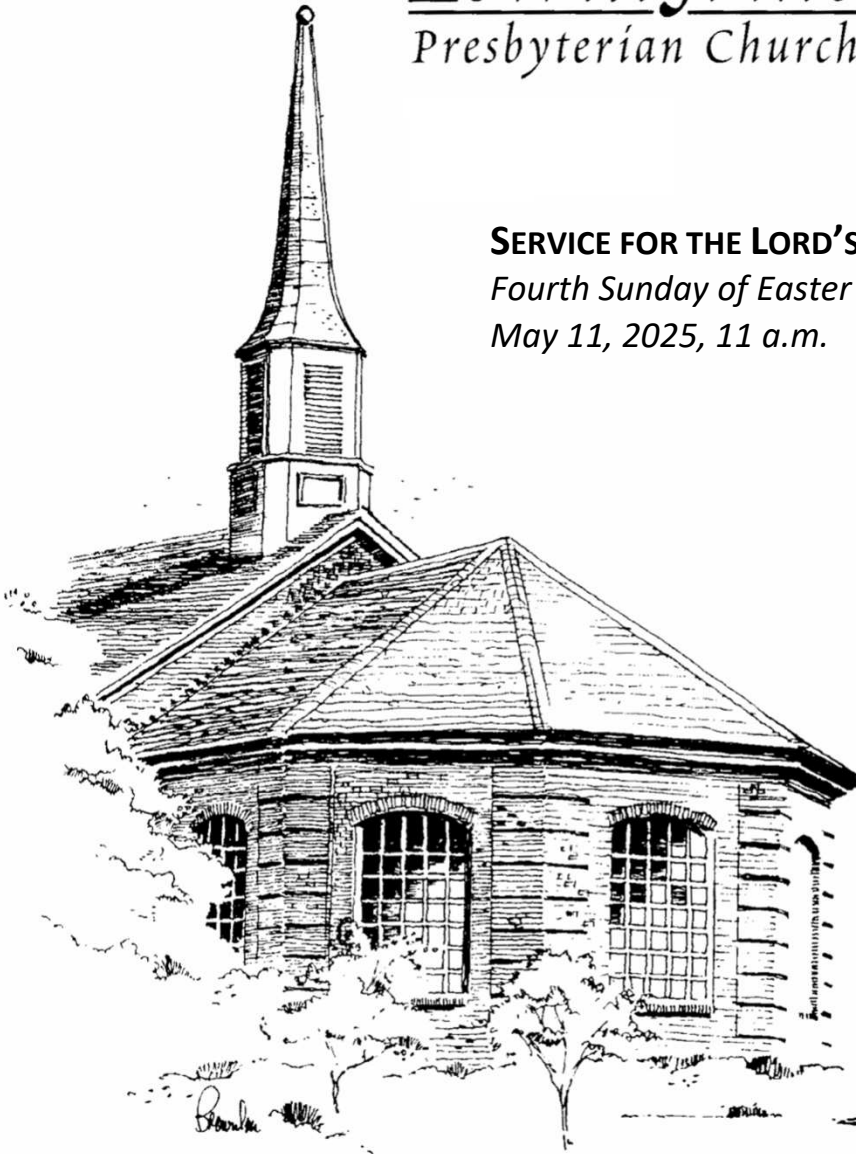


Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025, 11 a.m.



GROWING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church:
*Growing as a Christ-centered community
Of Belonging
Transformation
and Joy
So that we become more like Jesus.*

At Lewinsville, we want to put Christ at the center of everything we do. When we consciously and intentionally put Christ at the center, other things fall into their proper place. The purpose for putting Christ at the center is so that, day by day, we will become more like Jesus. We fix our attention on him, and then he re-shapes and re-forms us, bit by bit, in his likeness. More and more, we will love like him, forgive like him, serve the poor like him, and be vulnerably present with each other like him.

This journey of becoming more like Jesus is one of great **joy**, even amid loss and sorrow. It is a journey of complete and utter **transformation**, in which our hearts and lives are changed from the inside out. And it is a journey in which each one of us discovers that we **belong to God**, in the deepest ways possible, and that nothing can ever change that.

Worship is a primary activity in which we experience all of this. God's loving grace is poured out 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.
- Nursery care is available downstairs for our very youngest children.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video station at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Enlarged-print *Glory to God* hymnals are available from the ushers.

During the coming year, our hope is that each person who participates in the ministries of this congregation will become more like Jesus, and that we as a community of faith become more like Jesus together. Along this path, we will be transformed from the inside out, we will become agents of joy in our hurting world, and we will discover that each one of us belongs to God, now and forever. Let's embark on this journey together



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 11, 2025

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Love Never Fails

Christi Jones

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 23

God is our Shepherd; we shall not want.

