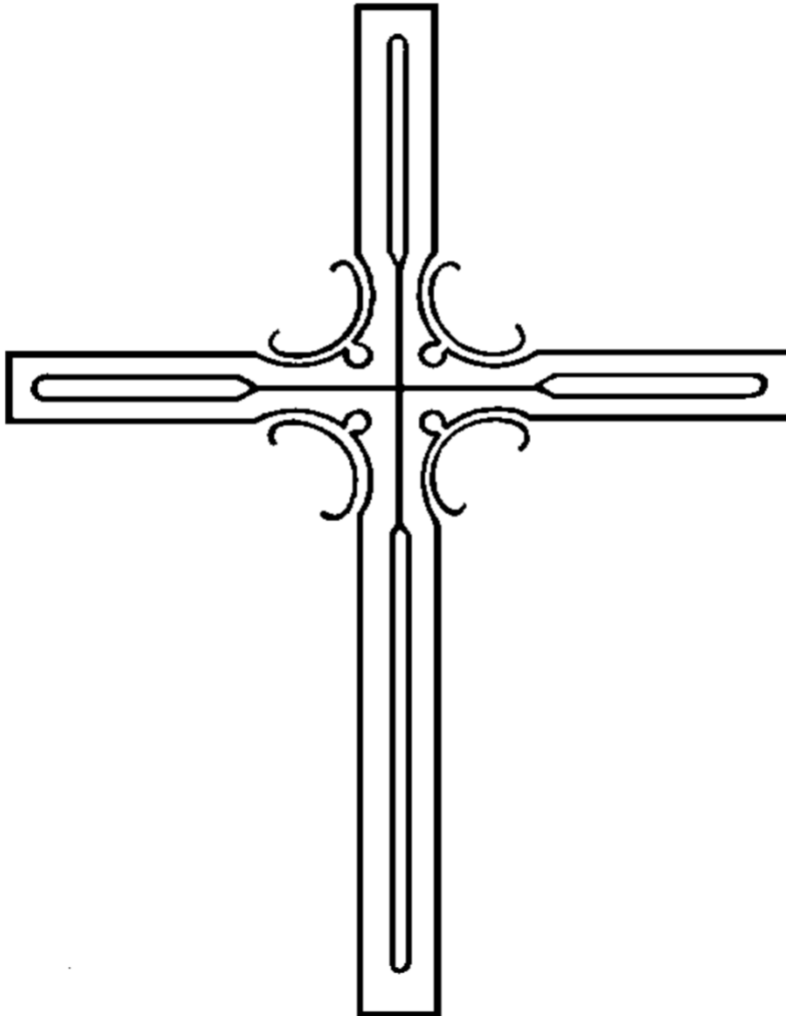




Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2026 at 11 a.m.



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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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dialogue

Nicholas de Grigny
(1672-1703)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let all of God's people give praise and worship to the Lord!

God is worthy of our praise and the delight of our hearts.

God has led us through the hard times and sustained us all the way through.

There is no one like the Lord, and let us never turn away from the Lord's guidance

Let the joy in our hearts sound forth, so that all may hear our praise.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GTG 39

FAITHFULNESS

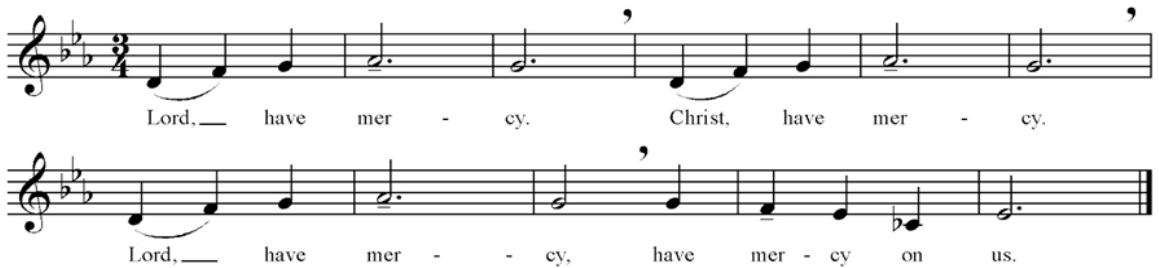
CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Gracious Lord, so often we have failed to put our faith in you.
We have chased after the lures of the world, the people around us,
and even powers we do not understand, before we have turned to you.
Forgive us, Lord, and as you led your children out of bondage in the past,
lead us along the paths in today's world that you would have us travel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord Have Mercy



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

* **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

T H E W O R D

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

There are no Sermon Stories during the summer. There are worship bags and children's Bibles available for children in the Sanctuary, and Bible story toys and activities in the coat room outside the Sanctuary doors.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:21-34

OT pp. 21-22

Genesis 33:1-11

OT p. 30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Deepening Relationships: Deception and Renewal

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* HYMN

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

GTG 311

TOKYO

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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



(Scan this QR code to donate or go to www.lewinsville.org and click the "Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

Sanctus

John Trotta

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Translation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts:
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.

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

GTG 607
OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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** *Blest Be the Ties That Bind* GTG 306
DENNIS
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *First Kyrie* Francois Couperin
(1688-1733)

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.

In celebration of Father's Day, the flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the beautiful lives of Penny and George Knight, parents of Pam Deese and grandparents of Spencer, Chad, and Kendall, by their dear friend Loretta Adler.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry

Lay Reader

Duty Elder

Duty Deacon

Audio/Visual Ministry

Tenor Bass Pickup Choir,

Michael Lodico

Mary Frase

Augusta Niday

Harriett Hopkins

Kristen Kohler /Carlos Claros

(Aperture Media

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Elizabeth (Liz) Steponkus

Liz was born and raised in Rochester, NY where she attended Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church and graduated from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. Liz eventually moved to northern Virginia, where she met her future husband, Bill Steponkus. The couple were married at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown and raised their daughter, Sally, in Falls Church. After Bill passed away, Liz decided to find a Presbyterian church. At the beginning of Lent, Liz began to attend Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Here she found members of the church and pastors to be welcoming and decided to become a member.

