

Lewinsville

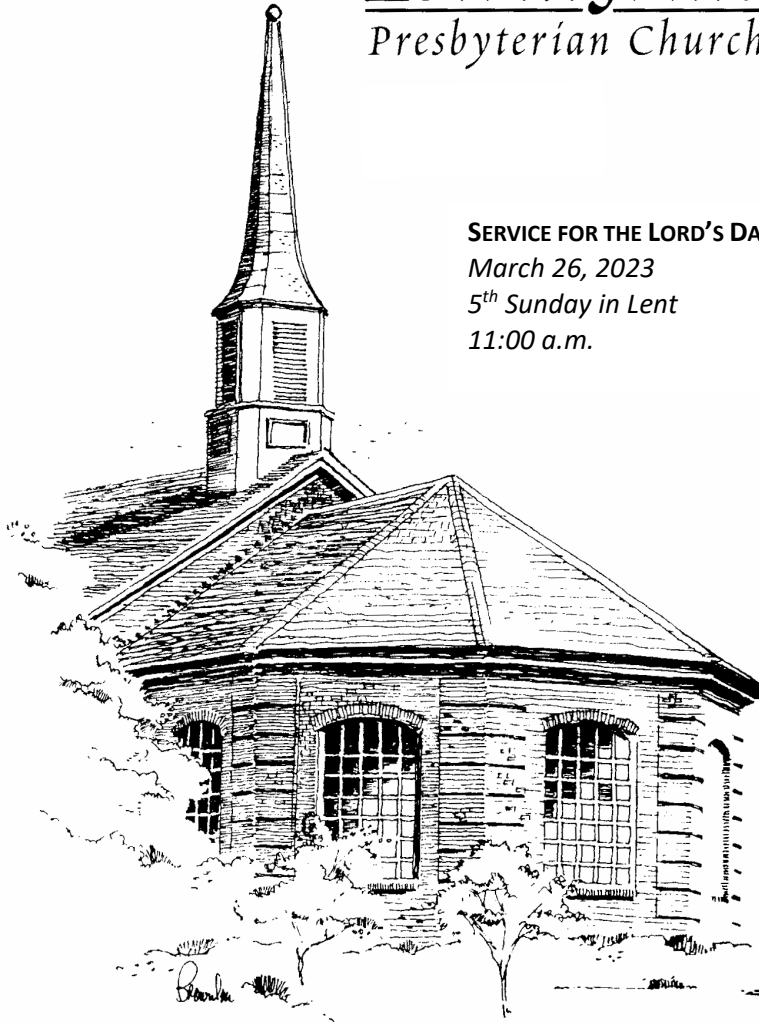
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 26, 2023

5th 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

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

My Lord What a Morning Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hope in the Lord!

Psalm 130:7

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with the Lord is great power to redeem.**

Hope in the Lord! Let us worship God!

* **HYMN**

All Are Welcome

GG 301
TWO OAKS

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CALL TO CONFESSION

adapted from Psalm 130

silence for personal confession

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices.
Let your ears be attentive as we call out for forgiveness.
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

**We wait for you, O Lord - our souls wait,
and in the word of the Lord we find our hope.
Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.
Forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*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

Matthew 6:19-21

NT p. 6

Luke 19:1-10

NT p. 82

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God and Money

Dr. Mark Achtemeier

SERMON ANTHEM

Child of God

Mark A. Miller

No matter what people say, say or think about me - I am a child of God.

No matter what people say, say or think about you - You are a child of God.

No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me - I am a child of God.

No matter what the church says, decisions, pronouncements, on you - You are a child of God.

And there is nothing, no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth that you are someone, you are family, you are meant to be a child of God.

*** 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 www.lewinsville.org and click the "Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

For Everyone Born

Arr. Tom Trenney
text by Shirley Erena Murray

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,*

*and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

* **RESPONSE** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* GG 708, vs. 4
**And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

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** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* GG 753
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Rays of Hope* Arr. Sandra Eithun

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.

Martha Lynn Thompson (1940-) was the Organist and Associate Director of Music at St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Under her leadership, the St. James Music Ministry grew from 2 to 20 choirs, including 13 bell choirs. Martha Lynn received the Distinguished Alumni Award, from Henderson State University. In 1989 she was elected American Guild of English Handbell Ringers National Secretary and for two years served on its Board of Directors. In 1995 she was given the status of Master Instructor of Handbell Notation, and in 2001 she was made an Honorary Life Member – the highest honor bestowed by the Guild.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020) is one of *Singing the Faith's* ten most represented authors. She is also the only woman within that group. Raised in a Methodist family, Shirley married a Presbyterian minister, John Murray (later a Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand) and some of her earliest hymns were responses to John's need for an apt text to accompany a particular sermon or service. But the main impetus that transformed Shirley over the years from an occasional writer of hymns into a prolific author with a distinctive voice was her desire to express Christian faith in a contemporary way from out of her distinctively New Zealand experience.

