

Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

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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Second Sunday in Lent

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud, there came a voice,
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
- Mark 9:7

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Arr. Bob Burroughs

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

written by Cynthia Langston Kirk

Welcome to a time of wonder

and music that calls us home

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

and remind us that we are offered holy hospitality –

Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

* **HYMN**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

GG 167

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

Gracious God, help us recognize all the ways we fail to extend hospitality to others as you have called us to do. We confess that we have closed our hearts and our doors to those in need, failing to welcome strangers and care for the marginalized. In our self-centeredness, we have turned away from opportunities

to share your love and grace with those around us. Forgive us for the times we stereotype the stranger as the enemy, for the times times we think we are being hospitable, but instead serve only our own needs. Lord, forgive us for the times we miss the gift of the stranger, for the times we close our door in fear, for the times we miss your face in the other. Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of hospitality and compassion. Open our eyes to see the needs of others and empower us to extend a welcoming hand, just as you have welcomed us into your presence. May your spirit of hospitality transform our hearts and communities, that we may truly reflect your love in all we do. 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

Exodus 2:1-10

OT p. 49

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Unexpected Hospitality

The Rev. Layne Brubaker

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SERVICE

Rob Ransom
Serving our Congregation, a moment for AV

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from Confession of 1967

**To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community,
to share God's labor
of healing the hostilities
which separate people from God
and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission**

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and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church follows Christ's pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.

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

Walk With Me Lord

Rosephayne Powell

Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me.

All along this tedious journey,

Walk with me, Lord, Please walk with me.

When I'm burdened, Walk with me.

When my head is bowed down with sorrow,

Walk with me Lord. Please walk with me.

All along this tedious journey, Walk with me, Lord.

You are my shield, you are my sword.

Lord, please walk with me. Until I make it safely home,

Lord, please walk with me. I am weary, walk with me.

* 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** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* GG 761
BEECHER

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Mvt. III Celebration (Juba) from Exodus Suite* Sharon J. Willis

Lewinsville has a long history of enjoying our music ministry. Feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude, or you are welcome to exit the sanctuary during the postlude.

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

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.

Hailing from Alabama, **Dr. Rosephanye Dunn Powell** (1962-) has been hailed as one of America's premier women composers of choral music. She has an impressive catalogue of works published by some of the nation's leading publishers and her works have been conducted and premiered by nationally-renowned choral conductors. Dr. Powell serves as Professor of Voice at Auburn University. She holds degrees from The Florida State University, Westminster Choir College, and Alabama State University.

Dr. Sharon J. Willis (1949-) is the former Department Chair of Music at Morris Brown College and Clark Atlanta University; she holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree (University of Georgia); Master's in Church Music (Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville); a Master's in Music (Georgia State University), and a Bachelor of Arts degree (Clark College). Willis is also the Founding Director of Americolor Opera Alliance. Willis is the only woman composer in the United States to have founded an opera company and been its principal composer.

Exodus: Suite for Organ is written as a tribute to Harriet Tubman, who was born a slave around 1820 on the Brodas Plantation in Tidewater, Maryland. She escaped by way of the Underground Railroad to Philadelphia in 1849. In 1851, after working as a cook and a nurse, she was able to return to Maryland and Virginia to rescue her family and other passengers from slavery. Tubman was called the "Black Moses" as she led passengers to freedom, much in the same way Moses led the Hebrews from the bondage of slavery out of Egypt to the land of Canaan in the second book of the Bible in the Old Testament, Exodus. Exodus: Suite for Organ was dedicated to Trey Clegg, an organist and friend of Willis. The work is in three parts: (1) Chronicles: Passacaglia, (2) Communion: Rite of Fellowship, and (3) Celebration: Juba. "Celebration on a Juba" is based on the spiritual "I Got A Robe." The juba was a dance performed by many African Americans during and after slavery. The dance was characterized by playing syncopated rhythms against even rhythms.

This past month Lewinsville has celebrated musical works by Florence Price, Ysaye Barnwell, Josephine Poelintz, Rosephanye Powell, Undine Smith Moore, Betty Jackson King, Eurydice Osterman, Margaret Bonds, Evelyn Simpson Currenton, Ruth Norman, Judith Baity, and Sharon J. Willis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of **Betty Ann and Frank Yurkewitch** on February 26 by their daughters **Amy Yurkewitch** and Ann Yurkewitch Ruiz, and granddaughter Marietta Ruiz.

The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Pat Matheson**, who died on January 21. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 24, at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	Chancel Choir, Lewinsville Bells
LAY READER	Rachel Russell
DUTY ELDER	Beverly Johnson
DUTY DEACON	Leslie Kohler
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Rob Ransom, Carlos Claros and Haziell Andrade

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive funds for the 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing throughout the period of Lent, through Easter Sunday, March 31. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online through the Lewinsville website. If you prefer, you may also mail a check to the church office, or use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in the pew rack. Please annotate that it's for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We appreciate your support, as will the deserving recipients.

