

Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

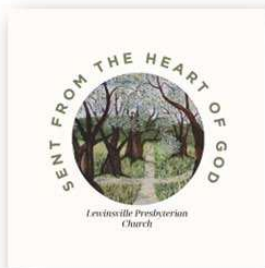
February 4, 2024

5th 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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* *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

Mvt. III Air from Suite No.1 for Organ

Florence Price

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 60:1-2, 4

As disciples, we have been called the salt of the earth.

Let us remain distinctive and humble.

We have been called the light of the world.

Let us shine brightly in the midst of confusion and chaos.

We have been called a city set on a hill.

**Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts,
lift our voices in the worship of God.**

*** HYMN**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

GG 305

DARWALL'S 148TH

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

You are our light, O God. In your presence our way becomes clearer. Like small candles lit from the Christ candle, we can shine with love and hope because of you. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often hide our light. Not trusting our perceptions, we do not speak our truth. Not trusting our abilities, we do not share our gifts. Fearful, we do not reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues that should be raised, we do not break the bitter silence to give or seek forgiveness.

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Help us to trust you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your love, healing the hurts of our past, giving us courage for the future, through Jesus Christ, our light. In his name we pray. 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 40:21-31

OT p. 668

Mark 1:29-39

NT p. 35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

To Be Healed

The Rev. Layne Brubaker

* HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

GG 795

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

* 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



(Scan this QR code to donate, or go to www.lewinsville.org and click the "Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord (Psalm 117)

Florence Price

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise the Lord, all ye people.

Praise the Lord for his merciful kindness is great toward us.

And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Praise the Lord.

* 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.

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

AGNUS DEI

**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 inside. Please indicate your preference.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Christ, the Healer

GG 793

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and love. As you have nourished us in Jesus Christ, send us forth to feed and serve others, sharing your peace with the whole community and showing your faithful love in the world; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life for all. Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *God of Our Life* GG 686
SANDON

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Mvt. IV Toccato from Suite No.1 for Organ* Florence Price

*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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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:

This February we highlight music of black women composers.

Florence Price (1887-1953) was the first black female composer to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra played the world premiere of her Symphony No. 1 in E minor in 1933. She was trained at the New England Conservatory of Music and was a Professor at Shorter College in Arkansas. She married a prominent civil rights attorney and returned to Little Rock, but racial violence — including a lynching in 1927 — caused her family to move to Chicago. Price composed over 300 works for orchestra, piano, organ, voice, and more during her prolific career. Her music brings together the European classical tradition in which she was trained and the haunting melodies of African American spirituals and folk tunes. She composed her Suite No.1 for Organ in 1942 and the choral anthem 'Praise the Lord' in 1951.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

LAY READER

DUTY ELDER

DUTY DEACON

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Cathy Saunders

Scott Schlegel

Sue Thomas

Daniel Howell, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

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. In the past month, the Deacon Fund has been used for emergency hotel stays for two people in the community experiencing homelessness, rental assistance for a visitor and medical care for a church member. Cash and check donations are received in the narthex after the worship service. Alternatively, donations can be made on the church website.



CONTEMPLATIVE BLUES SERVICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7PM - Plan to join us for a Contemplative Blues Service on Sunday evening, February 4, 7pm in the sanctuary. Since February is Black History Month, this special service will include readings from the Civil Rights Movement, interspersed with Scripture, music, and prayer. We look forward to having you join us.

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. 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. For tickets or additional information contact: Scotty Benson: sabrabenson@gmail.com, cell 703 717-2309 or home 703 938-4471.

DO YOU HAVE A PANCAKE GRIDDLE YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE? Pastor Layne needs to collect several Pancake Griddles to be used at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 13th. If you are willing to let us borrow your pancake griddle for one night, please contact pastor Layne at lbrubaker@lewinsville.org

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - On Sunday, February 11, the Lewinsville Youth Group will be hosting the Souperbowl of Caring Fundraiser. This year all the funds collected will be given in Westgate Elementary School to support families who experience food insecurity. 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.

Friends of Falls Church Homeless Shelter invites you to attend the



on

Saturday, February 24, 2024

6:30 - 10:30 PM

at the

STATE THEATRE

220 N WASHINGTON ST
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046

Live Music by Organized

Heavy Appetizers & Dessert

With Matthew Cappucci
from the Capital Weather Gang as MC

Festive Attire

Visit fcshelter.org or email
gala@fcshelter.org for more
information, tickets, sponsorship
opportunities, or to donate a silent
auction item.

Silent Auction & Raffle
Our online auction will begin at noon
on Tuesday, February 18, and
continue online at the event.

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