

Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

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 hymns 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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* *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*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 3

Emilia Giuliani

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holy God, we come before you, thankful that you love us as we are.

We are creatures of your hand; we are a community formed by your Spirit.

You are the potter; we are the clay.

With your powerful and loving hands, shape us, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God!

* **HYMN**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

GG 182

KINGSFOLD

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

**Gracious and compassionate God, your redeeming love
has come into our hearts like a fiery light, leading us to the future.**

Yet you know how we resist your light, avoid your calling,

and refuse your love. Forgive us for our sin, and make us new people.
Let your covenant, full of grace and mercy, take root in our lives so that we may,
more and more, reflect your love to the world. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Renew! 85
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

* **RESPONSE** *Take, O Take Me as I Am* (Sung Twice) GG 698
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; TAKE ME AS I AM
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* **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 1 Samuel 16:1-14 OT p. 259
Ephesians 5:8-14 NT p. 194
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Into the Light* The Rev. Layne Brubaker

* **HYMN**

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

GG 377

text and music by Kathleen Thomerson

* **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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Refugee Resettlement Team

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

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

I Lift Up My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Arr. Margaret Burk

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep.*

*The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night,
The Lord shall preserve you from evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.*

- * **RESPONSE** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* GG 708, vs. 3
**The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.**

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** *Be Thou My Vision* GG 450
SLANE

- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

- POSTLUDE** *Spanish Dance* Catherina Pratten

To honor Women's History Month, Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of female composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to promote and empower women.

Emilia Giuliani (1813-1850) was the daughter of famed Italian virtuoso, Mauro Giuliani. Sadly for Emilia, by the time she launched her own career, interest in the guitar had waned and she struggled to emulate the success of her father. As a composer, her work only superficially resembles her father's. Even in his most extended and adventurous pieces Mauro stays within the

harmonic and formal boundaries of Viennese classicism. Emilia, however, explores the outer reaches of her singular harmonic imagination with a fresh and daring disrespect for convention. Her *Sei Preludi* op.46 is a unique contribution to the classical guitar repertoire. Her abrupt modulations to distant keys, chromaticism and adventurous use of dissonance are highly individual additions to the sound world of the romantic guitar. These characteristics are notably evident in the *Sei Preludi* in which Emilia takes specific ideas- a melody, arpeggio or technique- and develops them in thrillingly inventive ways. In addition to the preludes, ten other pieces by Emilia have survived: six Belliniani; arrangements of excerpts from operas by Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835), mimicking Mauro's similar treatment of Rossini in his celebrated *Rossiniane*, and four sets of variations, based on themes from popular Italian operas. (Biography from the program notes of *La donna e la chitarra* by James Akers)

Kathleen Thomerson (1934-) studied music at the University of Texas, Syracuse University, as well overseas with noted organists, Flor Peeters and Jean Langlais. She worked as the music director of University United Methodist Church in St. Louis, and taught organ at the Saint Louis Conservatory. As a writer of hymns, Thomerson is best known for the text "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", written in the summer of 1966 after a visit to the Church of the Redeemer in Houston, and set to her own tune, Houston.

A native of Lawrence, Kansas, **Margaret Burk** (1990-) is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. In demand as a clinician, she recently conducted the Virginia All-State Treble Choir (April 2022) and has appeared as a faculty member at the Montreat Conference on Music and Worship (Montreat, NC) and the Royal School of Church Music King's College Course (Wilkes-Barre, PA).

The story behind "Be Thou My Vision" begins with St. Patrick. When he was just 16 years old, pirates kidnapped Patrick and sold him into slavery in Ireland. This caused him to enter adulthood knowing the Gaelic language and Irish customs. He also became a Christian during this time. Years later, he managed to escape and return home to his family in England. While most would've stayed home forever, Patrick chose to go back to Ireland and become a missionary. On Easter Sunday in 433, the local Irish king issued a decree in observation of a pagan Druid festival that prohibited anyone from lighting a flame or candle. Patrick, refusing to honor anyone but Christ, stood against the king. That morning, Patrick risked his life by climbing to the tallest hill in the area and lighting a huge fire. As the ancient Irish people woke up, they could all see Patrick's defiance of the king. He could not hide his light. Patrick wanted to show the world that God's light shines in darkness, and that only He deserves praise. Years later, an unknown composer wrote a melody in honor of Patrick's heroism. Called, "Slane," the now-forgotten composer named it after the hill where Patrick shined his light: Slane Hill. People still recognize the tune today.

