

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

March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent

* If you are able, please stand

†† Latecomers seated

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE Wind of the Spirit

arr. Erik Whitehill

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, we come before you, thankful that you love us as we are.

We are creatures of your hand; we are a community formed by your Spirit.

You are the potter; we are the clay.

With your sure and loving hands, shape us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Vs. 2 Baritone/Lower Voices Only)

GG 65

CWM RHONDDA

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

We come before You, O Christ,

confessing that we have not forgiven others

for the same kinds of mistakes we often make ourselves.

We have not shown mercy to others,

when we have received such great mercy ourselves.

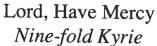
We have judged others,

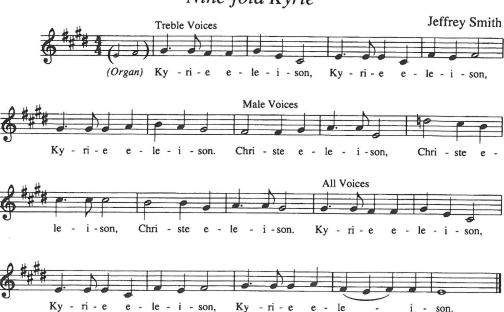
while asking not to be judged for our own ignorance and misunderstandings.

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Forgive us for not sharing your grace and mercy with the world. Forgive us for demanding so much of others, while seeking special treatment for ourselves. Help us to see all of our neighbors as your children – beloved, forgiven and restored to full relationship with you. In your name we pray, Amen.

RESPONSE





ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory to God Gloria in Excelsis



* 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 Acts 6:1-7 NT p. 123

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NT p. 174

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Serving by the Spirit The Rev. Jen Dunfee

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SERVICE

Hallye Smith Falls Church McLean Children's Center

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Offering



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

OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek, For Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;

And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear; And with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity. K. Lee Scott

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;

Separate from sin I would, And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can weild, Be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

> Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

* **RESPONSE** We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs. 4)

GG 708

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; What-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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 Are All One in Mission GG 733

(Vs. 2 Lower Voices Only) ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go Now in Peace

(Led by Lewinsville Choristers, Junior Choristers, and Lewinsville Lower Voices)

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'

Libby Larsen

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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.

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To honor Women's History Month, Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of female composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to promote and empower women.

Libby Larsen (1950-) is one of America's most performed living composers. She has created a catalogue of over 500 works spanning virtually every genre from intimate vocal and chamber music to massive orchestral works and over 15 operas. Grammy award-winning and widely recorded, including over 50 CDs of her work, she is constantly sought after for commissions and premieres by major artists, ensembles, and orchestras around the world, and has established a permanent place for her works in the concert repertory. Along with composer Stephen Paulus, she is a co-founder of the Minnesota Composers Forum, now the American Composers Forum. A former holder of the Papamarkou Chair at John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, Larsen has also held residencies with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and the Colorado Symphony Orchestra.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Scott Adams is a long time "guest" of Lewinsville, having lived in McLean for over 10 years, attending now and then, and recently deciding to join. Originally from New York and raised in Connecticut, he was born again in Christ as a teen, and raised his three now adult children ages 23-29 in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. He's looking forward to his upcoming retirement from PwC after a career spanning almost 40 years with the firm, and to calling Lewinsville his new Church home.

James (Jim) Jones, born in West Virginia. Attended The National Railroad Institute at Alanta, GA after graduation and was employed as an agent/operator for Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Served in the US Army after honorable discharge returned as an agent/operator for Western Maryland Railroad. After retiring from the Railroad I was employed by the Library of Congress as Human Resources Manager in Washington DC. Larry, my spouse and I reside in McLean VA.

Larry Stern, born in West Virginia. Graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy. 18 year career with WV State Police/PSC in charge of the motor carrier safety division in WV. Employed by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) as senior management in Washington, DC. CVSA represents law enforcement in all the States, all the provinces and territories in Canada, and the Federal Police in Mexico that has the responsibility for motor carrier safety in their jurisdictions. Worked for the US Department of Energy as a contractor having the responsibility for safety and security of nuclear shipments by truck in the US and training of law enforcement to inspect these shipments. Jim, my spouse and I have 2 children and 4 grandkids and reside in McLean VA.

