



Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

Palm and Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026 at 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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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

All Glory Laud and Honor

Arr. Brenda E. Austin

* PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-11

... The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying,

"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

* HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

GTG 196

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(the congregation is encouraged to wave your palm branches)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

O God, we sing and praise you with gladness when we are among others who praise you, too. But in times of stress, we can seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We can betray those we love and who have loved us, and we can turn against you – too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your mercy and compassion are without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, forgive us for our sin, and teach us how to be steadfast like you. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Renew! 85

WILLAN KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon 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**

Take, O Take Me as I Am (Sung Twice)

GTG 698

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* **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.*

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*(After the announcements, children may leave to explore the story
of Holy Week in Sermon Stories)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PASSION NARRATIVE *Matthew 26:14 – 29* NT p. 29

* **HYMN** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* GTG 202
O WALY WALY

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 26:30 – 42* NT p. 30

* **HYMN** *My Song Is Love Unknown* GTG 209
LOVE UNKNOWN

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 26:43 – 56* NT pp. 30-31

* **HYMN** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* GTG 221
PASSION CHORALE

SCRIPTURE*Matthew 26:57 - 75*

NT p. 31

*** HYMN***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

GTG 224

ROCKINGHAM

SCRIPTURE*Matthew 27:1 - 25*

NT pp. 31-32

“...Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

“Barabbas.”

Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said,

“Let him be crucified!”

Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!”

*** HYMN***Ah, Holy Jesus (vs.1-4)*

GTG 218

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

SCRIPTURE*Matthew 27:26 - 66*

NT pp. 32-33

“...They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

“Hail, King of the Jews!” ...

*** HYMN***They Crucified My Lord*

GTG 219

CRUCIFIXION

*** 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

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



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the “Make a Gift” Button to give online.)**

*The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.*

*Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.*

*** RESPONSE**

Ah, Holy Jesus (v.5)

GTG 218

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

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

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

GTG 220

REDHEAD 76

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 22

(Please depart in silence)

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sandra Manzo Whitlock, beloved sister and aunt of the Mulherin Family.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry
Lay Reader
Duty Elder
Duty Deacon
Audio/Visual Ministry

Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Lewinsville Choristers
Pam Deese, John Thomas, Cathy Gaugler
Debbie Leavens
Carroll Bastian
Carlos Claros/Stella Sharpe

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Fran Pearce

April 18, 2026, 11 a.m.
(at The Jefferson, Arlington, VA)

Stripping of the Church

At the conclusion of today's Palm Sunday worship service, as we move into the passion and anguish of Holy Week, we will engage in the liturgical act of 'stripping the church.' The major liturgical elements of worship will be removed from the sanctuary at the end of the service: the Bible, the paraments on the lectern and the pulpit, the sanctuary flowers, the candles, the communion plate and cup. The removal of these elements is a symbolic way that we prepare ourselves for the stark, dramatic, painful events of Jesus' betrayal, trial, loneliness, and crucifixion. Just as the supports of Jesus' life were removed from him, so the various 'supports' of our worship services are removed from us. As we return to the sanctuary later in the week, our attention will be focused on Jesus and his cross.

March is Women's History Month

To honor Women's History Month, Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of female composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to promote and empower women.

Brenda E. Austin (b. 1970) is an internationally recognized composer, clinician, and conductor specializing in the art of handbells and choral music. A graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in Music Education, she is currently serving as the Artistic Director for the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. Austin's work is frequently featured at regional and national handbell festivals, and she is a recipient of numerous awards for her contributions to the field of handbell education and performance.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 2 - Dinner Church Worship at 6 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall
Communion and Foot-Washing

Good Friday, April 3 - Tenebrae Service
noon and 7:30 p.m. (livestreamed at 7:30 p.m.)
Scripture: The Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John

Community Resurrection Story with Butterflies!
Saturday, April 4
10:00 till 11:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship in Cemetery
Rev. Layne Brubaker preaching

9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Easter Worship, (livestreamed at 11 a.m.)
Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Brass Sextet and Tympani
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
Sermon Title: "Raised with Christ"
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey, preaching

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Gift for Jeanne (Shan) Melone

At the end of April, Jeanne (Shan) Melone will be retiring from her position as Human Resources and Financial Manager at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Shan has been serving in this role since June 2015. We are deeply grateful to Shan for sharing her many gifts – of financial acumen, of organization, of reliability, of friendship, of good humor – with the staff and with the congregation. We are going to miss her greatly. Over the course of the next few weeks, you are invited to share your appreciation for Shan’s work with her in ways that you feel are appropriate. She will be with us in worship on Sunday, April 12, after which we will have a reception for her at coffee hour. Additionally, in gratitude for Shan’s service to the church, we invite you to contribute to a Love Gift that is being collected for her. You may click the “Give Online” button at www.lewinsville.org and scroll down to the “Staff Appreciation” button, where you may contribute (or you may scan the QR code to take you to the giving page). Join us in giving thanks for Shan's ministry among us here at Lewinsville!

ADULT EDUCATION

Faith in the World Presentation—Dr. Ted Baehr

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Ted Baehr will talk about the intersection of his faith and the entertainment industry. Baehr is the Founder and Publisher of [MOVIEGUIDE®](#): *The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment*, producer and creator of MovieGuide Awards, and Chairman of the [Christian Film & Television Commission®](#) ministry. He is a noted critic, educator, lecturer, and media pundit whose life’s purpose is to redeem the values of the media while educating audiences on how to use discernment in selecting their entertainment. Dr. Baehr leads classes, seminars, and offers books to train and educate others in media wisdom, living the abundant life, and succeeding in Hollywood. He has been a featured guest on Oprah, Hannity and Colmes, CNN, ABC, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, and Entertainment Tonight. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

FELLOWSHIP

***“To Be Made Well”* New Online Small Group during Lent:**

Mondays March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

From hurting bodies and souls to hurting relationships and communities, it's clear that things are not as they should be. The gospels brim with stories of Jesus healing people, but what does that mean for us today? This Lenten online group will discuss *To Be Made Well* by Amy Julia Becker. Amy Julia weaves together her own story with reflections on biblical accounts of Jesus' healing work. Check the *Thursday Update* or email Pastor Jen for the **Zoom link**.

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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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