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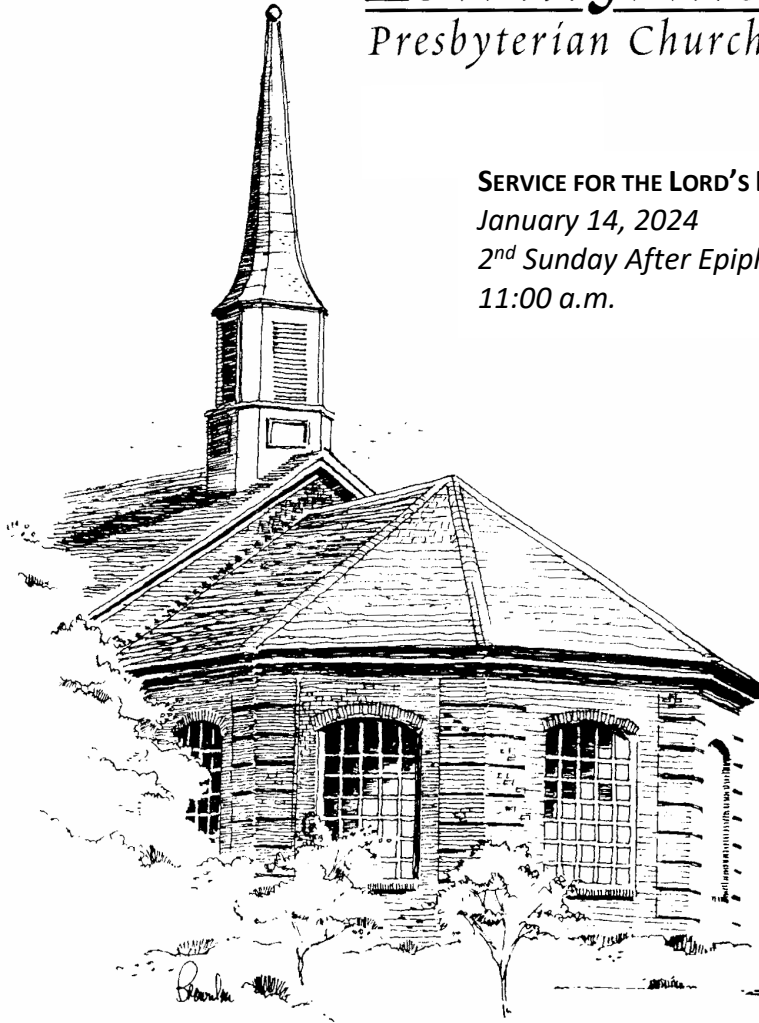
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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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January 14, 2024
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* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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

- Isaiah 40:3

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Variations On Nettleton

Undine Smith Moore

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, who calls you together this day, yearns for you – and for all people – to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who brings trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

* **HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GG 475

NETTLETON

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

Holy God, you see into each of us, and you know us fully as creatures who are in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither listened for your word, nor followed your will. We have failed to love our world, our neighbors, our families and friends, or ourselves. Forgive us for our sins, and give us ears to hear your gracious voice. Lead us to greater honesty and faith, that we may follow you with renewed zeal; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, — have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, — have mer - - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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

Psalm 111

OT p. 562

Mark 1:21-28

NT p. 35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus' Alternative Wisdom

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* HYMN

Jesus, Be with Us

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

Swing $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$

Eb Cm Fm Bb Eb Eb
 Refrain Je - sus, be with us. Help us each day to fol - low the
 Cm F7 Bb Ab G7
 gos - pel and live as we pray. Send us your Spir - it and
 Cm F7 Fm Bb Ebsus Eb *fine*
 show us your way. Je - sus, be with us to - day.
 Cm Gm Fm Eb
 1 Where there is hun - ger and thirst in the land,
 2 Where there is ha - tred be - cause of our skin,
 3 Where there are val - leys of bones, dry as dust,
 Cm Fm Gsus G7
 shat - ter break down the sys - tems of greed.
 build up the walls of our fear.
 the bod - y of Christ.
 Cm Gm Bb Eb
 Je - sus, be with us; make use of our hands.
 Je - sus, be with us; to save us from sin.
 Je - sus, be with us; and help us to trust.
 F7 F7 Bbsus Bb7
 Lift up your peo - ple in need.
 In your great love, draw us near.
 Teach us a new way of life.

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."

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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



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"Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Arr. Rollo Dillworth

*Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might,
 Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
 True to our God, True to our native land.
 - James Weldon Johnson*

- * **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.**

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** *We Shall Overcome* GG 379
 3rd verse: Lewinsville Choristers Only WE SHALL OVERCOME
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **DISMISSAL**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"* Carl Haywood

In Matthew 25:40 Jesus teaches that we serve Him when we serve the most vulnerable, “the least of these,” who are members of His family. Increased racial injustice and widening economic disparity in our country reveal there is work to be done. At its September 2020 meeting, Lewinsville’s Session voted to join several hundred other Presbyterian churches undertaking this work as part of the “Matthew 25 Initiative” of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for dismantling structural racism. Below are notes on music and composers performed for this morning's worship service:

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989), the “Dean of Black Women Composers,” was born in Jarratt, Virginia. Moore, the granddaughter of slaves, received her music education at Fisk University and Columbia University. In 1924, at the age of 20, she became the first graduate of Fisk to receive a scholarship to New York’s prestigious Juilliard school. After obtaining her graduate degree, Moore joined the music faculty at Virginia State University, where she taught piano, organ and music theory for over 40 years. Moore championed the teaching of African American music on school and university syllabuses. She once said: “Black music is a house of many mansions. Blacks have many musics and some of them relate in an extremely universal way to the human condition.” She co-founded the Black Music Center at Virginia State College, which aimed to educate members about the “contributions of Black people to the music of the United States and the world”. 'Scenes from the Life of a Martyr', her 16-part choral cantata based on the life of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1981 and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. She received honorary doctorates from Indiana University and Virginia State College and a humanitarian award from Fisk University, and was named music laureate of the state of Virginia in 1975. She was named a 'Virginia Women in History' in 2017.

