

# Lewinsville

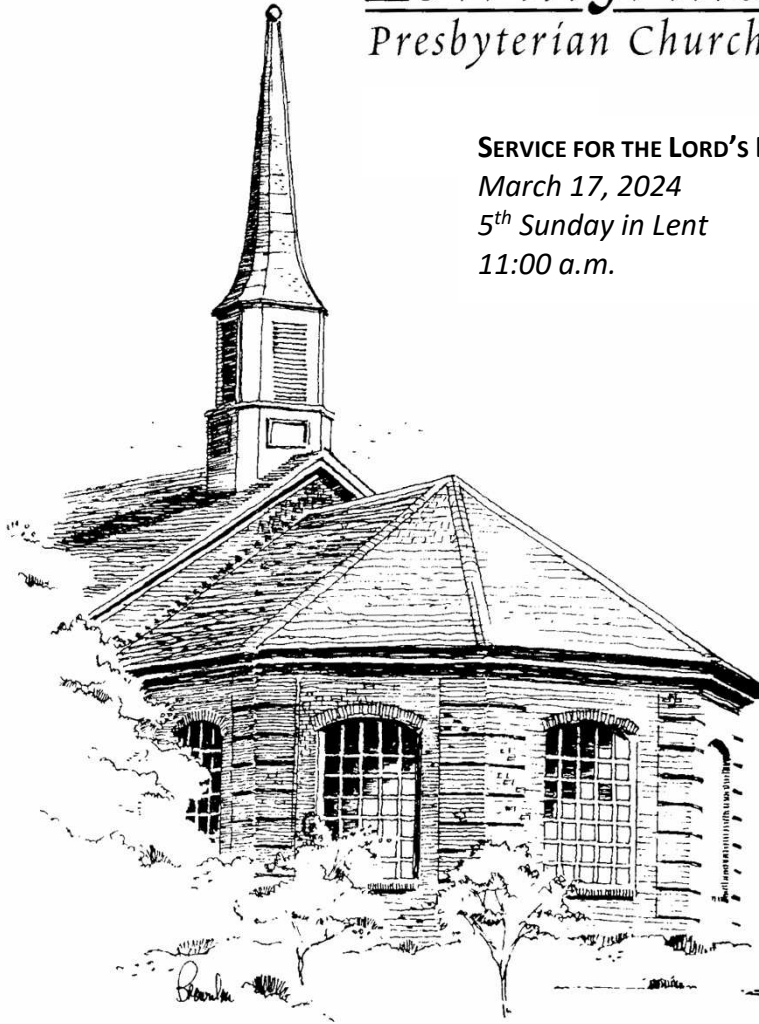
*Presbyterian Church*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*March 17, 2024*

*5<sup>th</sup> 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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**THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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\* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

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## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on Kelvingrove*

Charles Callahan

*Prelude on Slane*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hope in the Lord!*

*Psalm 130:7*

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with the Lord is great power to redeem.**

**Hope in the Lord! Let us worship God!**

### \* HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

GG 726

KELVINGROVE

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

*silence for personal confession*

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices.**

**Let your ears be attentive as we call out for forgiveness.**

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

**We wait for you O Lord, our souls wait,**

**and in the word of the Lord we find our hope.**

**Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.**

**Forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### RESPONSE

# Lord, Have Mercy

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

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## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\* RESPONSE

(Organ) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
 re - ceive our prayer. (Qrgan) For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A men.

\* 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**

*Amos 9:5-7*

OT p. 857

*Acts 11:1-18*

NT p. 130

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **SERMON**

*Even the Gentiles*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

### **MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SERVICE**

Pat Raffaele

Volunteer Recruitment Chair for Shepherd’s Center

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*adapted from the Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they

make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people

power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

## THANKSGIVING

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



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

### OFFERTORY

*Deep Peace*

Elaine Hagenberg

*Deep peace of the running wave to you.*

*Deep peace of the flowing air to you.*

*Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.*

*Deep peace of the shining stars to you.*

*Deep peace of the gentle night to you.*

*Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.*

*Deep peace of Christ,  
the light of the world to you.*

### \* RESPONSE

*We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs. 1)*

GG 708

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
sll that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from 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** *Be Thou My Vision* GG 450  
SLANE

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Peace I Leave With You* Amy Beach

### DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude on St. Columba* Charles Callahan

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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.