God leads us to green pastures and restores our souls.

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, we are not afraid.

God is with us, offering comfort and strength.

Let us follow where God leads, with trust and thanksgiving.

We come to worship the One who brings life, love, and peace.

* **HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

GTG 366

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Loving God,

like sheep we have gone astray.

We follow voices that lead us away from Your path.

We cling to fear instead of trusting Your care.

We resist Your guidance and choose what is easy over what is right.

Forgive us, O God.

Call us back to Your fold.

Restore our souls and lead us in paths of justice and mercy.

Help us to hear Your voice and follow with faith,

that we may dwell in Your love now and always. Amen.

RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection

GTG 233, v.2

Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

LANCASHIRE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **RESPONSE**

The Day of Resurrection

GTG 233, v.3

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

LANCASHIRE

* **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 are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon. After the children's meditation, children ages PK-elementary school also have the option of leaving for Sermon Stories. Pastor Jen or a member of the Sermon Stories team will lead the children to Room 102B. Children attending Sermon Stories will return to the Sanctuary later in the service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23
John 10:22-30

OT p. 501
NT p. 104

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

I Told You Plainly

THE REV. LAYNE B. BRUBAKER

*** HYMN**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

GTG 802
ST. COLUMBA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Scots Confession (1560)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must hold fast, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

God is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By God we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory. Amen.

T H A N K S G I V I N G

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

This is the Day

By John Rutter

* **RESPONSE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

GTG 547

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* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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.

Pastor Scott is away this weekend for the graduation of his son, Will, from Sewanee: The College

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

The red rosebud in the sanctuary is in celebration of the birth of William James Bassett, son of Madeleine and Hayden Bassett. He was born on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025; his big brother is Henry.

MAY-JUNE MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ed Kenney	May 31, 2025, 2 p.m.
Lois Dokken	June 21, 2025, 11 a.m.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

MUSIC MINISTRY	Lewinsville Choristers, Chancel Choir
LAY READER	Dave Smith
DUTY ELDER	Jerry Kohlenberger
DUTY DEACON	David Jessee
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY	Daniel Howell/Milkias Kassaye (Aperture Media)

 **Church Assessment Tool**
To assess
congregational *energy*
and *satisfaction*



**Still Time Remaining to Share Your Thoughts About
Lewinsville's Mission and Ministry**

**What is important to you about the life of Lewinsville
Presbyterian Church?** That is the focus of the Church Assessment
Tool (CAT) that measures your energy and satisfaction with
Lewinsville. The CAT is open for your responses now through May
25. It's **anonymous** and anyone sixth grade and older is eligible to
take the survey.

The Session will be using the findings from the CAT in their planning for the future, and *the more people who take the CAT, the more helpful the results will be.* **WE NEED YOU TO PARTICIPATE.**

You can access the CAT several ways: the QR Code on this bulletin or following the [link](#) here. We also sent out a church-wide email last Sunday.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions in one sitting. (It will take about 20-25 minutes.)

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Pastor Scott or Pastor Layne.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Sunday School and Music for Children and Youth

At Lewinsville, children can grow their faith and their love of music on Sundays through worship and special classes for children. At 9:30 a.m., there is Sunday School for ages PK-12th grade. Music for PK-2nd takes place from 9:30-10 a.m. From 4:30-6 p.m., there are music and bells classes for children grades 3rd-12th.

Youth Group for Grades 6-12

Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. There are also special monthly programs for babies and toddlers, and for “What’s in my Bible” classes for elementary-aged kids. For more information, contact Pastor Jen at jdunfee@lewinsville.org.

Messy Church

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



The final Messy Church of the year is on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is “Gifts of the Spirit”. We will explore how each one is unique and gifted by God, at every age. Messy Church begins in the Sanctuary, followed by stations and breakfast.

Lewinsville Littles!

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 4:30 p.m.



The Last “Littles” of the year is on Sunday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. downstairs, for infants through toddlers and a parent. This short class is a faith-filled version of a child and parent music class.

Children’s Sunday School ends June 1 with a Breakfast Party: The last day of regular Sunday School classes is Sunday, May 25. On Sunday, June 1, families with Pre-K through Youth are invited to a special breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. We will celebrate the year, make cards, and assemble thank-you gifts for Lewinsville’s wonderful children and youth teachers.

