

Lewinsville

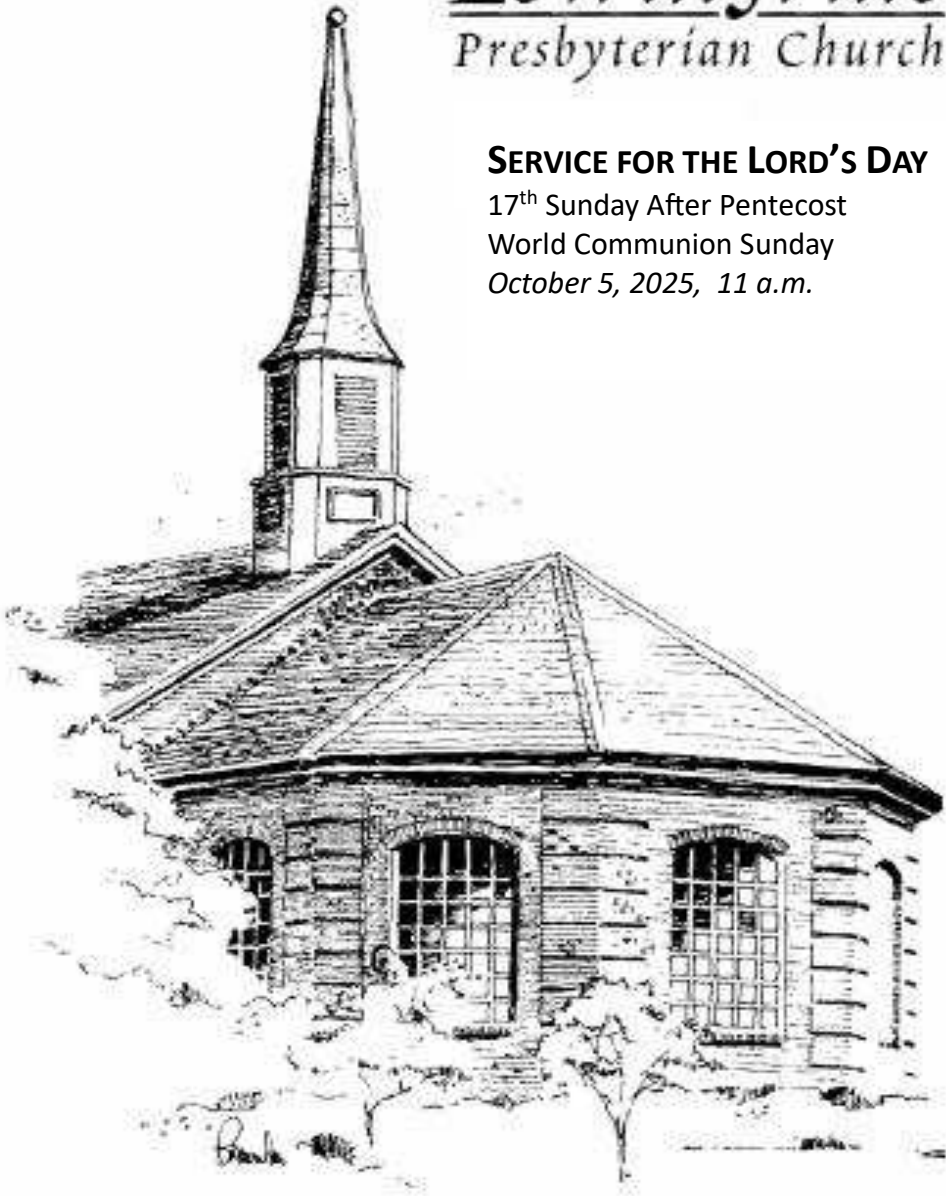
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025, 11 a.m.



ABIDING. PRUNING. BEARING.

Welcome to worship at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you have joined us, and we hope that worship will strengthen, comfort, challenge, and inspire you in your own journey of faith.

As individuals and a congregation, we want to *bear fruit for the kingdom of God*.

“Bearing fruit” is different from being successful, from impressing other people, from making ourselves feel good, from having people like us, and other tempting goals that we might be inclined to aim at.

