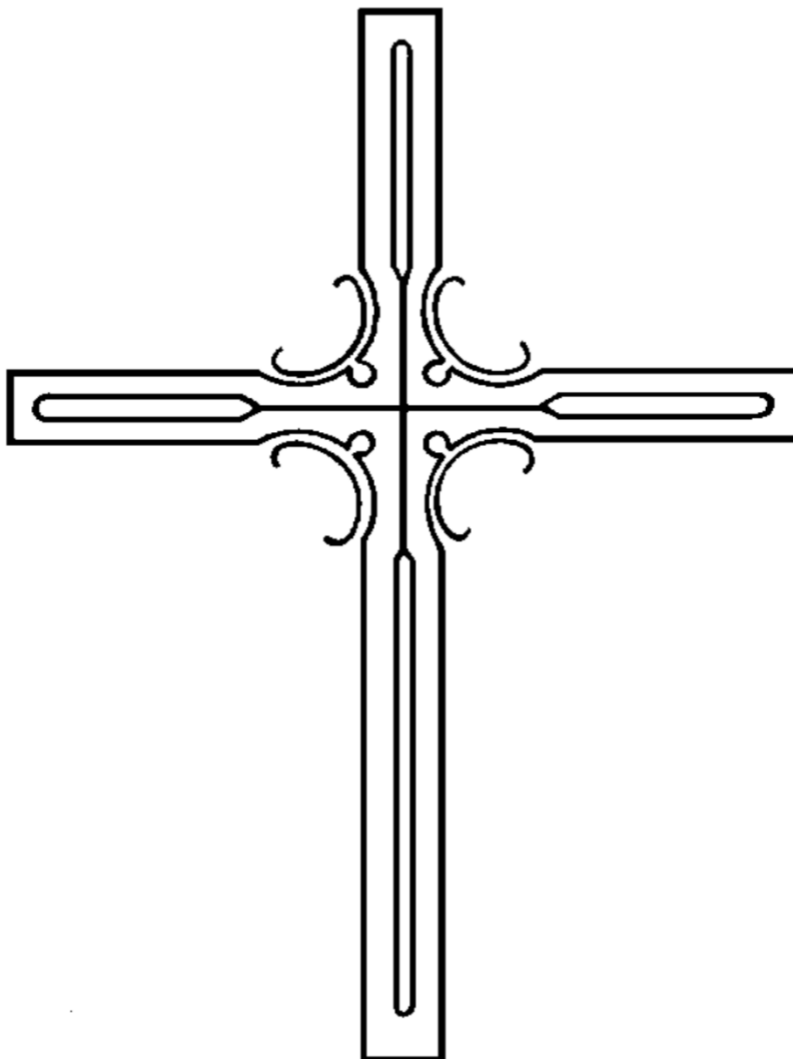




Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 545

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-5

O give thanks to the Lord and cry out to God.

Make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all the Lord's wonderful works.

Glory to God! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord—seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

* HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

GTG 687

ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

God of mystery, God of life, we acknowledge before you and each other that we have all fallen short of your glory. We have too often lived in fear, practiced greed, and placed ourselves in judgment over others. Forgive us when we fail to trust your grace which is at work in all things. Forgive us when we try to control others, rather than showing them compassion. Gracious God, transform us until our lives reflect your mercy, your truth, your justice, and your glory. We pray these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior, Amen.

RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas (sung twice)

GTG 205

UBI CARITAS

**Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

*Translation:
Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in Charity; God will dwell in you.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

* RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria

GTG 583

(Sung in Latin three times. Second verse in Canon with pulpit side singing first)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Translation:
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

* 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

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. Children will return to their seats after the children's meditation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	<i>2 Samuel 15:1-14</i>	OT p. 289
	<i>2 Samuel 18:5-15</i>	OT pp. 292-293
	<i>2 Samuel 18:31-33</i>	OT pp. 293-294

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Deepening Relationships: Parenting, Grief, and Love* Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* HYMN	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	GTG 833
		ST. MARGARET

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *United Church of Canada (1995)*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

Child of God

*If anybody asks you who I am,
Who I am, who I am,
If anybody asks you who I am,
Tell him I’m a child of God.*

