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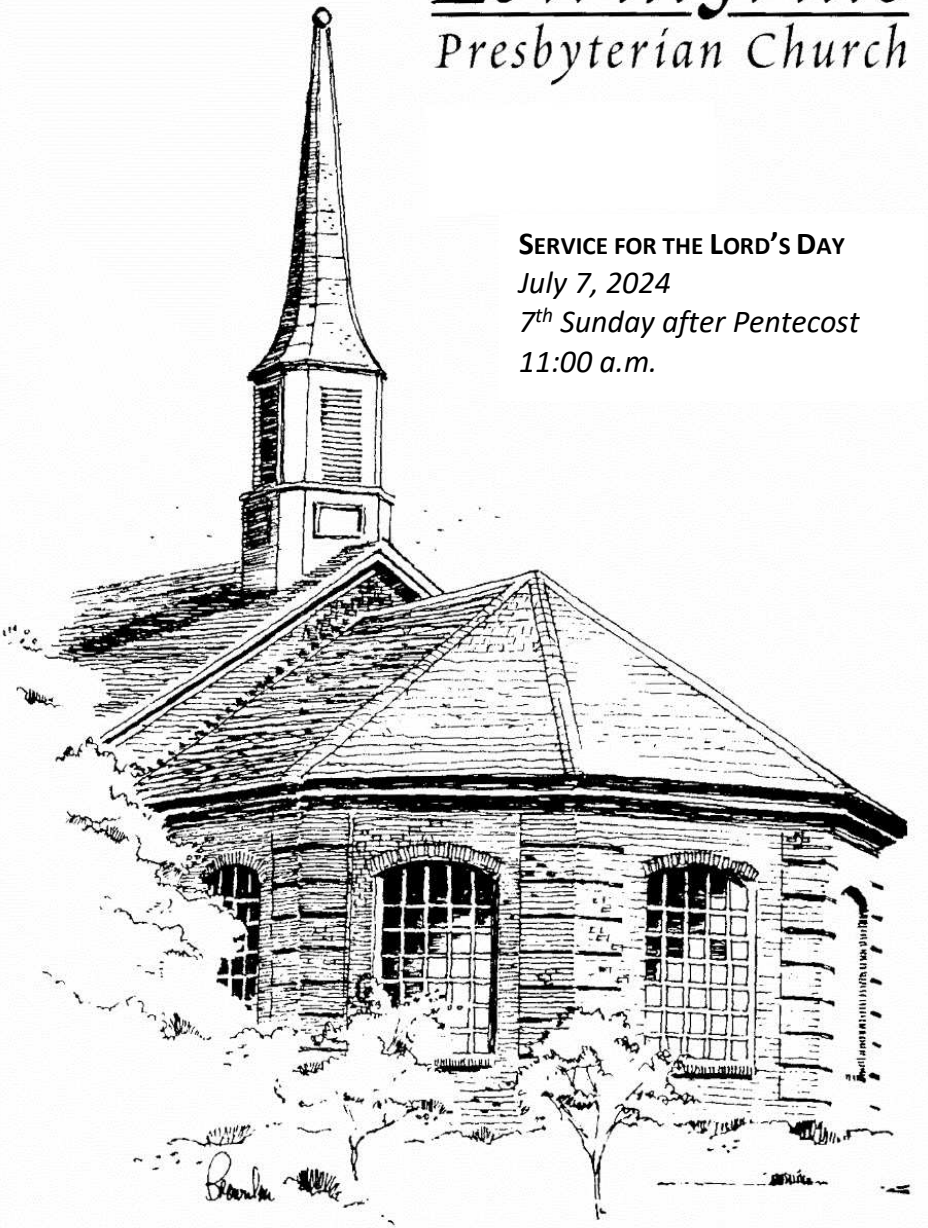
Presbyterian Church



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
July 7, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost
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 *Bourrée from Music for the Royal Fireworks*
George Frederic Handel

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, *Lamentations 3:22-23*
God's mercies never come to an end;
These gifts from God are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord our God!

* **HYMN** *Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* GG 503
O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION
silence for personal confession
Gracious God, we confess that trusting you does not come easy,
when each day we are faced with the difficulties of our lives and the pain of the world.
We have trouble trusting that your love conquers fear.
We have difficulty believing that your power is often revealed through weakness.
We find it hard to imagine that you could heal us of our deepest hurts.
Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you,
So that we may grow in our relationships with Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen

RESPONSE *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (vs. 1)* GG 435

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

* **RESPONSE** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (vs. 2)* GG 435

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

* **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 *Psalm 97* OT p. 551
Exodus 15:20-21 OT p. 62

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Celebration (Miriam)* The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* **HYMN** *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful (sung four times)* GG 654

verse 1 (everyone) IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
verse 2 (upper voices)
verse 3 (lower voices)
verse 4 (everyone*)*

* **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 *Fill Your Hearts With Joy and Gladness* Sarah Quartel

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,

might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

* **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. Amen.