“Bearing fruit” is about allowing God to grow something through us. Things like - *community, mercy, faithfulness, compassion, justice, hospitality, trust*.

In John 15:2 Jesus teaches us, “Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes so that it will bear more fruit.”

“Bearing fruit” involves *intentional and attentive cultivation*. Gardeners are well aware that one must prune a vine, in order for it to bear fruit well. There may be things that have accumulated in our lives, as individuals and as a congregation, that are no longer giving life, but to which we may have grown accustomed and comfortable. We may need to prune those things together. This pruning is always for the sake of bearing more fruit.

Worship is a central activity in which we participate in God’s mission of bearing fruit for the world. God’s loving grace is poured out upon all people, from the youngest among us to the older. We are delighted 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, we hope that your participation and involvement in the mission and ministry of Lewinsville will help you to bear fruit in your life!



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 5 , 2025

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Arr. Margaret Bonds

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious. God heals the brokenhearted and binds us together.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, and praise God's holy name!

* HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

GTG 317

McKEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

**Almighty God of mercy, of grace, of justice:
You have called all the world to one table,
but we have each pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but because of our greed and our envy,
too many in our world go without the basic necessities of life.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and arrogance, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.
Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us once again.
Transform us at this table, and send us forth from this table
into your broken world as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -



son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e



e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste



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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**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

GTG 591

HALLE, HALLE
(Caribbean)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah. (sing twice)

*** 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 146
Jeremiah 32:1-15

OT pp.581-2
OT p. 736

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Investing in the Future

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* 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.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Irene Foster

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

** Please sign and pass The Red Hand of Greeting Pad*



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OFFERTORY

Sisi Sote

Arr. Andy Beck
(East African)

*Sisi sote ni furaha. Kusherehekea!
Kuimba. Furaha. Ngoma.
Mafoki mikono yako! Hoja ya miguu yako!*

*Translation from Swahili:
All of us are joyful. Celebrate!
Sing. Joy. Dance.
Clap your hands! Move your feet!*

* RESPONSE

Take My Life

GTG 697 v.1

HENDON

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

*...and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.*

* **RESPONSE**

Santo, Santo, Santo

GTG 595

ARGENTINE SANTO
(Argentinian)

Santo, santo, santo.

¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir:

¡Santo eres, Señor!

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

GTG 555
LAND OF REST

**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

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(Austrian)

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ
and for filling us with joy at this table.

Lead us toward the unity of your church,

And help us to cherish signs of reconciliation.

Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us,

May we one day feast together in your heavenly city.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **GTG 610**
AZMON

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Jubilate* **Fela Sowande**
(Nigerian)

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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Bowen from his loving family.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry

Lay Reader

Duty Elder

Duty Deacon

Audio/Visual Ministry

Chancel Choir, Andrew Foster,

Kate Gibson

Barbara Gibby

Beverly Johnson

Kristin Kohler/Carlos Claros

(Aperture Media)

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Jane Edmondson

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 11 a.m.

Today: Inquirer's Class

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Are you interested in joining Lewinsville Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in exploring, with a group of other folks at a similar point in their journeys, what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like? Then plan to join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class, where you can learn about the core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as well as the ministry and mission of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. You will be among other folks at a similar point in their journeys, who will hear what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like. Childcare can be provided, if needed. Questions: contact Pastors Scott, Layne, or Jen.

Help Support Your Neighbors with Urgent Needs — Donate to the Deacon's Fund

The first Sunday of each month, the Deacons ask you to consider a donation to the Deacons Fund. The fund is used to help alleviate urgent needs faced by the Lewinsville community, The Deacon's Fund assists church and community members with rental/housing, medical, and food support. Cash and check donations are received in the narthex after the worship service. Alternatively, donations can be made on the church website or by scanning this QR code.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

Dinner Church

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 6 p.m.

Plan to attend Bachtobberfest and then join us for a German-themed dinner and casual worship service. Dinner Church offers an opportunity to worship God while sharing a meal together. It is an age-inclusive experience, designed to bring everyone into meaningful worship.

