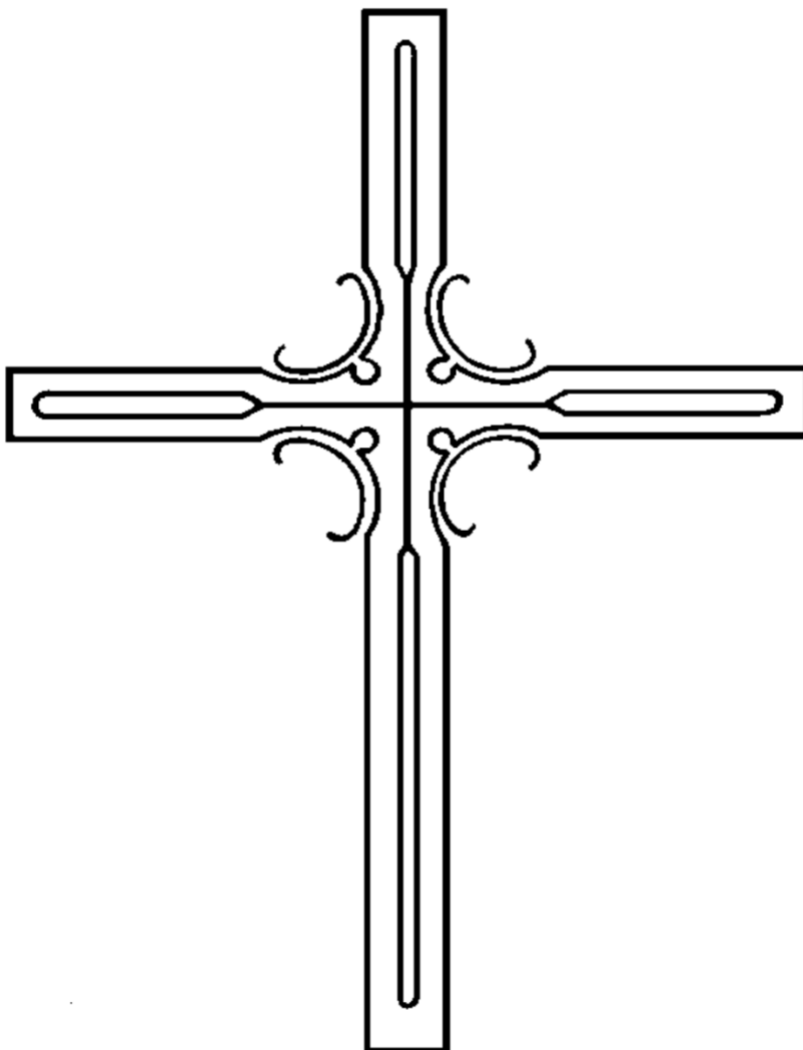




Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton (1946-2026)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now, to the glory of the one Triune God:

Let us worship God!

* HYMN

Morning Has Broken

GTG 664

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence for personal confession

Gracious God, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you and shared with us. We rejoice that we have been grafted into him, yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Forgive us for the times when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigour of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for being content - and sometimes even proud of - a few sparse or undersized fruits, and for the apathy which lets us go through some seasons without bearing any fruit. Have mercy on us. Heal our diseases, discipline and train our spirits, prune our unfruitful branches, and cut away our diseased ones. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. 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

Glory Be To the Father

GTG 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.

T H E W O R D

CHILDREN’S MEDITATION

Children are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon. After the children’s meditation, children ages PK-elementary school also have the option of leaving for Sermon Stories. Pastor Jen or a member of the Sermon Stories team will lead the children to Room 102B.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-11

NT pp. 109-110

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Deepening Relationships: Staying Connected to the Vine*

Rev. Layne B. Brubaker

*** HYMN**

Abide with Me

GTG 836

EVENTIDE

* **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.)**

OFFERTORY

Le Lis

Mauro Guliani

* **RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 607

OLD HUNDREDETH

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

*...and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

GTG 592

SANCTUS (VASILE)

**Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and God of might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed, blessed, blessed
is one who comes in the name of God.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer continues.