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

GTG 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, 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 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**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GTG 753

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C, BWV 545

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 in loving memory of Susie Hudson Hill on what would have been her 77th birthday, mother of Davi McDonald, grandmother to Emma, Anna and Maeve McDonald.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in celebration of Samuel Roy Smith, Doug and Julie Smith's baby boy born on Monday, July 20, 2026. Sam is also the grandson of David and Mary Smith.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry

Lay Reader

Duty Elder

Duty Deacon

Audio/Visual Ministry

Joyful Noise, Choristers with Orff,

Evan Ayars, Michael Lodico

Linton Brooks

Jim Edmondson

Priscila Funes

Carlos Claros

(Aperture Media

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Barbara E. Pope

Saturday, August 1, 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Jen Dunfee, Stated Supply Pastor for Christian Education on Sabbatical

Our Stated Supply Pastor for Christian Education, Rev. Jen Dunfee, will be on an earned sabbatical this summer, as recommended by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Session. During this time, in order to provide for the sabbatical's goals of rest, renewal, and revitalization, it is important that members of the congregation refrain from being in contact with Jen. This applies to the variety of ways that we contact each other – by email, phone, text, mail, or in-person. We very much appreciate your honoring this time away for Jen. We look forward to her return at the beginning of the program year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

MISSION AND SERVICE

Christmas in July— Help a Student Head Back to School

It is time for our annual Mission and Service Christmas in July drive. Each year, we're reminded that generosity to our mission partners isn't just a December thing. It's a year-round calling. This year Mission and Service is focusing on back-to-school needs. Head to the tree in Saint Andrews Hall and choose an ornament. Each one lists a specific way you can help a student get ready for the new school year, whether that's supplies, backpacks, food, or financial donations.

Here's how it works:

- Choose an ornament from the tree
- Follow the instructions on the ornament
- Return items in the box marked for your mission partner
- All donated items are due back by Sunday, August 23.

Thank you for making sure a child you'll never meet starts the school year with what they need.

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

- 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

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Book Study: Journey Toward Justice Book—Leader Bruce Douglass *Four Sundays, Through August 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m.*

Doing justice is a common Biblical theme, and there are passages (Micah 6:8) that suggest it is central to Godly living. But what exactly does that mean? Does the Bible offer a coherent view of the nature of justice? If so, how is it related to other Biblical themes, such as the love ethic? Nicholas Wolterstorff is a leading American philosopher who has devoted much of his career to answering those questions. JOURNEY TOWARD JUSTICE is his most recent statement on the subject. It is a quite personal book in which he explains how first got interested in the topic and how the experiences that led him to devote so much attention to it have shaped his thinking. The book also has much to say about the relationship between Biblical teaching and other views of justice, such as the modern idea of human rights.

Participants will be expected to read portions of the book each week, on this schedule:

- August 2: ch. 20-24

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:

- August 2 – Montreat Sunday
- August 9 – Jeannette Mulherin
- August 16 —Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Choir
- August 23 – Evan Ayars
- August 30 – Lewinsville Chorister Pickup

FELLOWSHIP

FAITH250 INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

*Saturday, August 29, 5-7 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,
2034 Great Falls St., Falls Church*

Lewinsville is part of Faith250, an interfaith initiative to gather local congregations to celebrate the beauty of the United States, to work towards healing the wounds that divide us, and to grow towards the ideals that call us forward. The McLean-Falls Church cohort of Faith250 will host an Interfaith Community Celebration on Saturday, August 29, from 5-7 p.m. There'll be food, fellowship, and games, as well as an Interfaith Ritual of gratitude, awareness, and aspiration. Everyone is invited to this special community gathering.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate to the Chesterbrook Giftshop

Bring to the collection box in the church office

Do you have any summer or fall knick knacks, jewelry, purses or scarves you would like to donate to Chesterbrook. The gift shop is in need of new merchandise. If you are cleaning drawers or closets, keep Chesterbrook in mind. There is a box in the church office for donations. If you have questions, contact Claire Grossi, cbgrossi@gmail.com



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 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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