



Service For The Lord's Day
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026 at 11 a.m.



Growing Up Together In Christ

Welcome to Worship at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you join us, and we hope that your participation in the life of our congregation will strengthen, comfort, challenge, and inspire you in your own journey of faith.

All of us are *on a journey*.

Our journey is to *maturity in Christ*. In Ephesians 4:13, the Apostle Paul invites all of us to “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, *to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*”

The Greek word for “maturity” is *teleios*, which has a sense of ‘completeness’ or ‘fullness.’ We are on a journey to fullness in Christ. The *Message* translation describes this as being “fully developed within and without.”

Teleios is planted deep within us, and it is a summons from beyond us, drawing us forward to grow, develop, and mature in Christ. Jesus walks with each one of us, helping and, teaching us, as we grow up together in Christ.

Teleios is not about being perfect; it is not about “getting it right.” It is about growing in our capacity to love; growing in our willingness to forgive; growing in our readiness to speak the truth in love; growing in our preparedness to walk compassionately with those who are suffering; growing in our ability to set boundaries where necessary in our relationships; growing in our willingness to apologize when we have done something to hurt someone else.

Teleios is about growing up together in Christ. We do this individually, and we do it collectively, as a congregation.

As we grow up together in Christ, we claim the promise that God’s loving grace is being poured out upon all people, from the youngest among us to those who are older.

We are delighted to welcome *people 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 2026-27 program year, we look forward to your participation and involvement in the mission and ministry of Lewinsville, as we grow up together in Christ!



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Sunrise from Also Sprach Zarathustra

Richard Strauss

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God whose Word has power to transform!

We lift high the name of Jesus, whose name is greater than all other names!

The Spirit is moving. The truth is spreading.

Let us worship with open hearts and willing lives!

* HYMN

God of Great and God of Small

GTG 19

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silence for personal confession)

Holy God, You call us to turn from what is false and to follow the way of truth.

We confess that we have held on to habits, desires, and thoughts

that lead us away from You. We fuel the fire of our self-righteousness with the wrath,

slander and malice we focus on those we call "other." We have trusted in our own

strength, chased after what does not satisfy, and ignored Your voice.

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Forgive us, Lord. Renew the spirit of our minds and clothe us with a new self in Your likeness. Break the power of sin in our lives and fill us with Your Spirit, that we may walk in faith, speak Your truth, and live for the glory of Your name. 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.

THE WORD

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

Psalm 145: 1- 8
Ephesians 4: 17 - 5:2

OT p. 581
NT p. 194

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Growing Up Together in Christ: Putting On, Putting Away* Rev. Jen Dunfee

*** HYMN**

Christ Be Beside Me

GTG 702
BUNESSAN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Confession of 1967

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private life or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

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

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Arr. Indra Hughes

*Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire: with splendor He is crown
How awesome the sight is, our radiant King of Light
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
Amen.*

* 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, who 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** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* **GTG 716**
BEACH SPRING
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **DISMISSAL**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Major BWV 532* **Johann Sebastian Bach**

*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

Chancel Choir, John Nothhaft
Pam Deese
Karl Sandberg
Tom Staeger
Kristen Kohler /Aperture Media

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Name Tag System

Reusable paper name tags in sleeves are more earth-friendly (reducing disposable stickers) while also available for any friend or visitor to make before entering the Sanctuary. Already made a nametag? Find it on the magnetic boards under the letter of your last name. Wear it during the service and Fellowship time and place it in the bins exiting the service. Need to make a nametag? Ushers will have extra paper and sleeves available for anyone, any Sunday. A quick start to deepening relationships at Lewinsville is to greet each other by name.

The Blessing of the Animals

Today is the deadline to submit.

Sunday, September 27, 4 p.m. Pavilion

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will gather outside for the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your dogs, your cats, your rabbits, your guinea pigs, and whatever other beloved creatures share your home and your heart. All animals are welcome, and so are the people who love them. (Animals must be on a leash or in a carrier). The Blessing of the Animals falls near the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, who believed that every creature reflects something of the glory of God.