"The reason why I began to write hymns is... connected to the ethos of being a New Zealander. We have an attitude of 'do it yourself' – a kind of pioneer spirit which is not intimidated by too much tradition and actually welcomes inventiveness. It seemed to me that the hymns we sang had no resonance with the world I lived in... there was no imagery that evoked a particular environment, no landscape of thought to accommodate the southern hemisphere (think of 'In the bleak midwinter' in high summer, for example), no connection with the Maori culture of our society, which is officially bicultural, nothing to articulate our own hopes and visions." In 2009, Shirley Erena Murray became the first woman to be made a Fellow of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

Sandra Eithun, is a graduate of Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI, with an emphasis in the Kodály teaching method. She is currently on the faculty at Holy Family Conservatory of Music in Manitowoc, WI leading the handbell program there. She served as Director of Music Ministry, handbell director, children's choir director, organist and choral accompanist at First Congregational United Church of Christ in New London, WI from 1992-2021. She directed the Silver Lake College Handbell Ensemble from 2009-2020, is an active member of the Handbell Musicians of America and has served on their Area VII Board of Directors. Sandra's

compositions have been recently featured on the PBS Christmas special Holiday Handbells as well as concerts by noted groups across the country including the Bells on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of my beloved husband, Robert J. Riggins, by **Ruth Riggins**.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Lewinsville Bells, Evan Ayars,
Lewinsville Choristers, Chancel Bells

LAY READER

Linton Brooks

DUTY ELDER

Siobhan Grayson

DUTY DEACON

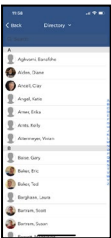
Leslie Kohler

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Rob Ransom, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

"GROWING OUR WELCOME AS A CONGREGATION" WITH GUEST PREACHER AND SPEAKER DR. MARK ACHTEMEIER SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 11AM WORSHIP.

We welcome Dr. Mark Achtemeier this morning, and he will also give a presentation this afternoon at 4:30pm (followed by discussion) entitled, "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.



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](mailto:Betty@lewinsville.org) or [Shan Melone](mailto:Shan@lewinsville.org). 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.

THE LEWINSVILLE EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 8, at the LRR Pavilion and Gardens. On Saturday, April 8 the Lewinsville Family Ministry is holding three Easter Egg Hunts. Hunt 1 will be for preschool children ages 2-kindergarten age 5 held at 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Hunt 2 will be for grades 1-3 held at 11:00-11:45 a.m. and Hunt 3 will be for children grades 4-6 held at 12:30-1:15 p.m. Each hunt will begin in the Pavilion at the Lewinsville with activities & games. The

hunts will follow in the garden surrounding the Pavilion.

This event is free and open to our neighbors. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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.

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.

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

SINGLE SENIORS - will be meeting on Friday, April 14, at 11:30 for a light lunch with Pastor Scott, who will be our guest speaker. He'll be filling us in on the details of his sabbatical and how he and Laura were able to coordinate their two sabbaticals, all the coordination involved with being away, where they will be spending their time, and the in's and out's of such an endeavor. Please plan to join us for lunch (\$7) and spend time together with Scott before he departs on his much earned and deserved sabbatical. In order to plan for lunch please let either Lois at 703 789-0617 manpadokken@aol.com or Wendy 703 759-

6705 wmaiwurm@gmail.com know if you can make it; not essential but it helps.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday – April 2 Service of worship at 11:00am

Celebration of the Lord's Supper/
Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11
The Humble King
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey preaching

Maundy Thursday - April 6 Service of Worship at 7:30pm

Celebration of the Lord's Supper/
Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Sermon Title: "He Loved Them To The End"
Rev. Layne Brubaker preaching

Good Friday - Tenebrae Service, 12 noon and 7:30 pm (also livestreamed at 7:30pm)

Scripture: John 18:1-19:42
Sermon Title: "The Way is Through"
Rev. Jen Dunfee preaching

**Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of The Lord,
Sunrise Service 6:30am in the cemetery;
9am and 11:00 am, (livestreamed at 9am and 11am)**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10
Sermon Title: "Raised With Christ"
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey, preaching

Brass Quintet and Tympani at 9:00
New Orleans Jazz band at 11:00

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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The Rev. Jen Dunfee
Allison Lineberger
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