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Alleluia! Amen.

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake. Gluten-free bread is available. Wine is in the outside ring; grape juice is on the inside. Please indicate your preference.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lamb of God

GTG 603

AGNUS DEI (VASILE)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us, O grant us your peace.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Courante from Cello Suite No.2 BWV 1008

J. S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Loving God, You have fed us with grace at Your table; now send us out as Your blessed people. Make us humble in spirit, hungry for righteousness, merciful in heart, and makers of peace. Strengthen us to rejoice even in hardship, to love as we have been loved, and to walk in the way of Your kingdom, now and always. Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed* GTG 496
ARFON

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

My Favorite Things

arr. Brad Mehldau (b. 1970)

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	LeeLee Hunter, Michael Lodico
Lay Reader	Linton Brooks
Duty Elder	Karl Sanders
Duty Deacon	Fatmata Kamara
Audio/Visual Ministry	Rich Tullos / (Aperture Media)



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

HAPPENING TODAY

Plan to Support Your Neighbors - Deacons Fund Offering

Sunday September 6

Every day, someone in the McLean community finds themselves with a greater need 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 today, please consider a generous gift. You can also contribute by scanning the QR code to the right.



Dinner, Presentation and Worship Activities: Pastor Jen's Sabbatical Share

Sunday, September 6, 6 p.m.

Pastor Jen invites the congregation to a dinner in Fellowship Hall, with a presentation and worship activities for all ages; children of any age are especially invited to attend. Pastor Jen will present about her Sabbatical readings through interactive (and short) worship moments. Dinner will include gluten, allergy and kid-friendly options.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Offices Closed

Monday, September 7

The church offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Plan to Join us for Kickoff Sunday — Next Week

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.

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., Room102a

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. Dinner provided.

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, 9:20 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 "image Dei"? How do we understand, relate to and worship God?

Books the Lectionary Leaves Out: Lamentations, the Pastorals and Philemon

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

The Reformed tradition emphasizes the centrality of scripture. Many, perhaps most of us gain our knowledge of scripture from listening to readings in worship and to exposition on those readings by preachers. But what do we do about books of the Bible that appear infrequently or not at all in the lectionary? We cannot ignore them, since we are told that all scripture is important. The Adult Education Committee has decided to devote one class a year to such works. Last year we discussed Esther and the Song of Songs. Linton Brooks will open this year by looking at the Hebrew scripture book of Lamentations, describing the plight of those left behind after the Jewish elite was carried off into Babylon, the Pastorals (attributed to Paul but certainly written long after his time) discussing early church organization, and Philemon, Paul's only personal letter which raises questions about slavery and Christianity. This five-week Bible study will seek to discover the meaning of these works for our spiritual life today.

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."

Second Saturday Set

Saturday, September 12, 6 p.m., Bob Philipp's home, 9510 Spinet Court, Vienna

Test your knowledge on great old show tunes, from stage, screen and television, all played for us by Maestro John Thomas. Your challenge will be to identify all the different songs and tell us where they're from. We'll meet at Bob Philipp's home, 9510 Spinet Court, Vienna. Pizza will be the main entree because that's what you ate when you heard this music, but salads, appetizers and desserts would be appreciated. RSVP to gauglerr@aol.com, indicating that you'll be there and what you'll bring. And then start thinking, *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Dragnet*, and *Howdy Doody*. What a great chest of memories we'll be opening!

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

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.

Disaster Relief in Nepal: Support PDA's Response

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding after a catastrophic glacier collapse in the Himalayas triggered severe flash floods and landslides in Nepal. Drawing on deep relationships established since the 2015 earthquake, PDA has already dispatched an emergency grant providing essential food, medicine kits, and shelter support. As immediate needs evolve, PDA will accompany local partners through the entire long-term recovery phase. Please consider giving to support PDA's ongoing relief efforts in Nepal.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



Out of Chaos,
Hope

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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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