S0xKbEp1TjhMeGtvbE5xR1dxSlNtZz09

Meeting ID: 832 8095 6138

Passcode: 933493
Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. A Light Dinner in Fellowship Hall; the Lecture will start at 6:30 p.m. "What is the Church?' Developing Theologies for the Global North from Experiences in the Global South: The Case of Donald McGavran, India, and "the Church Growth Movement." Biblical Text: Galatians 2: 11-19

Lent Study with Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi Lecture 2

Feb 26, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**OUR SPEAKER**: Lewinsville welcomes the return *in person* visit of Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, the Frederick E. Roach Professor of World Christianity in Baylor's department of religion. Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi is an interdisciplinary scholar and historian in the fields of world Christianity and mission studies, Dr. Cardoza researches interpretations of the Christian movement around the world on both institutional and popular levels, the socio-cultural interplay between Christians and other faiths and more.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM - The Refugee Resettlement Team is preparing to sponsor another family with Lutheran Social Services. Our work with the S-Family this past year was incredibly successful and we feel called by God to continue our work of welcoming the stranger by helping refugees resettle in our community. A big part of this work is setting up the apartment for our new family. We are now collecting items and you can sign up to donate at this link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545acae29a4f85-refugee1#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545acae29a4f85-refugee1#/</a> Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions.

<u>SINGLE SENIORS</u> - will gather for their monthly lunch and fellowship (cost \$7) on **Friday, March 10**, in Room 102A. Church Administrator Bob Clark will share reflections on the building renovations and plans for the manse. For information or to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken (<u>manpadokken@aol.com</u> / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm (<u>wmaiwurm@gmail.com</u> / 703 759-6705).

<u>Lewinsville Community Cares</u>: On Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., come to Lewinsville to decorate cupcakes and create cards to show our gratitude to our local community organizations. After the event they will be delivered to the fire station, post office, police station and community center. As it is a Fairfax School holiday, any youth who attend can receive service hours. Any youth who make plain cupcakes for us to decorate can receive an additional hour. Questions, contact Jen Dunfee <u>jdunfee@lewinsville.org</u> or Connie Howell at <u>conniesanabria@yahoo.com</u>

CHIL! PRIZES! BRACKETS! JUMP SHOT INFLATABLE! ST. PATRICK'S DAY! The Young Adult Ministry and Fellowship Ministry Group are rolling *all of these* into one party at church on **Friday, March** 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. From the oldest to the youngest to everyone in between, there will be fun and fellowship for everyone. Look for sign-ups for bringing chili and more details in the weeks to come, but input into your calendar today.

<u>BELL FESTIVAL! SATURDAY MARCH 4TH (4:15 PM CONCERT)</u> - Lewinsville's Chancel Bells will be attending the VA Bronze 'Ring in Spring' bell festival on Saturday, March 4th at Herndon United Methodist Church. A public concert featuring many bell choirs will be held at 4:15pm

NEW SECURITY MEASURES AT LEWINSVILLE - As of Wednesday, March 1, you will need an entry code to access the building outside of weekdays between 10 am and 2 pm. The Rotunda and Chain Bridge entry doors will be open weekdays between 10 am and 2 pm and on Sunday morning. The exterior doors may be opened at other times, but to ensure access you should request an entry code. The code system is easy and individualized. Contact Sandy in the church office and she will arrange a code for you. Existing keys will no longer open the doors

at the church after Wednesday March 1.

**SMALL GROUP WITH PASTOR SCOTT DURING LENT: "SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE"** - **Wednesdays beginning March 1, 7:00 - 8:30pm.** You are invited to join Pastor Scott in a Lenten small group discussion of the book, Speaking the Truth in Love, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk of Stephen Ministries. The small group will meet during the Lent season on Wednesday evenings at the church, beginning on Wednesday, March 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This small group will be about becoming a more assertive Christian. The book invites the reader to live assertively – just as Jesus did. Building on a scriptural understanding of assertive living, the reader learns how to build healthy relationships with others – one to one, in small groups, in task-oriented teams, and in congregations. If you would be interested in participating in this group, reach out to Pastor Scott.

MATERIAL TO BE SHREDDED - Lewinsville has the need to shred documents after the close of the year 2022. As we have in past years, we are making this shredding service available to the congregation. The materials need to be at the church by Monday, March 6. The process is you can bring boxed paper to the church any time after February 16 to room L12 Storage (lower level near Fellowship Hall) and it will be stored at the church until the March 6 date. The shredding is limited to paper only, (staples are acceptable) however; no notebooks, binders, binder clips, plastics, etc. Paper only can be processed through the shredder. This service is intended for your home shredding needs, such as tax documents, confidential or sensitive information, etc. There is no fee for this service; however, if you would like to make a donation to the church, please do so through the electronic donation capabilities on the website, or a check with a notation that it is for the shredding service, directed to Shan Melone in the finance office.

<u>CORNHOLE 101 AT LEWINSVILLE</u> - Cornhole is a bean bag toss game that is growing by leaps and bounds. At Lewinsville, Bob Clark and Ed Sumner are putting together a cornhole league that will be initially limited to the Lewinsville's congregation, and the league will be announced in the weeks to come.

<u>SUMMER MISSION PROJECT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! THIS SUMMER, JUNE 24 - JULY 1 - Dates are</u> confirmed but details are still in process – location will be announced soon! Participants must have completed the 8th grade. COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all participants. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Layne Brubaker or Linda Bender. As always, confidential financial assistance will be available for anyone who needs it. Layne or Linda can provide specifics. You can register at this link! <a href="https://smp.lewinsville.org/home">https://smp.lewinsville.org/home</a>

<u>LEWINSVILLE'S CHANCEL BELL CHOIR</u> is currently looking for more weekly ringers and bell substitutes. Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm. Please contact John Nothaft at <u>inothaft@lewinsville.org</u> for more information.

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