

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 21, 2024
Service of Healing and Wholeness

* 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 Morning Has Broken

Arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

1 John 1:5, 7

Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

You turn our weeping to dancing, God;

you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

May we praise you and not be silent!

We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

* **HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

GG 265

DUKE STREET

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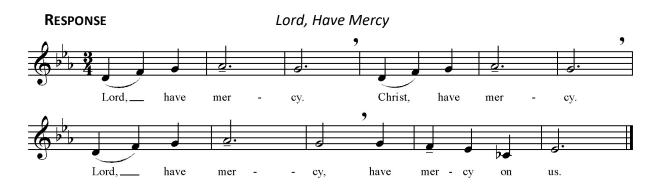
CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence

Sovereign and holy Lord, in the beginning, your Word came forth from your great Silence. But in our noisy culture, you know how easily we can run away from silence, becoming uncomfortable when things are too quiet. Help us to slow down and be present with your still, small voice.

Your Breath and Spirit make us new, but in our haste and busyness, we lose touch with our own breath, rushing from one task or meeting to another. Teach us to quiet ourselves, and to allow our breath to ground us in the Present Moment, where you are always waiting for us.

Forgive us for our excessive anxiety about the future, our extreme desires to please and impress others, and our tendency to hide from you in the busyness of our schedules. Lead us along your steady and graceful path, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *John 1:35-42* NT p. 92

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Seeking Jesus The Rev. Jen Dunfee

* HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore GG 721

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ. Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead. vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR ANOINTING AND PRAYER

Anyone desiring prayer for healing and wholeness may proceed down the center aisle to the two stations at the front or to the station at the back of the sanctuary. At the station you may kneel on the cushion, sit in the chair, or choose to stand. If you have a particular prayer request, please let the pastor or elder know. You will be anointed with oil on the forehead, hands will be laid on you by lightly touching the back, shoulders or head, and a prayer will be offered. Then proceed up the side aisles to your seat.

HYMNS FOR ANOINTING AND PRAYER

Breathe on me, Breath of God	GG 286
O Savior, in This Quiet place	GG 794
We Come to You for Healing, Lord	GG 796

PRAYER

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings to scatter all enemies that assault us. As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more, open our hearts by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Offering



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OFFERTORY Jesus Shall Reign arr. Arnold B. Sherman

* 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** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

GG 377

HOUSTON

- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Peal of Praise Michael Helman

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21,2023

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of **Roy Mitchell's** 90th birthday on January 16 by **Lois Dokken**.

The red rosebud in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Colgate Darden Dear to Kyle and Jordan Dear on January 16. The proud Great Grandmother is **Laury Bender**, and the proud Great Aunt is **Linda Bender**.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

LAY READER

DUTY ELDER

DUTY DEACON

Chancel Bells

Dave Smith

Nate Jones

Diane Alden

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY Rich Tullos, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

<u>LUNCH AFTER CHURCH AT LOST DOG CAFÉ ON JANUARY 21st AT 12:30</u>. 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 Herseth is an organist and also the daughter-in-law to world famous trumpeter Adolph "Bud" Herseth. January's Holy Happy Hour will celebrate the glory of trumpet and organ music and celebrate family ties. Adolph "Bud" Herseth 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 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, <u>wmaiwurm@gmail.com</u> or Lois Dokken, 703 789-0617, <u>manpadokken@aol.com</u> 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!

MINISTERS
PASTOR
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
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The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
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The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
The Rev. Jen Dunfee

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Allison Lineberger

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John Nothaft Evan Ayars

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