

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

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 2:12).

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.



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* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Mozart Sonata K. 331 "Theme"

Evan Ayars, Piano

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Genesis 1

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created the world out of a formless void.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created all people in the image of God.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Let us live our lives in faithful response to the living God.

Let us worship God!

* **HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

GG 14

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Psalm 80

silence for personal confession

Gracious God, O Shepherd of Israel, Lord God of hosts,

we confess that we have turned away from you:

neglecting the welfare of your creation,

trampling so easily on the creatures and the plants you have made,

taking from your creation what we cannot give back.

We have failed to help our neighbors who are in need;

we have failed to practice peace-making, even within our own families;

we have failed to tend the vines you have planted in our own lives.

Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious, more generous life.

In your compassion, return us to your way of love, justice, and peace.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE *Let the Whole Creation Cry, vs. 1* GG 679

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high,"
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, uplift our voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **RESPONSE** *Let the Whole Creation Cry, vs. 2* GG 679

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold;
join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God above!"

* **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 *Jeremiah 4:19-28* OT 703

Psalms 98 OT 551

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image - male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

THANKSGIVING

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OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual

* **RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.

S E N D I N G

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *Let All Things Now Living* GG 37
ASH GROVE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *"L'Oeillet" (The Daffodil) from Choix de mes fleurs chéries, Op. 46*
Mauro Giuliani (1781-1829)

Today, April 21, our worship service will conclude with a fire drill/walk-through, following the Postlude. We will gather in the LRR Pavilion for coffee and donuts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	Chancel Choir, Evan Ayars and LeeLee Hunter
LAY READER	Connie Church
DUTY ELDER	John Walcott
DUTY DEACON	Rachel Russell
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Daniel Howell and Carlos Claros

LEWINSVILLE'S SENIORS, KNOWN AS ROCKS OF AGES, will meet **Friday, April 26**, 11:30am, Room 102A for a light lunch. There is a suggested donation of \$7 to help cover costs. Following lunch, Alexandria (Alex) Johnson, our new Director of Communications, will tell us about herself, her family and her education. She may mention the places she has worked previously too. Then she will talk about this new full-time position for LPC and what her plans are. Join us so you can get better acquainted with Alex and greet church friends. Let either Lois Dokken at 703-789-0617 mandokken@aol.com or Wendy Maiwurm at 703-622-1659 wmaiwurm@gmail.com know if you can come. Hope to see many of you on the 26th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 5 - On Sunday, May 5, immediately following worship, the congregation of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will gather for a congregational meeting, for the purpose of electing Harriet Hopkins to serve as a Deacon/Stephen Minister at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, in the class of 2027. We hope that you will join us for this meeting.

MCLEAN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CHOIR - Lewinsville will host the McLean Interfaith Community Choir on **Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm**. There will be weekly rehearsals at Lewinsville on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in April. Please contact John Nothaft if you'd like to join in this community building event!

REFORMED IDENTITY AND GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY: THE CASE OF ASIA - Immanuel Presbyterian Church, McLean VA 1125 Savile Lane, McLean, VA. The Reformed Institute is hosting Rev. Dr. David Chao of Princeton Theological Seminary for a morning lecture, discussion, and light breakfast on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 am to 11am. His address is titled: Reformed Identity, Christendom, and Global Christianity: The Case of Asia." Register at <https://reformedinstitute.org>

JOIN THE SECOND SATURDAY SET ON SATURDAY, MAY 11- to hear all about the on-the-road adventures of our very own biker gang, well, biker couple, Bob and Beverly Johnson. Yes, they really did get on those big hogs (motorcycles to the uninitiated) and traveled the country ... and they have pictures to share and stories to tell! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a potluck KFC picnic dinner. Please let Beverly know right away that you'll be there and that you'll bring an appetizer, a summer salad or dessert to share, plus your own adult beverage. Call 415-717-0742 or email beverlysjohnson50@gmail.com. Leather jackets not required.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM (RRT) - Help furnish a refugee family's apartment! Check out the needed items list here: <https://bit.ly/RefugeeResettlementLPC>. Gently used items accepted. Drop off donations in the Toddler Room, by the Nursery in Heritage Hall. For furniture inquiries, contact Karen Steel at adriankarensteel@gmail.com. For other donations, reach out to Harriet Hopkins at hjhopkins2020@gmail.com. Let's make their new home cozy! Thank you for your generosity.