



December 31, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

*Lewinsville*  
*Presbyterian Church*

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**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

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Pick a Carol hymn sing*

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 96*

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
**tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.  
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.  
**Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.**

God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity and truth.  
**Praise the Lord!**

\* HYMN

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

GG 133

ADESTE FIDELES

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Silence*

**Holy God, light of the world, you gave us the transforming birth of the child Jesus as the light for our path. Yet we confess that we shut our eyes to the light. We turn away from the gift you have given us. We are reluctant to share our gifts with others. We can be dazzled by the glitter and extravagance the world has made of Christ's birth. May your Spirit be the light within us, to renew us and guide us, that we may share your gifts of love, peace and justice with all people. Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### \* RESPONSE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

GG 119, vs. 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

### \* 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.*

## CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

*Children will return to their seats after the Children's meditation.*

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST LESSON***Genesis 3:8-19*

OT p. 3

Adam and Eve disobey God's command  
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

**\* CAROL***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*GG 82  
HYFRYDOL**SECOND LESSON***Genesis 22:15-18*

OT p. 18

God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed

**\* CAROL***Angels from the Realms of Glory*GG 143  
REGENT SQUARE**THIRD LESSON***Isaiah 9:2; 6-7*

OT p. 638

The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah

**\* CAROL***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*GG 129  
ES IST EIN' ROS'**FOURTH LESSON***Isaiah 11:1-4a; 6-9*

OT p. 640

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation

**MUSIC***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Audrey Gebhart

**FIFTH LESSON***Luke 1:26-38*

NT p. 56

An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child

**MUSIC***Once in Royal David's City*

Evelyn McLean

**SIXTH LESSON***Luke 2:1-7*

NT p. 58

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child

**MUSIC**

*Silent Night*

Lucas Gebhart

**SEVENTH LESSON**

*Luke 2:8-16*

NT p. 58

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah

**MUSIC**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Laury Bender and John Nothhaft

**EIGHTH LESSON**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

NT p. 2

Magi from the East come seeking the  
Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

**\* CAROL**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

GG 151  
KINGS OF ORIENT

**NINTH LESSON**

*John 1:1-14*

NT p. 91

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us,  
full of grace and truth

**\* CAROL**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GG 136  
GO TELL IT

**THANKSGIVING**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**



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**OFFERTORY**

*O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*What Child Is This, vs. 3*

GG 145

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

**S E N D I N G**

**FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\* HYMN**

*Auld Lang Syne*

**Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?  
For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,  
we’ll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.**

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Feliz Navidad

The Greenfield/ Nothaft family

*An elder or Deacon will be standing beside the pastors on the way out of the sanctuary,  
To take notes about any pastoral concerns*

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	John Nothaft
LAY READER	Linton Brooks
DUTY ELDER	Madison Kloster
DUTY DEACON	Judy Herseth
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Rich Tullos Carlos Claros, Haziel Andrade





## **Blood Drive, January 7, 2024, 7:45 am – 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall, Lower Level**

Register for an appointment at: <https://bit.ly/LPC010723>

Just one blood donation can save up to three lives and INOVA's inventory is at a critical low. 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.



**ON SUNDAY JANUARY 7** - we will have a special experience for members of Lewinsville to contemplate Epiphany. Everyone is invited to walk the lighted labyrinth and discover their 2024 "Star Word." Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on January 6th, marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. They followed a star to find God's revelation made real on earth.

As you walk the illuminated labyrinth, its winding path can guide your thoughts towards the significance of Epiphany. The soft glow of the lights will create a tranquil atmosphere, allowing you to connect with the spiritual journey of the Magi and, in turn, your own journey of faith. At the heart of the labyrinth each person will receive a "Star Word" – a word to help guide and inspire your spiritual life throughout the coming year.

Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice that combines movement and meditation. It provides an opportunity to slow down, to reflect, and to open our hearts to divine insights. The labyrinth, with its twists and turns, mirrors the twists and turns of life, and as we navigate it, we find ourselves in a metaphorical journey of faith.



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Frank Dimmock, The Outreach Foundation (Africa specialist), Decatur, GA

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