

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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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 11, 2024

* If you are able, please stand

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE Daniel Carrol

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The gospel is the story that saves us. It is the story big enough for all of us. It is the story of light and life, of breath and spirit, of fragility and brokenness and unending grace.

It is the story of fishermen and outcasts, of healers and healing, of seeds and weeds and surprisingly good Samaritans.

It is the story of death and resurrection, of living water and endless laughter, of hope and peace and love that never lets go.

Let us tell the story!

Let us worship God!

* HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

GTG 20

ROYAL OAK

PRAYER TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Gracious God, forgive us.

Sometimes peace is so far away, we cannot even imagine what it would feel like. Other times peace is close enough to be within our grasp, but we lack the conviction to reach for it. We fail to be your peaceful people, O God, when our

resolve is weak, our egos are fragile, or our imagination is lacking.

Draw us closer and closer to you until we realize you are everything we need.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Renew! 85

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy up on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

GTG 581

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 9-14 N.T. p. 6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MONTREAT REFLECTIONS

SERMON The Best Example The Rev. Layne Brubaker

HYMN For Everyone Born

GTG 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Iona Community)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a God, who is with us who sits down with us in our midst to share with us in our humanity. We are firm in a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: sent into action into vulnerability and into our communities.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life; and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of peace.

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

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Marc Imboden and Tammi Rhoton

*RESPONSE Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise *him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and 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.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** Closing: Be Still, My Soul

GTG 819

FINLANDIA

- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE CARILLON DE WESTMINSTER Louis Vierne

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.

Daniel Carroll is a rising sophomore at the Curtis Institute of Music, studying with Alan Morrison and Jeffrey Brillhart. He studied previously with Daniel Aune at the Peabody Conservatory, David Lang of the Reston Chorale, and Michael Galdo. He holds a passion for improvisation which he has begun to study formally this year, and hopes to pursue by studying abroad in the future. Daniel has been a regular church organist since the age of twelve, the same year he began playing the organ.

He holds the Organ Scholar position at St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh. Outside of the organ, Daniel played baseball until junior year of high school. Baseball was a part of his life since he was five. Although he did not begin organ until much later, it proved to be what he enjoys doing most.

Montreat Participants

Anna Heren
Daniel Howell
Paul Dokken
John Curran
Leah Sexton
Siobhan Grayson
Karen Steel
Maeve McDonald
Manerah Malike
Walker Hartge
Eimi Tuttle
Susanna Foster

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2024

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Music Ministry Daniel Carroll, Montreat Choir

Lay Reader Linda Bender

DUTY ELDER John Walcott
DUTY DEACON Harriet Hopkins

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY Daniel Howell, Carlos Claros

<u>Bike and Walk (or carpool/metro)</u>: Lewinsville thanks all who participated in celebrating Fairfax County's Bike and Walk to Worship Week by commuting to worship in a eco-friendly way.

<u>Summer Pick-Up Choir Dates in August</u>: Help lead worship through song! Join the choir at 10:00 am to learn a pick-up anthem for 11:00am worship.

8/11 - Montreat Choir

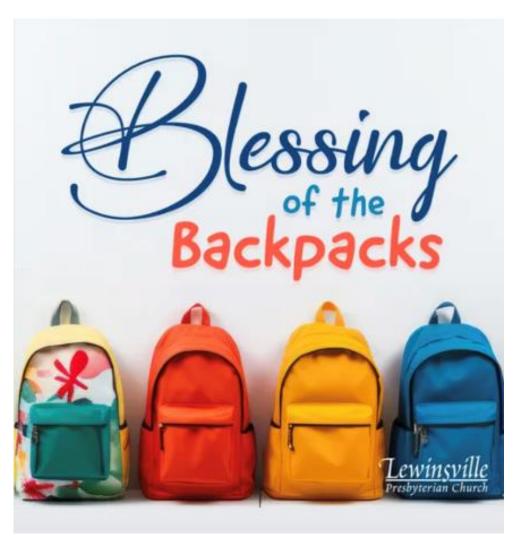
8/18 - SATB Choir

Bell Boot Camp!

Ring yourself into musical shape with an energizing and harmonious week of Handbell music!

Rehearsals will take place on Thurs 8/22, Fri 8/23, Sat 8/24 from 2:30-4:00 pm and the choir will ring and glorify God in worship on Sunday, 8/25 at 11:00 AM.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Sunday, August 18th: during worship Since school begins in Fairfax County the next day, the children's time and sermon stories on the 18th will focus on God "being with" children at all times, in everything, and everywhere. A backpack blessing helps children see a connection between church and school, preschool or daycare. The God the children hear about in church does not "stay" in the church building. God is with them everywhere, even and especially in school.



Lewinsville's Music Ministry Donates Previous Bell Tables to 'Music to Free':

Lewinsville's Music Ministry recently donated its previous bell tables to 'Music to Free'.

A local non-profit, *Music to Free's* primary mission is to bring handbell programs to low/fixed-income senior living centers, Veteran Rehabilitation Programs, and Addiction Treatment Programs. Programs are provided at no cost to the participants, facilities, or the host program.

Lewinsville's **Music Fund** assisted in purchasing new handbell equipment for Lewinsville's Bell Choirs. The new tables will be easier to set-up, lighter, and more manageable for the choirs. Learn more about Lewinsville's Music Fund below. https://www.lewinsville.org/music-fund/

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MUSIC FESTIVAL for Children and Families August 25th 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.:

Christian Education at Lewinsville supports family faith development by introducing bible stories in age-appropriate ways, building faith practices of prayer and worship, and proving opportunities for children to explore their gifts through participation in church life and service. The children's music program gives children a time for worshipping God, sharing their gifts with the congregation, a strong music foundation, and a time for fun and fellowship. The CE Festival on the 25th will explain faith formation in Messy Church, Sunday School Classes, Sermon Stories, Faith Benchmark mini-sessions, a new monthly Wednesday Worship service, and the opportunities for Choir, Music, Bells, and service activities. For children Pre-K through 6th grade and their parents (younger kids welcome or nursery care will be available.)

10:00 a.m. Donuts and Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:10 a.m. Presentation by Pastor Jen, John and Evan

10:30 a.m. Sign ups and questions

Make a Lasting Impact in Your Community: Are you looking for meaningful ways to stay engaged and give back to your community? You can make a significant difference in the lives of older adults who need assistance getting to their doctor's appointments. Join the Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church's team of volunteer drivers and help ensure that seniors have access to the vital healthcare services they need. There is no minimum time commitment. You choose when, where, and how often you drive.

If driving is not for you, ask us about our other volunteer roles like joining our board (meet 5x / year) or helping to coordinate rides!

For more information visit scmafc.org or call us at 703-506-2199.



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The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
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The Rev. Jen Dunfee

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John Nothaft Evan Ayars

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