Mark Your Calendars for Life of Lewinsville (LOL) Sundays

Throughout September and October, take a moment on each of these Sundays to learn a bit about the work and mission of the various ministry groups and committees. You will find a table set up after the service where you can meet the members, ask questions and maybe find a place for you to get involved. October 12 - Choir; October 12- Care Ministries; October 26- Communications; November 2 – Older Adults Council and Rocks of Ages.

Save the Dates for Special Worship Services in the Life of Lewinsville

Anniversary Sunday, October 19, 2025, 11 a.m.

Join the Lewinsville family as we celebrate the church's 179th year. There will be special music as well as recognition for members who have been with Lewinsville for 25 and 50 years.

Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the Scottish heritage of Lewinsville with special Highland Bagpipe music.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Youth Fellowship

Sundays 6-8 p.m. Youth Room Upstairs

Share a meal, reflect upon your faith, play some games. Parents are invited to sign up to bring a meal. Contact Pastor Layne. Ibrubaker@lewinsville.org

Save the Date: Confirmation Class Begins

Sunday, October 12, 2025

This fall, Lewinsville Confirmation Class begins a speck journey for youth in sixth grades and above who are ready to explore their faith in a deeper, more personal way. Confirmation will run through April 2026. Each student will be paired with a mentor – a trusted adult from the congregation who walks the student through the process. There is no pressure, just a chance to explore, to grow and to listen to where God might be calling the young person. If your youth hasn't been confirmed and you would like more information. Contact Pastor Layne. (Ibrubaker@lewinsville.org).

ADULT EDUCATION

1st and 2nd Kings, led by Rob Hunter

Sunday September 21 - October 19, Room 102A and online

Kings 1 and 2 is part of the Deuteronomistic History, which includes Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings. A sprawling history with theological intent, it covers the reigns of 42 kings over 400 years. Kings has three critical reference points: the Babylonian victory over Jerusalem and the exile; the building and destruction of the temple in Jerusalem; and the Torah's ultimate centrality. This class will look briefly at the authorship, background, and importance of the book, but will focus primarily on what role such a book of ancient history might play in our spiritual lives today. We'll do this by looking closely at some of the stories the book recounts.

To Sing is to Pray Twice: Growing our Voices, Growing our Faith led by Choir Section Leaders

Sunday September 21 - October 19, Chapel

This course is for singers and non-singers alike, no music background or ability to carry a tune necessary. Learn a hymn through a deep dive into vocal instruction, theological symbolism, and growing each person's voice and language for praise. Each session will be led by one of the five section leaders with a special focus, such as beginning music theory and harmony.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Lewinsville Choirs Welcome You

Love the joyful noises of the Lewinsville Choirs? No matter what your age or skill level, there's a place where you will be welcomed in one of the Lewinsville choirs.

For Adults

- **Chancel Choir** - a great place to begin. Sing for the Sunday services and other events. All skill levels are welcome. Rehearsals Thursdays 7:30- 9 p.m.

For Youth and Children

- **Joyful Noise (Ages 3-Pre-K)** - Children explore their voices and learn the basics of singing, music making and become familiar with Christian music. Rehearsals Sundays 9:30 -10 a.m.
- **Lewinsville Choristers and Bells (grades 3-12)** - Choristers learn repertoire appropriate for use in worship services, while developing lifelong leadership, music and sacred worship skills. Rehearsals Sundays 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Bachtoberfest

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 4 p.m.

Lewinsville's own Jonathan Dimmock performs an all-Bach recital of works from the Clavier- Übung III. Stay for the reception and a German-themed Dinner Church service at 6 pm. All are welcome to this free program, hosted by the Lewinsville Music Fund.

MISSION AND SERVICE

LRR GALA Coming Soon – Still Time to Support

The LRR 50th Anniversary Gala is fast approaching! Gala tickets and sponsorships are limited. Individual tickets can be purchased on the Givebutter app., using the QR code or the link:
<https://givebutter.com/3JHCMX>



If you would like to help but are unable to attend:

- Donate a raffle item: experience or gift card
- Buy raffle tickets for \$10 each or 12 tickets for \$100 on the Givebutter app. using the QR code or <https://givebutter.com/3JHCMX>
- Make a financial contribution to the Friends of Lewinsville in recognition of the 50th Anniversary

A New Refugee Family!