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 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 555

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and 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 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GG 543

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Holy God, we thank you for your presence in this meal, in our lives, and in the world. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be ambassadors of your love and your grace, as we interact with our neighbors this week. Use your church around the world, as an agent of mercy, justice, and truth. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *This Is My Song* GG 340
FINLANDIA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing from Music for the Royal Fireworks*
George Frederic Handel

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2024

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY	Lewinsville Upper Voices
LAY READER	Mary Frase
DUTY ELDER	Karen Hager
DUTY DEACON	Tom Staeger
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Daniel Howell and Carlos Claros

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 Deacon Fund covers emergency financial needs for church and community members, including rental/housing, medical and food support assistance. In the past month, the Deacon Fund has helped a community member keep the water on by paying an overdue water bill. Cash and check donations are received in the narthex after the worship service. Alternatively, donations can be made on the church website.

BRUCE DOUGLASS LED CE COURSE, "RETHINKING ELECTION" BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY THE 14TH. In his book, *God Saves*, Boulton writes, "What do we mean when we say a person is 'saved'? What does salvation include? How are Christians to understand it, and how is that understanding to share our everyday lives?" Bruce will lead participants through biblical and theological understandings of election, using Boulton's book to guide the discussion. The class meets for 4 weeks in Room 102A. Reading assignments:
for July 14: Introduction and Appendix 2
for July 21: ch. 1 & 2
for July 28: ch. 3 & 4
for August 4: ch. 5 & 6

Summer Pick-Up Choir Date in July - Help lead worship through song! Join the choir at 10:00 am to learn a pick-up anthem for 11:00 am worship.
7/21 - Youth+Children's Choir

BLOOD DRIVE, JULY 21, 2024, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM - Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, Lower Level. Register for an appointment at: https://bit.ly/LPC0721. Just one blood donation can save up to three lives and INOVA's inventory is at a critical low. INOVA Blood Services will accept donations at Lewinsville's Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building. Please bring a photo I.D. Hydrate well before and after donating and refrain from strenuous activity directly after donating. Walk-ins are accepted, appointments highly encouraged.

The Mission and Service Ministry Group is excited to announce our upcoming "Christmas in July"! Throughout the month of July, we invite you to visit St. Andrew's Hall, where a Christmas tree will be adorned with special ornaments, each representing a unique mission opportunity.

Each ornament on the tree will present a different way you can support our mission partners. Some ornaments will encourage you to "go and serve," offering opportunities for hands-on involvement. Others will suggest ways to give, highlighting specific needs and projects you can support financially. There will also be ornaments inviting you to pray for our mission partners and their important work.

While we often focus on giving and support during Advent and Christmas, our mission partners need our help all year long. Christmas in July is a wonderful way to extend our support into the summer months, ensuring that our mission partners receive the ongoing assistance they need to continue their vital work.

We hope everyone will take a moment to grab an ornament from the tree and participate in this meaningful initiative. Whether you choose to serve, give, or pray, your involvement is crucial in making a difference in our community and beyond.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can make a lasting impact all year round!

Ministers	The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
Associate Pastor for Christian Formation	The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
Stated Supply Pastor for Christian Education	The Rev. Jen Dunfee
Director of Music Ministries	John Nothaft
Children's Music Specialist	Evan Ayars

Leadership at Lewinsville
Ruling Elders

Clerk of Session: Doug Smith

Treasurer: Robert Gaugler

Karen Hager	Spencer Deese	Janet Gale
Grant Mann	Betty Douglass	Lee-Lee Hunter
Scott Schlegel	Beverly Johnson	Jerry Kohlenberger
John Walcott	Madison Kloster	Alan Kohler

Deacons/*Denotes Stephen Leader

David Jessee	Judy Herseth	Harriet Hopkins
Leslie Kohler (Secretary)	Davi McDonald (co-moderator)	Rob Ransom
Virginia McCormick	Tom Staeger (co-moderator)	Corbin Rugh Rochedreux
Rachel Russell		
Sue Thomas		

Karen Siple*

Mission Co-workers

Brian and Helen Chapaitis, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jericho, VT
Andrew and Ellen Collins, Interserve (USA), Chiang Mai, Thailand
Frank Dimmock, The Outreach Foundation (Africa specialist), Decatur, GA

Church Staff

Director of Communications	Alex Johnson
Church Administrator/Property Manager	George Apostolakas
Financial Manager	Jeanne Melone
Church Office Manager	Sandy Albrecht
Facilities Manager	Steven Kirkland
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Gary G. Pinder

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