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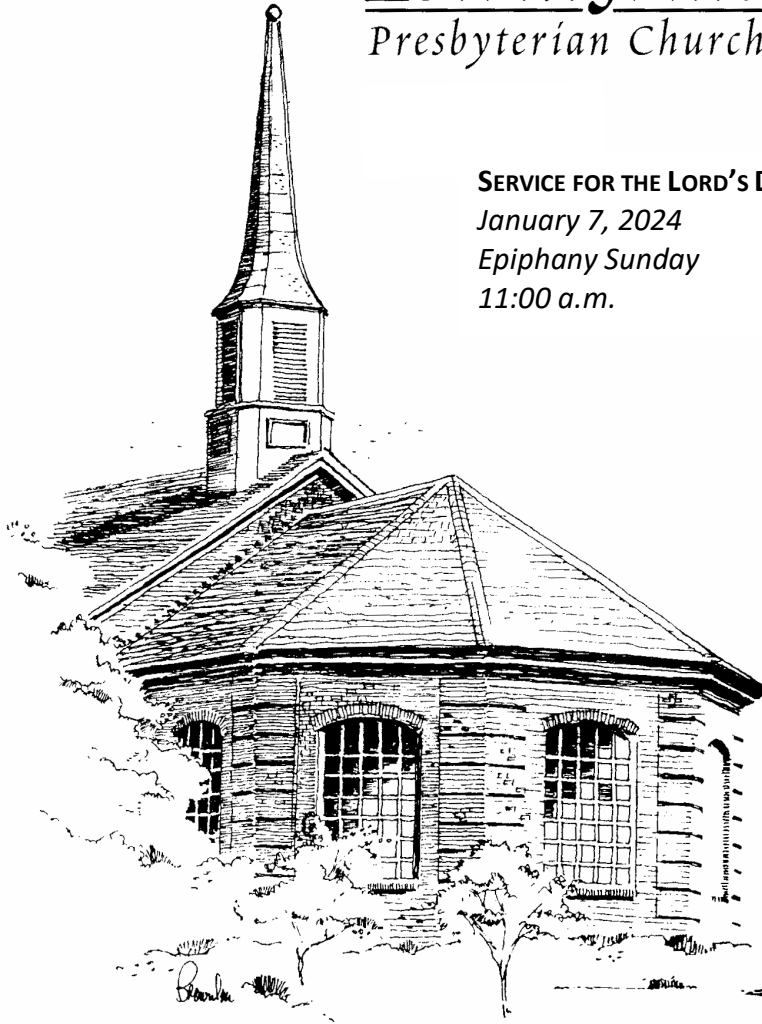
*Presbyterian Church*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

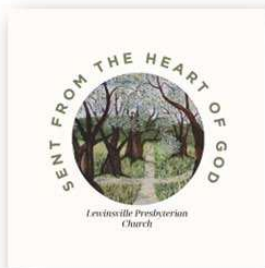
*January 7, 2024*

*Epiphany Sunday*

*11:00 a.m.*



*SENT FROM THE HEART OF GOD*



## Theme for 2023-2024 Year: “Sent From the Heart of God”

Last year, our congregation’s activities were organized around the theme of the “Journey Into the Heart of God.” God’s heart is our true home, and the character of God’s heart – merciful, kind, steady, relational, full of grace and justice, saturated with love – fills everything that we do as a congregation. God’s heart is our true home, as the Psalms teach us: “Happy are all who take refuge in God” (Psalm 2:11).

God’s heart is also a place of dynamism and action and mission. God’s heart roots us in love, and then God sends us into the world to share that love with everyone that we meet. “Happy is everyone...who walks in God’s ways” (Psalm 128:1). We are called to walk in God’s ways, sent forth from the heart of God.

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.

During the coming year, we will continue to ground everything that we do in the heart of God (i.e., we are not leaving God’s heart), but we will be conscious of the ways that we are being sent forth from God’s heart into the world that God so loves. God’s heart goes with us into the world. This theme has strong implications for our mission in the world, for our work of evangelism and spreading the good news of God’s grace, and for the ways that the church’s life together (our Fellowship) creates a community open to the world. We look forward to exploring this theme together, as we move forth into our local community and into our world.



Welcome Information



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Sunday

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

- Isaiah 40:3

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Star Rising*

Erik Santos

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 60:1-2, 4*

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen.*

*For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the people;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and the glory of the Lord will appear.*

**We lift up our eyes and look around to worship the Light of the World!**

**\* HYMN**

*We Three Kings*

GG 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*silence for personal confession*

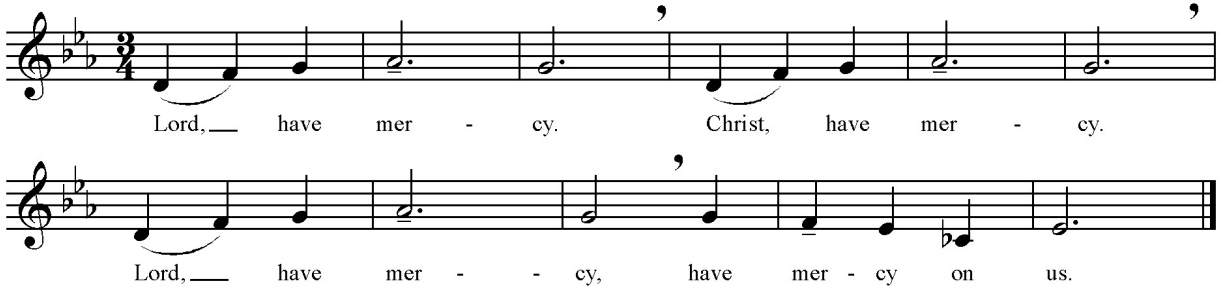
**Merciful God, Light of the World, we confess that we have not resisted the seductive power of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take action on behalf of the weak and the vulnerable, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and are at**

