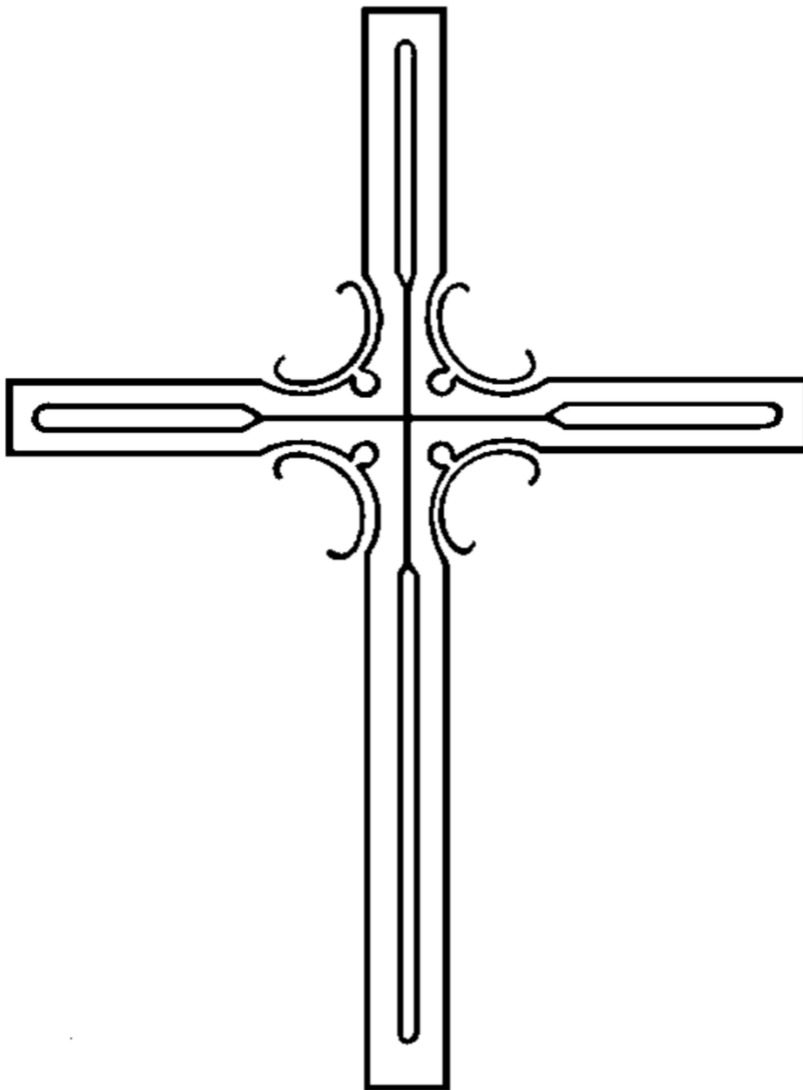




Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 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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Programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D-minor

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious Lord, as you fed your first disciples,

Feed us now, we pray.

Give us the bread of life that banishes fear and resentment.

Feed us now, we pray.

Give us bread to strengthen our hands and also our hearts.

Feed us now, we pray.

Give us bread to share with those in need.

Feed us now, we pray.

Feed us with your abundant grace, that your love may overflow to those around us.

Feed us now, we pray. Let us worship God.

* HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

GTG 37

ASH GROVE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silence for personal confession)

O God, while you feed all kinds of people in all kinds of ways, sometimes we want to pick and choose who should be fed.

Forgive us when we are narrow-minded.

While Jesus fed the hungry crowds with bread and fish, sometimes we offer only spiritual support.

Forgive us for neglecting the real material needs of others.

While Jesus offered meaningful connections and spiritual bread, sometimes we offer only physical help without actually connecting to people.

Forgive us when we stay aloof from others.

While the boy's fish and loaves fed the crowds, sometimes we want to hold tight to what little we have.

Forgive us when our hands are tightly clenched.

While Jesus offers himself to us, sometimes we try to go it alone.

Forgive us when we try to be completely self-sufficient. Lead us again and again to your generous grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Gloria, Gloria

GTG 583

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

GLORIA

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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:7b – 10

NT pp 185-186

John 6:1-15

NT p 97

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* **HYMN**

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

GTG 499

RENDEZ A DIEU

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA, 1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another Comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,*

*E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.*

* **RESPONSE**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GTG 35 v.3

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

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**

God, Be with You Till We Meet Again

GTG 541

RANDOLPH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ciacona in e-minor

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 remembrance of Flo Williams “Tootie”, loving mother to Lori and Bill Gray, and grandmother to Elizabeth, Caroline, and Nicholas.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

SATB Pickup Choir, Michael Lodico
Karen Siple
LeeLee Hunter
Carroll Bastian
Tom Kraft /Aperture Media

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

MISSION AND SERVICE

RRT Announcement for English Tutor for our Ukrainian Father

As many of you know, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church is supporting a Ukrainian family as they transition to life in the United States.