'Be Thou My Vision's' Irish text is sometimes attributed to Saint Dallan Forgaill (c. 530–598), a beloved Irish poet who was martyred by pirates while serving at the monastery of Inniskeel, Donegal, **Mary Byrne (1880–1931)** transcribed and translated the ancient manuscripts from early-middle English. Mary Byrne's translation was adapted by **Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)**, a venerable Irish scholar, and first published in her 'Poem Book of the Gael.'

Catherina Pratten (1821-1895) was born in Germany and began playing guitar at a very early age under the instruction of her father, Ferdinand Pelzer. By the age of seven she was performing in public and in 1829 her family relocated to London where she became a sensation, playing multiple concerts with fellow child prodigy Giulio Regondi (1822-1872). By 1836 he had established herself as one of the preeminent performers and teachers in London and had as her students many members of society, including a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. She married celebrated flautist Robert Sidney Pratten in 1854, his death in 1868 caused her to retreat from musical life for a few years; she returned to the concert stage in 1871 with a performance of Mauro Giuliani's Guitar Concerto No.3. Pratten was a prolific composer; many of her around 200 pieces were written for her students and self-published under the name Mme. Sidney Pratten.

The guitar used in today's service is a replica of a Romantic guitar built by Swiss luthier Maurice Ottiger. This guitar is modelled on the instruments of French luthier René Pierre Lacôte (1785-1868) whose guitars were endorsed by players such as Fernando Sor, Ferdinando Carulli, and Napoléon Coste. It is sometimes claimed that Lacôte's guitars fall somewhere between the Spanish-and Viennese-style guitars of the era, but it would be more accurate to say that Lacôte's instruments reflect the early to mid-19th century French guitars made in Mirecourt, a center of French instrument making located near France's eastern border with Germany.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

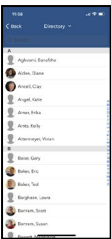
The red rosebud in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Felix Vermilye Neldon-Shaffer, son of Richard Neldon and Suzanne Shaffer, on March 9. The proud grandparents are **Rick and Harriet Neldon**.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	LeeLee Hunter, Lewinsville Cantorum
LAY READER	Rachel Russell
DUTY ELDER	Siobhan Grayson
DUTY DEACON	Leslie Kohler
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Rich Tullos, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

"GROWING OUR WELCOME AS A CONGREGATION" WITH GUEST PREACHER AND SPEAKER DR. MARK

ACHTEMEIER SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 11AM WORSHIP. Dr. Mark Achtemeier is preaching March 26 at 11:00am, and will also do a service of worship that afternoon at 4:30pm followed by a discussion, "Marriage is for Everyone: A Biblical Case for Same-Sex Marriage." Over the last year, the Session and pastors have been discussing how Lewinsville can be more welcoming to LGBTQ persons. In this conversation, we want to be faithful followers of Jesus, leaning into our Reformed understanding of what Scripture teaches us to believe and do, and providing a safe and welcoming space for those who have too often been outcast in churches and society. As part of this, the Session has invited Dr. Mark Achtemeier, a PCUSA writer, minister, and theologian, to preach and speak at Lewinsville on Sunday, March 26.



OUR ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY! You can now register for a login for our online directory with photos! Send your request via email to [Bettie McElroy](#) or [Shan Melone](#). Don't forget to send in your individual and family photos as soon as you can. Instructions for how to take your photos and how to submit them can be found on the website [HERE \(https://www.lewinsville.org/my-lewinsville/\)](https://www.lewinsville.org/my-lewinsville/). We encourage all individuals and families to participate! The print version of our photo directory will be issued in the fall.