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work for peace, but we have too often placed our trust in the instruments of war.  
 Forgive us. Awaken in us a sincere repentance, that we may turn around and  
 walk towards the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*



## 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

*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

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

OT p. 690

*Matthew 2:1-12*

NT p. 2

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

*The Light Has Come*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

#### \* HYMN

*What Child Is This*

GG 145

GREENSLEEVES

#### \* 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



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## OFFERTORY

### *The Work of Christmas*

Dan Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost, To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music from the heart.*

- Howard Thurman

## \* 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...therefore we join with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**RESPONSE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

GG 592

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and God of might!**

SANCTUS

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is one who comes in the name of God.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Prayer continues.*

#### **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.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP**

*The gifts of God for the people of God.*

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**RESPONSE**

*O Lamb of God*

GG 603

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

AGNUS DEI

**have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**grant us, O grant us your peace.**

*Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake. Gluten-free crackers are available. Wine is in the outside ring; grape juice is on the*

<b>MUSIC DURING COMMUNION</b>	<i>Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	GG 146
	<i>Twás in the Moon of Wintertime</i>	GG 142

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ.  
In bread and cup, in Christ's body and blood, you give yourself to us.  
Help us now to spread your light and give ourselves to the world, that we might  
share the light and go tell of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* HYMN	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old</i>	GG 150
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\* **DISMISSAL**  
*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

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

A note on this morning's prelude:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

LAY READER

Kathy Bowles

DUTY ELDER

Nate Jones

DUTY DEACON

David Jessee

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Ed Kenney, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – are available on the table in the church office.

### **TAIZÉ AND CONTEMPLATIVE LABYRINTH SERVICE SUNDAY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 IN THE CHAPEL**

Taizé worship comes to us from the Taizé Community, a Christian community of prayer, music, and hospitality in France. (You may read more about Taizé at <https://www.taize.fr/en>. 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. This contemplative service will be combining these contemplative practices together. During this service everyone will be 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. Music contains piano, flute, violin, guitar, and voice.



**TODAY** we 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.

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**EXTENDED SERVING OF THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH** - **Today** our Elders and Deacons will bring communion to those who are unable to be with us in worship. This is an extension of the blessing and fellowship of the Lord's Table. If you know of someone who would like to receive communion, contact Pastor Jen.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**, the deacons ask you to consider a donation to the Deacons Fund. The fund is used by the pastors to help address temporary difficulties faced by the Lewinsville community, which includes principally members of the congregation and residents of LLR and Chesterbrook. The deacons try to keep a balance of around \$5500 on hand. Your donations replenish the Fund. Occasionally, if and when the funds significantly exceed \$5500, the deacons pass some of the funds to the Lewinsville Mission and Service Committee to support their important work with partner organizations locally and overseas. Cash and check donations are received in the narthex after the worship service. Alternatively, donations can be made on the church website.

**YOUNG ADULTS FROM LEWINSVILLE, IMMANUEL, AND REDEEMER ARE INVITED TO A RETREAT JANUARY 12-14, 2024.** The retreat will be in Leesburg, VA. Our time together will be focused on getting to know ourselves, one another, and God better. A portion of the retreat will be centered around learning more about the Enneagram. The retreat will begin on Friday evening January 12th at 6:00pm and will end on January 14th at 11am. Folks are welcome to join for the whole weekend or just a portion of the retreat. Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions: lbrubaker@lewinsville.org . Sign up at this link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl3wMYyh2kgr5UoiatUN5v9arqqWM27wftMODY634PCuSfjw/viewform>

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS MONDAY, JANUARY 15.** Please send your submissions to Sandy in the church office no later than January 15. Thank You.

**JANUARY 24 HOLY HAPPY HOUR, HERSETH FAMILY TRUMPET AND ORGAN CELEBRATION** – Join us for the January 24 Holy Happy Hour at 6:15pm featuring trumpeter, Joshua Kauffman. Lewinsville's very own Judith Herseith is an organist and also the daughter-in-law to world famous trumpeter Adolph "Bud" Herseith. January's Holy Happy Hour will celebrate the glory of trumpet and organ music and celebrate family ties. Adolph "Bud" Herseith was principal trumpet in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1948 until 2001, and served as principal trumpet emeritus from 2001 until his retirement in 2004. Lewinsville welcomes Joshua Kauffman, lead trumpet chair of The U.S. Army Blues, the premiere jazz ensemble of The United States Army to perform with Lewinsville's majestic pipe organ. Joshua regularly plays with the National Symphony, is a Yamaha Performing Artist, and an in-demand musician in all musical idioms.

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