Their three children are learning English through their schools' English as a Second Language program. Their mother is learning English through a tutor and is making progress enough to have just secured employment providing translation services for a marketing firm. The father drives a delivery truck to deliver packages such as Amazon. As such, he has little interaction with spoken English which he needs if he is to advance in his job.

This is where you come in. If you or anyone you know may be interested in tutoring the father, once or preferably twice a week for about an hour via Zoom, it would be such a gift to this very deserving family. You do not need to know Ukrainian or have tutoring experience.

Last Week: Christmas in July (and August) — Help a Student Head Back to School — One More Week to Get Involved

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.

Mid-Summer P Family Update

Our Ukrainian family is diligently working its way through various hurdles to becoming self-sufficient. They are optimistic, ambitious, and enormously grateful to this congregation for our support.

- **English language:** Both Olga and Sergii are studying to improve their English. A friend of Harriet Hopkins is providing pro bono personal tutoring for Olga, and she is making great progress.
- **Legal matters:** After many, many months Olga has received work authorization attached to her parole status. This, plus the Temporary Protective Status (TPS) work authorization, will give her some security in being legally allowed to work for several months. One fear is that this fall Congress will not reauthorize the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole, which is one of the avenues that make it possible for the family to live here legally. Another concern is that the children's application for TPS has not been approved after almost a year and a half!
- **Work and finances:** Sergii is still working full-time as a driver for a company that delivers Amazon packages. Leslie Speidel and Meghann Klein have been working with Olga to find employment in the AI field. She has just been employed on a free-lance, part-time basis by an international marketing firm that offers translation services to ensure their clients are able to market their products and services in each native language where they operate. Olga's job will be to coach AI in Ukrainian - to ensure the text and prompts are accurate, making changes where necessary. Kudos to Leslie and Meghann for their help! Our hope is that this will lead to a full-time position with benefits. When that happens, the family will be financially self-sufficient.

We ask for your continued prayers for this lovely family and for your financial donations that are life-sustaining for them.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHILDREN

LOOKING AHEAD

4F September Event: Bike Ride hosted by the Grantz Family

Saturday, September 12, 2-4 p.m., Meet at the trailhead at 2371 Cedar Lane

Bike in Vienna to Rita's Custard and Italian Ice, then back to the trailhead. While this is a biking event, non-bikers and littler kids can meet at Rita's to join for ice cream. 4F stands for Family, Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

YOUTH

Youth Day Trip to King's Dominion and Soak City Water Park

RESCHEDULED

Saturday, August 22, 2026

We'll close out the summer with a fun-filled day trip to **King's Dominion and Soak City Water Park!** It's the perfect send-off before the school year begins. A day full of rides, splashes, laughter, and great memories. All youth who have completed 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome to participate. Please register at this link: <https://forms.gle/ZQXdEMQgb2AT63A5A>



Blessing of the Backpacks and the New School Year

Sunday, August 23, 11 a.m. worship service

As students and teachers head back to school, bring your backpack to worship on August 23! All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the Children's Message in worship.

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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Plan to Join us for Kickoff Sunday — September 13

Lewinsville's program year kicks off on Sunday, September 13. We will be launching ourselves into another year of growing in faith, worship of God, mission in our world, fellowship with each other, and care for the wider community.



KICK-OFF Sunday

Sunday school classes
Choirs and bells
Youth groups

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2025

Teleios
— GROWING UP TOGETHER IN CHRIST —
• EPHESIANS 4:13 •

**We launch our program year:
growing in faith, worshipping God, fellowship
with one another and caring for our community**

There's a place for YOU

Lewinsville
Presbyterian Church

The graphic features a light blue background with soft white clouds. At the top, the title 'KICK-OFF Sunday' is written in a playful, hand-drawn font, with 'KICK-OFF' in blue and 'Sunday' in red. Below the title are three overlapping circles: a teal circle on the left containing text about Sunday school, choirs, and youth groups; a yellow circle on the right containing the date 'SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2025'; and a green circle in the center containing the 'Teleios' logo, which includes a tree illustration and the phrase 'GROWING UP TOGETHER IN CHRIST' with the scripture 'EPHESIANS 4:13'. Below these circles, a purple text block describes the launch of the program year. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a diverse group of people (a woman, a man, a child, and two other adults) standing in front of a small church building. The phrase 'There's a place for YOU' is written in purple and red, and the 'Lewinsville Presbyterian Church' logo is in the bottom right corner.



faith250

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**COMMUNITY
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Dinner ★ Fellowship ★ Reflection

CHESTERBROOK UNITED METHODIST
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF
LATTER-DAY SAINTS
IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
MCLEAN ISLAMIC CENTER
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SATURDAY AUGUST 29 5-7PM

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
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The Rev. Layne B. Brubaker
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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 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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