Brenda Pennington

Brenda has lived in McLean for 19 years; she is a retired nurse with three grown children and one grandchild. She loves hiking and traveling.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
JUNE 21, 2026
GENERAL**

Celebrating Pride Month at Lewinsville

During the month of June, Lewinsville celebrates Pride month and the inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church. We do this out of our conviction that LGBTQ persons are to be included in every level of the church's life and ministry. We joyfully recognize that the church would not be as strong as it is without the leadership and contributions of LGBTQ persons, and our denomination, the PCUSA, has affirmed this conviction in decisions at the General Assembly.

Get Ready to Support the Summer Mission Project '26

June 28-July 4, 2026

A Lewinsville team of youth and adult leaders will pack their bags, load up the vans and head to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina for the annual Summer Mission Project (SMP.) The team will serve, learn, worship and learn in an area hard-hit by Hurricane Helene last year.

You can support SMP even if you are not in the van. First, **follow our Facebook and Instagram pages** where the team will post daily updates throughout the week. Second, **pray for us daily.** The team will share their stories during the Sunday, July 5 worship service.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY**

Save the Dates: Upcoming Family 4F Events – More Details to Come

- Sunday, July 12, 1-3 p.m. Sports and subs at Dunfee Sharps
- Sunday, August 2, 1-3 p.m., Pool party at Gibby pool, hosted by Andrew and Elisha Gibby
- Saturday, September 12, 2-4 p.m., Bike ride and water ice, hosted by Grantz family

Want to host your own Family 4F or to learn more? Contact Pastor Jen.

YOUTH

Register for Montreat Youth Conference

July 19-25, 2026

All youth who have completed 7th grade are welcome to register for Montreat Youth Conference. It is a week of faith formation and fun in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions. Register with this QR Code.



ADULT EDUCATION

Let's Enjoy the Sabbath—led by Rachel Russell

Sundays, through June 28, 2026, 9:30 a.m. In person and by Zoom

Based on Genesis 2:1-3, the seventh day is holy because God blessed it and rested after the work of “creating the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.” And we are called to rest not because work is bad, but because joy, delight, and freedom are gifts from God.

- Can we disentangle ourselves from all the voices and to-do lists in our lives?
- What might this space become in our lives?

Join Rachel for three sessions on the book **“The Sabbath Way: Making Room in Your Life for Rest, Connection, and Delight”** by Rev. Dr. Travis West, of Western Seminary in Michigan. I’ll create some handouts, provide some information, and insights, but the heart of the time will be group discussions and smaller breakout conversations — including Zoom breakout rooms for our virtual attendees to ensure everyone can connect and share!

- June 28 – Time: Helpful and unhelpful metaphors. How can a flower image help us with Sabbath keeping? What other metaphors hurt or help us regarding time?

No Adult Education Classes Next Week

There will be no adult education classes on Sunday, July 5, 2026. Please plan to join us for SMP Sunday worship, when our summer sermon series, Deepening Relationships continues and the Summer Mission Team will share stories of their trip to Blue Ridge, North Carolina.

Journey Toward Justice Book Study - led by Bruce Douglass

Sundays, July 12-August 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Join Bruce Douglass as he examines the questions: What does “doing justice” mean? Does the Bible offer a coherent view of the nature of justice?’ You will explore these questions as you study the book, [Journey Toward Justice: Personal Encounters In The Global South \(Turning South: Christian Scholars in an Age of World Christianity\)](#)

Christianity's demographics, vitality, and influence have tipped markedly toward the global South and East. Addressing this seismic shift, one of today's leading Christian scholars reflects on what he has learned about justice through his encounters with world Christianity. Read chapters 1-5 before the first class.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Join the Summer Pick-up Choir

Sundays, through the Summer, 10 a.m.

Enjoy Singing but No Time for Rehearsals? The Summer Pick-up Choir may be the answer. Just gather at 10 a.m. to learn a song, then sing for the 11 a.m. service. All ages and voices are welcome. The dates and choir leads are as follows:

- June 28 - Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Choir
- July 5 - SMP Choir
- July 12 – Soprano Alto Choir
- July 19 – Zachary Gutierrez
- July 26 – Orff Sunday (Evan with Joyful Noise/Choristers with Orff)
- August 2 – Montreat Sunday
- August 9 – Jeannette Mulherin
- August 16 —Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Choir
- August 23 – Evan Ayars
- August 30 – Lewinsville Chorister Pickup

MISSION AND SERVICE

Good News Again from the P Family

The two things that the Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT) have been most concerned about with respect to our Ukrainian family are their legal status and their work permits. Both issues have been--at least for a few months--settled. **The family now has their Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole re-instated, and they have been granted Ukrainian Temporary Protective Status (TPS).** Neither of these is permanent; they must be renewed regularly. But for now, all is well. **And both Sergii and Olga have finally received their work authorization cards, so they can work legally for a few more months.**

The RRT Employment Committee (we now have committees!) is hard at work helping Olga get training and employment in the IT field (software testing). **If you can give us assistance, contact Don Lu** (arielanddon@gmail.com). When that is accomplished, the family will be financially self-supporting once again.

Until Olga is re-employed, we will continue to pay their rent and utilities and provide money for food and necessities--for a total of \$4,800/month. So, we still need your financial contributions to the RRT Fund!

CELEBRATING

Pride Month

Lewinsville
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The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
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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 guides 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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