Pat Lohr is a native Washingtonian and was baptized as an infant at Eastern Presbyterian Church in DC. She attended George Washington University, the Graduate of Banking received an MBA from Marymount University. She spent a long, gratifying career in human resources, but most importantly she and her late husband were blessed with an amazing son, Jeffrey, who along with his family, also resides in McLean.

Lloyd and Tracy Mustin have lived in McLean for almost 20 years. Tracy grew up in North Carolina and Lloyd grew up in a Navy family, so he has lived all over the world. Both Tracy and Lloyd served in the US Navy, retiring from the reserves at the rank of Captain. Tracy retired as a Career Senior Executive from the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration. Lloyd built and sold a government services company. He still serves as Chairman of its board. They have three grown children and six grandchildren, all living in the DC area. Between the grandchildren, their community activities, and an aggressive travel schedule, they manage to stay busy! Lloyd and Tracy appreciate the warm welcome they have received at Lewinsville and are very happy to be part of this wonderful church community.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by **Jim Tenney** in loving memory of his mother, Harriot O. Tenney, on what would have been her 100th birthday on March 11, 2024.

The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Marian O'Brien** who died on December 30, 2023 by her family. A memorial service was held on March 8.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Lewinsville Lower Voices, Lewinsville Choristers, Junior Choristers

Dave Smith

Duty Elder

Duty Deacon

Audio/Visual Ministry

Lewinsville Lower Voices, Lewinsville Choristers, Junior Choristers

Madison Kloster

John Gale

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY - is Sunday March 17 following worship in Fellowship Hall. We will have multiple Service Projects that are inclusive of all ages. We will be doing service projects forLewinsville Retirement Residence, Falls Church Homeless Shelter, Miriam's Kitchen and McLean Falls Church children's Center. Sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMk1m5uzNTTcOU1sJv9PH1EqDwrNN-v3W8rHnI6PtDy-f-XA/viewform

<u>The Deadline For the April Newsletter is Friday, March 15</u> - Please send your submissions to Sandy in the church office no later than March 15. Thank You.



CHILI COOK-OFF AND MARCH MADNESS - all-ages party at Lewinsville on Friday, March 22^{nd} 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. Sign up to bring chili at this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CA8A62AA7FA7-

48012977-march#/

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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.

<u>SPECIAL COMMISSIONED PIECE FOR EASTER SUNDAY</u> - Lewinsville's Music Fund has commissioned a Brass and Organ prelude composed by David Conte. This special Easter prelude is in loving memory of Helen Martin, a longtime friend, musician, and generous supporter of Lewinsville's Music Ministry and Music Fund. This festive

prelude will begin 15 minutes before both Easter Sunday worship services. Conte (b. 1955) is the composer of over one hundred and fifty works published by E. C. Schirmer Music Company. He lived and worked with Aaron Copland while preparing a study of the composer's sketches, having received a Fulbright Fellowship for study with Copland's teacher Nadia Boulanger in Paris, where he was one of her last students. Conte received his DMA from Cornell University. He is Professor of Composition and Chair of the Composition Department at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has received commissions from Chanticleer, the San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, and Dayton Symphonies, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra; and from the American Guild of Organists. In 2007 he received the Raymond Brock commission from the American Choral Directors Association, one of the nation's highest honors in choral music. He has been named 2024's Distinguished Composer of the Year by the American Guild of Organists. Conte is a significant LGBTQ+ composer and leading compositional voice in America.

BLOOD DRIVE, APRIL 14, 2024, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, Lower Level. Register for an appointment at: https://bit.ly/Lewinsville0414
Just one blood donation can save up to three lives and INOVA's



inventory is at a critical low – please consider donating at Lewinsville's April 7th blood drive. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations at Lewinsville's Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building. Masks are optional. Please bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. Hydrate well before and after donating and refrain from strenuous activity directly after donating. Walk-ins are accepted, appointments highly encouraged.

EASTER DECORATION FUND



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We are looking forward to decorating the sanctuary and narthex for Easter and invite you to contribute to our Easter Decoration Fund this year by filling out the form below and put it in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or sign up on the web page, www.lewinsville.org.

All who contribute in memory or honor of loved ones will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Monies not used for Easter will be used for the Flower Fund throughout the year. The Flower Committee will purchase only enough flowers to decorate our Sanctuary and not one Easter lily for each contributor.

Checks (the suggested amount is \$75) should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated "Easter Decoration Fund".

Forms and checks must be returned no later than Sunday, March 24.

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