Because all federal funding for refugee resettlement has been stopped, there are hundreds of families in our area who have no income and little help. The Lutheran Social Services staff has asked if Lewinsville could help with another family that is in desperate need of assistance. We said yes. We are also continuing to help the M family from Afghanistan.

The P family is from Ukraine. There are 2 daughters (age 13 and 8) and a son (15). Because the Temporary Protective Status for Ukrainians was revoked by the Administration in May, both parents have lost their jobs, are no longer able to work legally, and have used all their savings to pay for the past two months' rent. They have lost all public benefits, such as SNAP (food stamps), so they have no way to purchase food.



The Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT) has agreed to pay the P family's rent and utilities (\$2200) for three months, and we are sending them a \$2,000 check to pay for food and basic necessities. We are also reaching out to other churches in the area, encouraging them to join in supporting this and other refugee families. If you have friends in other

churches whom you might contact encouraging their church to provide assistance, contact Betty Douglass (ebdouglass22046@gmail.com) for further information.

It is only because of the amazing generosity of this congregation and the amazing donations many of you have made that we are able to provide this assistance.

THANK YOU!

FELLOWSHIP

Faith and Fellowship Small Group

Thursdays through October 30, 2025 6:30-7:30 p.m., Begins in second floor Rotunda

Faith and Fellowship is a relaxed small group Bible study for people in their 50s and 60s and/or with college-aged or young adult children. The group reads a chapter of the Bible or a Bible Study Book each week. No advance preparation is needed. The casual discussion meets from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. on Thursday nights in the second floor Rotunda, followed by an optional pub or restaurant visit for continued fellowship from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Email Pastor Jen at jdunfee@lewinsville.org for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need Prayer for Someone – Including Yourself?

If you would like your Lewinsville family to pray for someone or for you, there are several ways to submit a prayer request. Fill out one of the prayer request cards in the back of the pew and drop it into the offering plate. Submit a request online or call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Peter. If you wish, the names will be added to our weekly prayer email.

Calling All Contributors to the Lewinsville Newsletter - Deadline for Advent Issue

Friday, October 10, 2025

Do you have information or photos for the upcoming Lewinsville Newsletter, which will cover the months of November, December and January? Please submit it to Amelia Townsend at atownsend@lewinsville.org by Friday, October 10, 2025. Photos are encouraged. In fact, there's a special email: photos@lewinsville.org.

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STATED SUPPLY PASTOR FOR CARE MINISTRIES

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
CHILDREN'S MUSIC SPECIALIST

The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
The Rev. Jen Dunfee
The Rev. Peter Manning

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Leadership at Lewinsville Ruling Elders

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Congregational Nominating Committee consists of eight members elected by the congregation to serve two-year staggered terms. The Committee nominates candidates for congregational election to serve as Elders, Deacons, members of the Nominating committee, and members to serve on the Governing Board of Directors of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation. The committee also presents to Session nominees for Clerk of Session and Treasurer and recommendations for chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the various Ministry Groups.

The Committee seeks to nominate members of the congregation who possess particular qualities and gifts of Christian leadership that will enable them effectively and willingly to share in the governance and ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

For lists of those currently serving on Session, the Board of Deacons and as ministry chairs, see the Leadership Section of the Lewinsville website at www.lewinsville.org/lay-leadership/, and/or the church directory.

Please submit your nominees for the following positions by **Sunday, October 12, 2025**.

ELDER _____

DEACON _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE _____

FOUNDATION BOARD
MEMBER _____

Session approves the following positions; however, your recommendations are considered and appreciated:

CLERK OF SESSION _____

TREASURER _____

MINISTRY GROUP CHAIRS _____

You may submit your nominations through the offering plate, the box in the church office, the Lewinsville website, www.lewinsville.org or via email to Jerry Kohlenberger, Nominating Committee chair, at glkohlen@gmail.com. Online submissions can be anonymous.

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

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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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