This year during our *Blessing of the Animals* we want to memorialize and remember the pets whom we have loved and lost. If you would like your pet to be remembered in this way **scan the QR code to complete the form**. Your memorial will be printed in *The Blessing of the Animals Bulletin*. If you would like your **pet's photo to be included** in a Pet Memorial Slide show on the Lewinsville screens, please upload it to the same form.

Inquirers' Class

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 3- 5 p.m. Room 102a

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lewinsville Presbyterian, or if you would like to know more about our congregation and denomination, come to this one-time session on October 4. Led by Pastor Scott, topics include "Being Presbyterian" "Reformed Faith" and "the Mission and Ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church." At the end of this meeting, you will have an opportunity, but not an obligation, to join the church. Questions: contact Pastors Scott, Layne, or Jen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN

Pick Up a Children's Ministry Brochure

Want to know how Lewinsville Church forms the faith of children along with their families? Grab a Children's Ministry@Lewinsville Presbyterian brochure to find the best fit options for worship, Sunday School, service opportunities, and engaging Bible Stories. The brochure also describes our Nursery care, the monthly children's schedule, and a QR code to download the CALLED app. Open CALLED anytime for immediate, at-your-fingertips access to the most updated schedules for Sunday mornings, what's happening in worship that day, and other family events.

Sunday School for PK-5th grade

Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 10 a.m.

1st Sunday Service for PK-5th grade and parents

Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Kids PK through 5th grade along with parents meet in Fellowship Hall to assemble Trail Mix bags for Martha's Table. Martha's Table feeds 600 people a day in Washington, DC through their mobile food truck, McKenna's Wagon. If parents prefer to attend the Aliens, AI and Alternate Reality course, reach out to Pastor Jen.

YOUTH

Youth Fellowship

Please note: There will be no Youth Fellowship, Lewinsville Choristers or Youth Bells this Sunday because Monday is a school holiday.

ADULT EDUCATION

Aliens, AI and Alternative Reality Class

Sundays, through October 18, 9:20 a.m. In person and via Zoom

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?

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

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

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.

Dr. Kathryn Reklis, visiting speaker on AI, Aliens and Alternate Reality

Sunday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.

Kathryn Reklis came to Fordham in 2012 after earning her PhD from Yale University, with prior degrees from Yale Divinity School, and undergraduate study in English Literature, creative writing, and documentary photography at UNC Chapel Hill. Blending methods from cultural history, critical theory, and literary study, she is interested in the conditions of possibility that make theological belief and practice possible at any given moment. Dr. Reklis teaches courses on modern Christian history, colonialism and empire, aesthetics and modernity, digital religion, and American Evangelicalism. She also writes the “Screentime” article for the Christian Century, examining theological themes in TV and movies. Dr. Reklis’ will present on: “They will know you by your love (for robots): Technology, Relationality, and the Ends of Humanity.”

FELLOWSHIP

Faith and Fellowship

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

This popular format returned on September 9 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, September 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. The first "Five Cities" will focus on Babylon, and the dinner will be provided by Moby Dick House of Kabob.

Rocks of Ages

Friday, September 25, 11:30 a.m., Room 102a

The Senior Songsters, a popular group of singers and musicians, will lead a sing-along. The group includes Lewinsville's own John Thomas on keyboards. Please remember to RSVP to Bill Black, wmjblack@gmail.com/703-448-5614 or Wendy Maiwurm, wmaiwurm@gmail.com/571-661-8775. We ask for a donation of \$7 for lunch.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Get Involved in Fall Music

The **Fall Music season** promises to bring you a vibrant program of worship music and special programming. **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

- **Chancel Choir**—a great place to begin. You will sing for the Sunday services 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays
- **Chancel Bells** — Ring for services and special occasions. Open to any adult 2:30-4 p.m. Thursdays
- **Lewinsville Cantorum** - For more experienced members of the Chancel Choir. If you love Renaissance, Baroque and even contemporary pieces