MARCH IS EASTER EGG COLLECTON MONTH - This Easter we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for Lewinsville children and the community. There will be three hunts divided up by age groups (9:30am – pre-K; 11:00am – grades 1-3; 12:30pm grades 4-6) held on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. We will need a lot of plastic Easter Eggs stuffed with candy, treats and toys for the children. This month we are asking Lewinsville to donate pre-stuffed plastic eggs or to hold egg

stuffing gatherings to help us compile the many eggs we will need for this Easter. Collection bins are positioned outside the Sunday school (lower level), narthex, outside Adult Ed room 102A, and in St. Andrews Hall for the donated eggs. **NO candy with peanuts/peanut butter.** If you have any questions, please contact Allison Lineberger, alineberger@lewinsville.org

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

We will receive funds for the 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing throughout the period of Lent, through Easter Sunday, April 9. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online through the Lewinsville website. If you prefer, you may also mail a check to the church office, or use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in the pew rack. Please annotate that it's for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We appreciate your support, as will the deserving recipients.

LOST SHEEP PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – will meet the Chapel on Monday morning, March 20th, between 10:00am-12:00pm. Interested knitters/crocheters of all skill levels are welcome. Beginners and drops-in are most welcome! Please join us for as long as your time permits. Points-of-contact: Carol Kaffenberger (703-407-6311); Janet Jacewicz (703-231-4973)

SMALL GROUP WITH PASTOR SCOTT DURING LENT: "SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE" - **Wednesdays in March, 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 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.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! THIS SUMMER, JUNE 24 - JULY 1 - Registration is open and we are excited to be returning to historical Charlottesville, VA where we served in June 2014 and January 2016. Various service opportunities are being planned for the week to assist those with housing and food insecurities. Participants must have completed the 8th grade. COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all participants and all participants age 18 and over must complete a Criminal Background Check (if one hasn't been completed in the past 5 years for a previous trip). 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.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR! CELTIC MUSIC WITH FLUTE, FIDDLE, AND FRIENDS - MARCH 22, 6:15 PM. The Irish Brazilians led by Lisa Greenfield and John Nothaft will perform Celtic music featuring voice, fiddle, flute, and keyboards. The Holy Happy Hour concert series has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for each concert.

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM - PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2ND, 11:00 AM. Lewinsville's Chancel Choir will perform portions of Maurice Duruflé's "Requiem" for Palm Sunday.

SPRING INTO APRIL WITH THE SECOND SATURDAY SET - The Second Saturday Set will meet for a social evening of cocktails, buffet dinner and dessert accompanied by laughter, jokes and good conversation on Saturday evening, April 8, at 5 p.m. We are invited guests of *The Jefferson*, 900 North Taylor, Arlington, and our hosts are Jefferson residents Bob and Beverly Johnson, known to us at Lewinsville as the Arlington Johnsons. To be a part of the fun, call or email the Johnsons at 415-717-0742 or beverlyjohnson50@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY ... - The Second Saturday Set will be celebrating over 50 years of fun, friendship and faith, (50 plus 3 years to be precise, thanks to Covid) on May 20 at Army Navy Country Club, 3315 Blenheim Blvd. (formerly Old Lee Highway), Fairfax. Mark your calendar now ... details coming soon.

EASTER DECORATION FUND



We are looking forward to decorating the sanctuary and narthex for Easter and invite you to contribute to our Easter Decoration Fund this year by filling out the form below and put it in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or on the web page, www.lewinsville.org.

All who contribute in memory or honor of loved ones will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Monies not used for Easter will be used for the Flower Fund throughout the year. The Flower Committee will purchase only enough plants to decorate our Sanctuary and not one for each contributor.

Checks (the suggested amount is \$75) should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated "Easter Decoration Fund".

Forms and checks must be returned no later than Sunday, April 2.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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