

Lewinsville

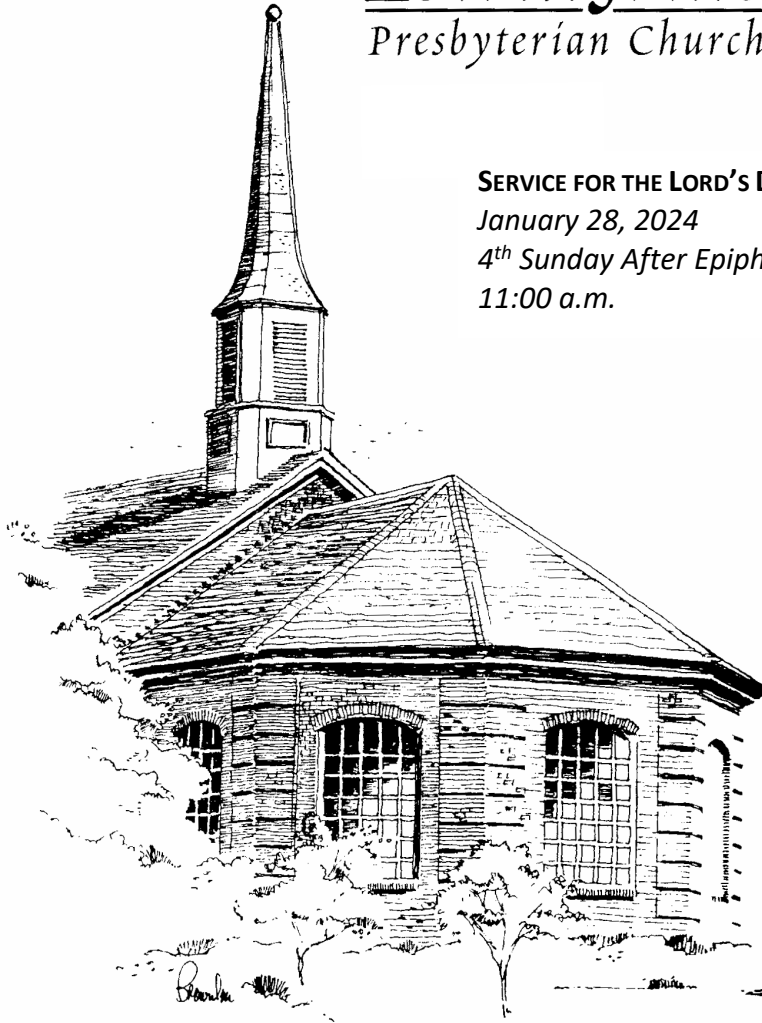
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

4th 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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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

The good shepherd goes ahead of the sheep, and they follow him because they know his voice.

- John 10:4

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* Marcel Dupré

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Psalm 111

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose mighty acts are to be remembered.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, full of compassion.

God is ever mindful of the covenant made with God's people.

Come! Let us worship and give thanks to God.

* **HYMN**

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

GG 726

KELVINGROVE

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

Holy and all-powerful God – who governs the world, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces – we confess that we are too often unwilling to follow you in our lives. We protect what is familiar, and we reject what is unknown. We admire others who act with courage, but we excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are with us, and that with you new things are always possible. Forgive us, lead us, and show us your path; in the name of Jesus Christ 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	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-10</i>	OT p. 247
	<i>John 1:43-51</i>	NT p. 92

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON	<i>The Voice</i>	The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
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* HYMN	<i>Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak</i>	GG 722 CANONBURY
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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)</i>	
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Jesus was God in the flesh.

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people,
yet he made no use of power to protect himself.
He healed those who were sick in body and mind,
yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.
He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family
and country,
yet he lived among them as a servant.
Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas,
yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf.
He forgave sinners,
yet he was counted among sinners.

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.
He did what only God can do.
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.
When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death
the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.
In both his majesty and lowliness
Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

T H A N K S G I V I N G

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

*Mine Eyes for Beauty Pine
My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:*

Herbert Howells

*No other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
Tis named when Goddës name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.*

- * **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, the Lord of Sea and Sky* GG 69
HERE I AM

- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

- * **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 553 Johann Sebastian Bach

*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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A Note on this Sunday's music

This Sunday's hymns were chosen by Dr. LeeLee Hunter, Eve Jelstrom, and Katy Morgan as winner's of Lewinsville's Choir Trivia party in Spring 2023!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 28, 2023**

The red rosebud in the sanctuary this morning is given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birth of Lucy Sophia Calhoun on December 28, 2023. The proud parents are Byron and Joanne Calhoun, and the proud grandparents are **Jack and**

Ottilia Calhoun.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

LAY READER

Linton Brooks

DUTY ELDER

Spencer Deese

DUTY DEACON

Rachel Russell

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Rob Ransom, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

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.

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!

SECOND SATURDAY SET – Join your Second Saturday Set friends on **Sunday, February 4, 2:00pm**, to see the play *"Shutter Sisters"* by Mansa Ra at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Rd., Tysons, VA 22102. There may be an opportunity following the play to have a community conversation with the director. Information on 1st Stage and *Shutter Sisters* can be found at 1st Stage via Google or www.1stStage.org. 20 tickets have been reserved, 18 of them are the last \$25 they have and 2 are the last \$35 ones.

Prices are per person. Military and educators (active or retired) are \$15. If you qualify, let Scotty Benson know when you RSVP. Scotty strongly suggests you RSVP as soon as possible since the matinee shows are selling out very quickly this year. She can always request additional tickets, but can't guarantee them if you respond too late. For tickets or additional information contact: Scotty Benson: sabrabenson@gmail.com, cell 703 717-2309 or home 703 938-4471.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - On Sunday, February 11, the Lewinsville Youth Group will be hosting the Superbowl of Caring Fundraiser. This year all the funds collected will be given in Westgate Elementary School to support families who experience food insecurity. To give, simply click the blue Make a Donation button on the Lewinsville website. Or place money in the soup pots held by members of the Youth Group on your way out of church on February 11.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER FEBRUARY 13 - The Summer Mission Project planning team invites you to join us for a delightful evening of joy and fellowship at our Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner on **February 13, 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. Indulge in the spirit of celebration as we provide an array of toppings and fillings for you to create your perfect stack of pancakes. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy delicious food, and embrace the festive atmosphere. Don't miss out on this delicious and fun-filled event!

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 - On Wednesday, February 14, Lewinsville will offer two opportunities to mark the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will worship in the church sanctuary at 12 noon and 7:30 pm, during which worshippers will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. We invite you to begin your Lent with us in this way. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Layne, or Pastor Jen.

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The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
The Rev. Jen Dunfee
Allison Lineberger
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Leadership at Lewinsville
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Brian and Helen Chapaitis, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jericho, VT
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