2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONS - The theme for this years Lenten season is "Love for Others - Hospitality and Service," and our Lenten Devotions for 2024 will focus on this theme. Once again, Lewinsville members and friends have written devotions for each day in Lent (except Sundays) and each devotion will be sent via email every morning to all subscribers. If you subscribed last year, you are still on the list for this year! If you are not on our list and wish to subscribe, visit our [2024 Lenten Devotions page](#) and complete the form provided.

2024 Lent Study
Receptions of the Psalms in Liturgy, Music and Poetry

Sunday evening 6:00 p.m. A Light Dinner in Fellowship Hall; the Lecture will start at 6:30 p.m. *“Psalm 42: The Heart’s Desire for God”* A deep dive into Psalm 42, focusing on the vivid imagery and compelling metaphors that give this psalm its enduring appeal. After careful examination of the psalm, we’ll read a poem by R.S. Thomas and listen to a hymn inspired by Psalm 42. **Scripture Reading: Psalm 42**

Monday, February 26, 7:00-9:15p.m.: *“Psalm 51: A Time for Repentance”* This session will focus on the best-known of the penitential psalms. After a close reading of the text, we’ll examine the medieval reception of this psalm in Allegri infamous setting of the Miserere, and read parts of James Weldon Johnson’s *“Listen Lord: A Prayer”* as a modern interpretation of the Hebrew psalm. **Scripture Reading: Psalm 51.**

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00-9:15 p.m.: *“Psalm 114: Trusting God in the Desert”*. Taking a cue from Psalm 114, this session will consider how the Psalms aid us in our Lenten journey by leading us through the desert toward resurrection joy. We’ll begin with a close study of the psalm before diving into Dante’s Purgatorio and concluding with the tonus peregrinus as an anthem fitting for the season of Lent. **Scripture Reading: Psalm114**

OUR SPEAKER: Lewinsville welcomes Devon Abts, PhD, Interim Director of the Luce Center and Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, DC. She holds a PhD in Theology from King’s College London, and an MA from Yale Divinity School. Dr. Abts’ research and teaching is situated at the intersections of contemporary theology, Christian ethics, and the arts, with particular expertise in literature. She is currently preparing a manuscript on theology and modern poetry for publication. Dr. Abts has taught on both sides of the Atlantic, and previously served as an editor for The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception. She is co-chair of the theology and arts seminar at the Society for the Study of Theology UK) where she also serves as trustee on the Executive Committee.

All lectures will be held in Fellowship Hall.



SAVE THE DATE: CHILI COOK-OFF AND MARCH MADNESS - all-ages party at Lewinsville on Friday, March 22nd from 6:00 – 9:00. There will be prizes for best chili in a wide variety of categories, March Madness basketball live on the TV screens in the youth room, bracket contests and games for kids.

MARCH IS. . .

THIS EASTER, LEWINSVILLE WILL BE OPENING UP THE EASTER EGG HUNT TO THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL BE HOLDING THREE HUNTS ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY AND WE NEED EGGS! PLASTIC EASTER EGGS STUFFED WITH CANDY, TOYS, AND STICKERS FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, WE WILL BE

Easter Egg Collection Month

COLLECTING DONATIONS OF PRE-STUFFED EGGS OR REQUESTING CHURCH GROUPS TO HOLD EGG STUFFINGS AT THEIR GATHERINGS, BINS FOR THE COLLECTIONS OF THE EASTER EGGS WILL BE LOCATED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE CHURCH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
ALLISON LINEBERGER,
ALINEBERGER@LEWINSILLE.ORG



Contemplative Worship, Sunday March 3 at 7:00 pm, Celtic Evensong with Celtic Harp and Fiddle - Lewinsville will host an Iona-inspired Celtic Evensong featuring music for Celtic Harp and Fiddle. Join for prayer, peace, and a Gaelic blessing during the season of Lent.

March Madness - Men sing! March 10th Sunday Worship, Mission and Service Lenten Challenge - Male Choir - Sing like Moses! Sing like David! Sing like Jesus! Men have sung God's praises throughout history. For those who cannot carry a tune.. for those who are not musical.. with God's presence, we will make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Please join us in this Mission and Service Lenten Challenge, the pickup choir will meet at 10:30 am in the choir loft. No robes required, only a willingness to Praise!

Palm Sunday featuring music of the Boulanger Sisters and their Students, for Strings, Organ, and Choir - This Palm Sunday we celebrate the music of Nadia and Lili Boulanger. The sisters were not only talented musicians and composers, but also broke gender barriers on their way to great musical achievements. Both sisters were among the first few women to enter the prestigious Prix de Rome competition, and in 1913 Lili became the first woman to earn the coveted Grand Prix. After Lili's untimely death at the age of 24, her sister continued to promote her music and worked to keep her legacy alive. Nadia went on to become one of the most influential musical pedagogues of her generation. Her pupils, the so-called "Boulangerie," included such luminaries-to-be as Aaron Copland, Philip Glass and Quincy Jones. Palm Sunday's worship service will feature music for strings and choir by the Boulanger Sisters, their teacher, Gabriel Fauré, and their pupils, including Aaron Copland and David Conte.

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