**Elaine Hagenberg** (1979-) is an accomplished pianist and singer who is becoming well-known as a contemporary American composer and arranger of choral music. She was born and raised in Vancouver, Washington, and studied at Washington State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree, and Portland



State University, where she earned a Master of Music degree in choral conducting. After earning her degree in music, she began raising a family of four children and composing while at home. Within the last decade, she has become a household word among choral artists, and she composes for a wide range of skill levels. Hagenberg's music is known for its lush harmonies, memorable melodies, and sensitive settings of poetry and texts. Her works have been performed by choruses around the world and have been featured at national and regional music conferences in the United States. In addition to her work as a composer and arranger, Hagenberg is also an active conductor and clinician and has taught at the high school and college levels. She currently resides in Portland, Oregon, where she continues to compose and arrange music for choirs of all levels.

**Amy Beach** (1867-1944) was the first female composer to have a symphony performed by a major orchestra (her "Gaelic" Symphony, premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1896). She was also one of the first U.S. composers to have her music be recognized in Europe, and the first classical U.S. composer to achieve success without the benefit of European study. Although a concert pianist who performed piano concertos with the Boston Symphony at age 18, her marriage put immediate restrictions to public performance and she was forced to focus on composition. After the death of her husband in 1910, she spent the years 1911–14 in Europe, where her performances and compositions were widely acclaimed. Beach assumed many leadership positions, often in advancing the cause of American women composers. She was associated with the Music Teachers National Association and the Music Educators National Conference. In 1925, she was a founding member and first president of the Society of American Women Composers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by in memory of our parents, Peter and Peg Grossi and Peg and Lindsey Booth, and of Claire's brother, Donald Booth by **Claire and Peter Grossi**.

### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. LeeLee Hunter, Chancel Choir

LAY READER

Karen Siple

DUTY ELDER

Madison Kloster

DUTY DEACON

Judy Herseth

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

John Baxley, Carlos Claros

**GOOD SAMARITAN DAY - TODAY** following worship in Fellowship Hall. We will have multiple Service Projects that are inclusive of all ages. We will be doing service projects for Lewinsville Retirement Residence, Falls Church Homeless Shelter, Miriam's Kitchen and McLean Falls Church children's Center.

**HOLY HAPPY HOUR – IRISH BRAZILIANS: MUSIC OF OUR CELTIC ANCESTORS, TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 5:30PM** – March's Holy Happy Hour tonight, March 17 at 5:30pm features the Irish Brazilians, a family affair with Offaly County's finest Lisa Greenfield on vocals, John Nothaft on piano, Sarah Berger on fiddle, Daniel Nothaft and Uberaba's own, Marylia Duarte, on guitar, as well as Celtic harp, cello and flute.



**CHILI COOK-OFF AND MARCH MADNESS** - all-ages party at Lewinsville on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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#/>

# MARCH IS. . .

Lewinsville's Easter Egg Hunt is for the church and the wider 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 collecting donations of pre-stuffed eggs or requesting church groups to hold egg stuffings at their gatherings. Bins will be located at various locations around the church for the collection of the filled eggs.

## Easter Egg Collection Month

Volunteers are also needed to run the games in the Pavilion before each of the hunts. Sign up for one, two or all of the hunts at the table in the Narthex before and after worship.

If you have any questions or need eggs and candy for an egg stuffing session for your group, contact Allison Lineberger, [alineberger@lewinsville.org](mailto:alineberger@lewinsville.org)



**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.

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONED PIECE FOR EASTER SUNDAY** - 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



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](http://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.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

### **Palm Sunday**

March 24 11:00am

The Rev. Layne Brubaker preaching

*“Unexpected Hospitality”*

### **Maundy Thursday**

March 28 7:30pm

Foot Washing (optional); Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Stripping of the Church

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey, preaching

*“This is My Body, Broken for You”*

*(childcare available)*

### **Good Friday – Tenebrae Worship**

March 29 Noon and 7:30pm

Rev. Layne Brubaker, preaching

Narrative from the Gospel of John

*(childcare available at 7:30 service)*

### **Easter Day**

March 31 – 6:30am Sunrise Service in the Lewinsville Cemetery

9:00am and 11:00am

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey, preaching

*“Death Swallowed Up”*

*(childcare available at 9am and 11am services)*

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