Do You Know Someone Who is Graduating This Year? Let Us Know

We are gathering the names of graduates in our church family to celebrate their accomplishments! If someone in your family is graduating this year, please send their name to the church office **by Sunday, June 1**. All graduates will be honored in the bulletin on June 8, and our high school seniors will be recognized during worship.

Youth Lock-In

Friday, May 16, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.—Lewinsville Youth Room

Get ready for a night of non-stop fun, games and fellowship. All youth are welcome.

Montreat Youth Conference 2025

Sunday, July 27 - Saturday, August 2



Deadline to register Sunday May 18, 2025

Youth and leaders spend a week in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains to explore faith, strengthen their relationships with God and meet other young people from across the country. \$700 (scholarships available.)

Contact: Pastor Layne lbrubaker@lewinsville.org for questions.

Scan QR code to register

ADULT EDUCATION

A Place for Me: Navigating the Types of Older Adult Housing

Sundays through-May 18 - Room 102A and Zoom

There's a lot to know about housing for older folks. For example, what does Medicare cover? Not every home is a nursing facility. This four-week series, held during Sunday School here at Lewinsville, explores residential communities, assisted living and memory care options and offers a panel discussion from personal experiences. Sponsored by the Older Adult Council.



*Zoom Link for
"A Place for Me" Class*

The Gospel of Luke: Delve into the Movement and Mystery

Sundays, through—May 18 —Library

Rachel Russell leads a four-week discussion about Chapter 8 of the Gospel of Luke. A lot is going on in Chapter 8: a famous parable, a storm, family affairs, supportive women, a Gentile man controlled by a demon, a woman who needs healing, a girl who needs reviving, secrets to keep, and secrets to share. Can we slowly go through this chapter and discover more than we ever expected? What sort of questions can we ask? How have scholars and artists seen these stories? Let's deepen our faith by going slowly.

SMALL GROUPS

Faith & Fellowship

Thursday, May 15

This small group Bible study for those in their 50s/60s (and those younger and older in life transitions) will meet on the following days: May 1, 15. During an hour of Bible study, this small group explores the unique challenges and blessings of mid-life. Then, adjourning at 8 p.m., the group continues the discussion and conversation at a local bar or restaurant. No need to have attended in the past to attend now. For more information, contact Pastor Jen at jdunfee@lewinsville.org.

Five Guys: Faith Studies and Fries

Monday, May 19, 2025 – Date Change



The May “Five Guys” will now be on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102A. Karl Sandberg will be leading the discussion on the book of Nehemiah.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Bluegrass Sunday

Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m. Worship Service



Come experience and celebrate the joy of Appalachian worship music when the Choirs of Lewinsville are joined by a bluegrass band during the May 18 worship service at 11 a.m.

Holy Happy Hour Concert Series: The Annual J Clark Young Artist Series

Sunday, May 18, 4 p.m.



Lewinsville Sanctuary: Featured artist Anna Elise Smith will present a vibrant program of pipe organ masterworks including Bach, Verne, Durufle, Pachelbel, and Guilman. Anna Elise is a sophomore at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, where she studies harp and pipe organ. The J. Clark Young Artist Series pays tribute to Lewinsville’s former Minister of Music who retired after 37 years. The late J. Franklin Clark was known for leading music with deep pastoral care — with an emphasis on the word “minister.”

Salon Series Young Artist Recital

Wednesday, June 4, 1:15 p.m.

Join us in Lewinsville's newly renovated music room for this event that honors the rich tradition of music at our church. Kel Raphael performs Brahms, Bolcom and Prokofiev on Lewinsville's beloved Mason and Hamlin piano. Kel graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a double major in piano and computer science.

Lewinsville Follies!

Sunday, June 8 - 4 p.m.

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Sunday, June 8 - 4 p.m.
Sanctuary

100 Years of the
Grand Ole Opry

Want to perform with us? Singers,
musicians, dancers, comedians --
contact John Nothaft
jnohaft@lewinsville.org



Regionally famous hosts Cookie and Lennie the Lounge Singer join the Choirs of Lewinsville on Sunday, June 8, at 4 p.m. for the Lewinsville Follies! This year's theme for the Lewinsville Follies is *100 Years at the Grand Ole Opry*. Please consider sharing your talent with a solo/group performance from voice, instrumental, comedic, dance, and more! Contact jnohaft@lewinsville.org to sign up!

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New to Lewinsville?



WELCOME TO LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! We are delighted to welcome all newcomers to our church family! At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, we are claimed by God in Jesus Christ, called to live as a community of faith, and sent to participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom on earth.

As you embark on this journey with us, we invite you to explore our mission and vision, which guide our every endeavor. To learn more about who we are and what we do, please visit our website at lewinsville.org.

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