For Youth and Children— Rehearsals Canceled When There's No School on Mondays or on Holidays

- **Lewinsville Choristers (Grades 3-12)** - Learn repertoire appropriate for use in worship services while developing lifelong leadership, musical, and worship skills. Sundays, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **Joyful Noise (Ages 3- 2nd grade)** - Children explore their voices and learn the basics of singing, music making and become familiar with Christian music. 9:30-10 a.m. Sundays

MISSION AND SERVICE

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 by scanning the QR code.



Sunday October 4, 2026

On World Communion Sunday we will be joined in worship by Stephen Njoroge, the executive director of The United Matunda Academy and Children's Home (also known as UOA). Stephen will be sharing about his work in Kenya during worship. Following worship plan to join Mission and Service in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and meet and greet with Stephen.

SHARE Coat Drive:

SHARE's current inventory of coats sustained significant damage this summer. As a result, they are in urgent need of winter coats for men, women, and children. Any donations of gently used or new coats would be greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference for families in our community. Coats can be dropped off at any time in the sheds at the entrance to Share; 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Door #8. Or you can place coats in the designated bin in Saint Andrews Hall.

A Fall Update from the Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT)

This spring and summer we added 4 new RRT Members: Eve Jelstrom, Meghann Klein, Blake Scherr, and Leslie Speidel. Unfortunately, we lost two members: Skye Justice (who left in August to work in the American Embassy in Benin) and Don Lu (who has retired from the State Department and is moving to California in late September). Both Skye and Don have been invaluable to our work, and they will be sorely missed.

The S Family (Afghanistan): Parasto, the daughter in the S family, has passed her English proficiency exam in the Prince William County Adult Education program and is beginning to study for her GED! Parasto will again be selling knitted goods and jewelry at our Fair-Trade Sale in early December. Many thanks to Harriet Hopkins and Siobhan Grayson for facilitating all this!

The P Family (Ukraine): The P family continues to thrive, thanks to the generosity of time and money provided by this congregation. Some updates:

- **English language:** For months the parents have worked to improve their English by taking on-line courses. Now a neighbor of Harriet Hopkins is providing personal tutoring to the mother, and Bill Huneke (an RRT member from Trinity Herndon

Presbyterian Church) is providing English tutoring for the father. These sessions have allowed the adults to make great strides in learning English.

- **Legal matters:** We continue to be worried about their legal status. If Congress does not renew the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole by October 19, they will lose one of their legal protections. They will be applying for a renewal of their Temporary Protective Status on November 1, and the concern is that the current Administration will either revoke the Ukrainian TPS, deny the approval, or slow down the process once again so that they become “out of status,” hence unable to work. David Foster’s law firm continues to provide *pro bono* legal assistance and advice to the family.
- **Work:** Both parents have been delivering packages for Amazon. The mother’s part-time shift begins at 3:00 a.m., which enables her to be back home before the children awake and leave for school. The mother has also been taking online courses to become certified in the field of Quality Assurance. Leslie Speidel and Meghann Klein have worked with her all summer to seek out potential employers and develop resumés for various AI-related positions that she is applying for. She is currently waiting for responses to numerous applications.
- **Finances:** Phil Church has worked with the family to develop a detailed budget. Federal and state budget reductions have led to the family’s losing their SNAP (food stamp) benefits and the parents’ Medicaid coverage. This has dealt a significant blow to their finances. Our hope is that when the mother is finally able to work full-time the family will be financially stable.

We are totally dependent upon the prayers, support, financial contributions, and talents of this congregation! Thank you for everything.

Chesterbrook Donations

A huge Thank You to all of those who have made donations for the Chesterbrook gift shop, the residents were delighted with all the lovely things. They had their biggest sale day ever thanks to Lewinsville. All proceeds go to the resident fund to allow people to participate in outside activities.

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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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