At the turn of the 19th century **James Weldon Johnson** (1871-1938) wrote the poem *Lift Every Voice and Sing* and his brother **John Rosamond Johnson** (1873-1954) later set those words to music. James Weldon Johnson was principal of the Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida when 500 of his students first recited the poem (in 1900) as part of a commemoration ceremony honoring the late President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). Often referred to as the Negro National Anthem, its universal themes of liberation, perseverance and faith enable us to reflect on our shared history while at the same time encouraging us all to become agents of social justice and social change.

Rollo Dilworth (1970-) from St. Louis, Missouri, is Associate Professor of Choral Music Education and Chair of the Music Education Department at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance in Philadelphia, PA. Over 200 of Dilworth’s choral compositions and arrangements have been published. Much of Dilworth’s creative output as a composer and arranger focuses on themes of social justice and social change. Dilworth serves on the national boards of Chorus America and the National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO).

In 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. Part of the school’s mission was to help prepare civil rights workers to challenge unjust laws and racist policies that discriminated against African Americans. The school also made a point of bringing Black and White people together to share experiences and to learn from each other. Dr. King delivered the main speech that day, honoring the school’s 25th anniversary. As part of the meeting, folk singer **Pete Seeger** (1919-2014) got up with his banjo to play a tune. Later that day, Dr. King found himself

humming the tune in the car. “There’s something about that song that haunts you,” he said to his companions. *We Shall Overcome* and other protest songs provided the soundtrack to the Civil Rights Movement. “We’ll Overcome” first appeared as a protest song during a 1945–1946 labor strike against American Tobacco in Charleston, South Carolina where African American women strikers seeking a pay raise to 30 cents an hour sang as they picketed. Pete Seeger, the nationally known folk singer, revised the lyrics from “We will” to “We shall.”

Carl W. Haywood (1949-) a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, is a graduate of Norfolk State University, Southern Methodist University, University of Southern California. Dr. Haywood, a dynamic advocate of NSU, is Director of Choral Activities and conducts the NSU Concert Choir and the Spartan Chorale. He also serves as a National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2023

ACTIVE IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	Chancel Choir, Lewinsville Choristers
LAY READER	Karen Siple
DUTY ELDER	John Day
DUTY DEACON	Tom Staeger
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	John Baxley, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

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

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.

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH AT LOST DOG CAFÉ ON JANUARY 21ST AT 12:30. The Fellowship Ministry Group has reserved the back room at the Lost Dog Café next to the Anderson Road Safeway in McLean for a time of fellowship and a meal. All are welcome, see Pastor Jen if you need Deacon Funds to cover your cost.

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.

REFORMED INSTITUTE CONVOCATION, SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 8:30AM – 11:00AM – The Reformed Institute is sponsoring its annual Convocation on Saturday morning, January 28, at National Presbyterian Church. This year's speaker is Mark Labberton, professor of preaching emeritus and former president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Dr. Labberton will speak on *"Linking Worship, Justice, and Mission."* He is the author of *The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice; The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others through the Eyes of Jesus; Called: The Crisis and Promise of Following Jesus Today*, and more. Register for this event at www.reformedinstitute.org You may read more about it at <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/2024-convocation-with-dr-mark-labberton/>.

INQUIRERS' CLASS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 28, 3:00 PM – 5:00 P.M. Are you interested in joining Lewinsville Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in exploring, with a group of other folks at a similar point in their journeys, what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like? On Sunday afternoon, January 28, we will be holding a special one-session Inquirers' Class, which will explore our personal spiritual journeys, the core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the mission and ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Jen, or Pastor Layne.

"ROCKS OF AGES" JANUARY 26, 11:30AM, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL - Mark your calendars now so you don't forget because you won't want to miss lunch and a fun-filled time with Sally McKeown as she leads us in easy and fun warm up exercises to music, plus two simple country line dances. Bring your sense of humor (as there will be plenty of laughs) and your two left feet. Lunch and conversation will be at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall followed by instruction, participation, or just sitting back and enjoying. It is helpful to know if you will be attending for planning purposes but not essential. Please let either Wendy Maiwurm, 703 622-1659, wmaiwurm@gmail.com or Lois Dokken, 703 789-0617, manpadokken@aol.com know if you can come. Hope to see many of you the 4th Friday of the month, January 26, at 11:30 a.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 4, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** The 2024 church budget adopted by the Session will be presented; the terms of call for our installed pastors will be presented and voted upon; the election of new Ruling Elders, Deacons/Stephen Ministers, Nominating Committee, and Lewinsville Foundation members will take place. All church members are expected to attend; non-members are welcome to attend!

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