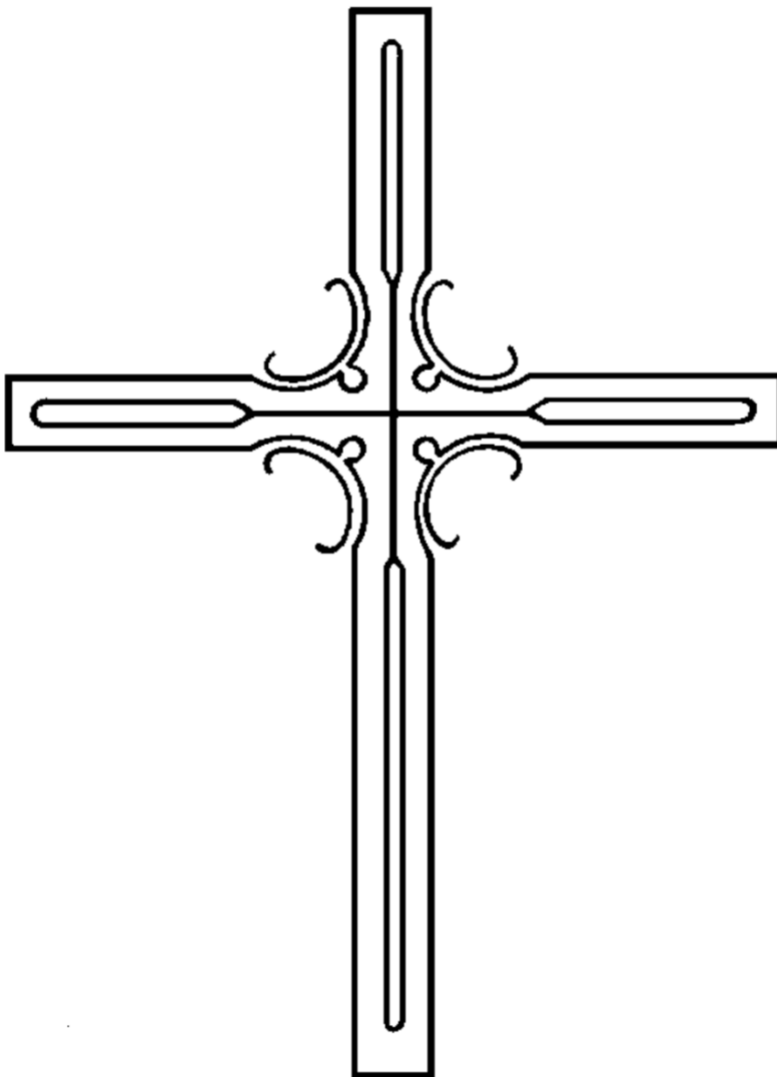




Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 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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Scan this code

Programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Canzonetta

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.*

*O sing to the Lord, bless God's holy name.
Proclaim God's help day by day,*

*tell among the nations God's glory and the Lord's wonders among all the people!
Let us worship God!*

* HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

GTG 667
LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Gracious God, in the global fellowship of your church on earth and in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, with our words, and with our actions.
We confess to you that we are exhausted, and we ask for your new life.
We confess that we have become hard-hearted, and ask for your new love.
We confess the situations where we have hurt and wounded others, and ask for
your forgiveness. We seek the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, so that we may
be free from the prisons we have erected. We pray all of this through the power
of 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	<i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>	NT p. 193
	<i>John 12:1-8</i>	NT p. 106

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON	<i>Deepening Relationships: Abundant Love</i>	Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
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* HYMN	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!</i>	GTG 839
		ASSURANCE

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

God made us for life in community.

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people, or against God and other people.

Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.

Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

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

You'll Never Walk Alone

Richard Rodgers

* **RESPONSE**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GTG 35 v.2

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

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**

Blessing and Honor

GTG 369

O QUANTA QUALIA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *Fugue on the Theme of the Bells from Soissons Cathedral* Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

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.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

Kate Gibson, Michael Lodico
Rachel Russell
Emily Foster
Harriet Hopkins
Scott Bartram /Aperture Media

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

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.

Church Offices Closed

Monday, September 7

The church offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 7. The regular worship service will be conducted on Sunday, September 6.

Plan to Support Your Neighbors - Deacons Fund Offering Next Sunday

Sunday September 6

Every day, someone in the McLean community finds themselves with a need greater than their resources can meet. They often reach out to Lewinsville for help with food, rent or support through a sudden financial crisis. It can be anything from giving them enough to stretch a fixed income or buy food to helping make those last few dollars of a major unexpected expense. The Deacons' Fund is there and your contributions are what allow Lewinsville the means to help those in need. When you see the Deacons holding giving baskets outside the Narthex next Sunday, please consider a generous gift. You can also contribute on the lewinsville.org website or by scanning this QR code.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHILDREN

Come Check Out Messy Church on Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

Messy Church is whole-family interactive worship and stations exploring a theme or Bible story. It is for kids ages 4 through 5th grade and their families. Older youth volunteer as station leaders. Messy Church begins in the Sanctuary with a short time of worship led by Pastor Jen, John Nothaft and Evan Ayars. Stations take place in Fellowship Hall and include singing, crafts, games, building and story telling. Messy Church concludes with breakfast at 10:40 a.m.

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 Intergenerational Sunday School Class

Sunday, September 13, 9:30 a.m., Room 102a

In keeping with the church's theme for the year, youth will spend the fall studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. So, on Kickoff Sunday, the youth will join an intergenerational class with guest speaker, Dr. Shane Berg, who will provide an introduction to the book of Ephesians.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, September 13, 6-8 p.m., youth Room

If you are in the sixth through senior high school grades, you're invited to join the Lewinsville Youth Ministry. It provides opportunities for youth to know Jesus through Bible study, spiritual formation, fellowship, mission opportunities and connecting with the broader congregation.

Pick Up Your Lewinsville Youth Calendars

Want to know what will be happening with the youth group this coming year? Then, grab one of the handy-dandy youth booklets after today's worship service. You will find them in the rack near the entrance to Saint Andrews Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Shane Berg Speaks on Kickoff Sunday: *You Truly Belong: An Introduction to Ephesians*

September 13, 2026, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Dr. Shane Berg returns to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church on Kick-Off Sunday for "Who Are We Together? An Introduction to the Book of Ephesians." This year, Lewinsville is drawing from Ephesians 4 to further explore the theme of deepening relationships. Dr. Berg taught Ephesians during his time at Princeton Seminary, and Pastor Layne was a student of his in that class. Dr. Berg earned his MDiv degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and his PhD in New Testament and Ancient Christianity from Yale University. Dr. Berg was the Executive Vice President of Princeton Theology Seminary. Before entering administration, Dr. Berg served on the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary for seven years as Assistant Professor of New Testament.

Aliens, AI and Alternative Reality Class

Sundays, September 20 -October 18, 9:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Layne, Pastor Jen and guest speaker Dr. Katie Reklis as they explore how the possibilities of aliens, the advance of AI and alternative reality space challenge our theological claims of the nature of humanity. What does it mean to be created “imago Dei”? How do we understand, relate to and worship God?

FELLOWSHIP

Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

This popular format returns for a 10-week session. This casual Bible Study and fellowship group met weekly through the end of October. Linda Bender shares her thoughts on why she enjoys this group, "Attending a Bible study with peers who are in a similar life situation offers a uniquely supportive environment for spiritual growth. We openly share struggles with others who can directly relate to our experiences and offer relevant encouragement and guidance. This shared perspective creates a safe space for vulnerability, fosters genuine accountability, and strengthens my faith."

Five Cities Bible Study

Monday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

The model of a casual five-part Bible Study over a 5 Guys dinner returns with a new theme: Five Cities. While learning about Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Babylon, Jericho and Rome, we will see how God's covenantal and redeeming love moves through places as well as people. It also affords us an opportunity to get to know one another.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

The Fall Music season begins on Kickoff Sunday, September 13. It promises to bring you a vibrant program of worship music and special programming. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to take part. **Lewinsville provides a fun and welcoming space where you can explore your interest in music and serve the mission of Lewinsville as well.** For **adults**, the **Chancel Choir** is a great place to begin. Sing for Sunday Services and events. All skill levels are welcome. For **youth and children**, **Joyful Noise** teaches children ages three through Pre-K the basics of singing, music-making and helps them become familiar with sacred music. The **Lewinsville Choristers and Bells** is for youth in grades three through 12.

For Adults

- **Chancel Choir**—a great place to begin. You will sing for the Sunday services
- **Chancel Bells** — Ring for services and special occasions. Open to any adult
- **Lewinsville Cantorum** - For more experienced members of the Chancel Choir. If you love Renaissance, Baroque and even contemporary pieces

For Youth and Children

- **Junior Choristers and Bells (grades 1-5)** -- The perfect place for a child to start. Children develop the fundamentals of singing, music theory and worship music in a fun, interactive setting filled with simpler songs and lots of laughter.
- **Joyful Noise (Ages 3-Pre-K)** - Children explore their voices and learn the basics of singing, music making and become familiar with Christian music.

MISSION AND SERVICE

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.

KICK-OFF **Sunday**

Sunday school
classes
Choirs and bells
Youth groups



**SUNDAY,
SEPT. 13,
2025**

**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**

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
CHILDREN’S MUSIC SPECIALIST

The Entire Congregation of Lewinsville Church
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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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