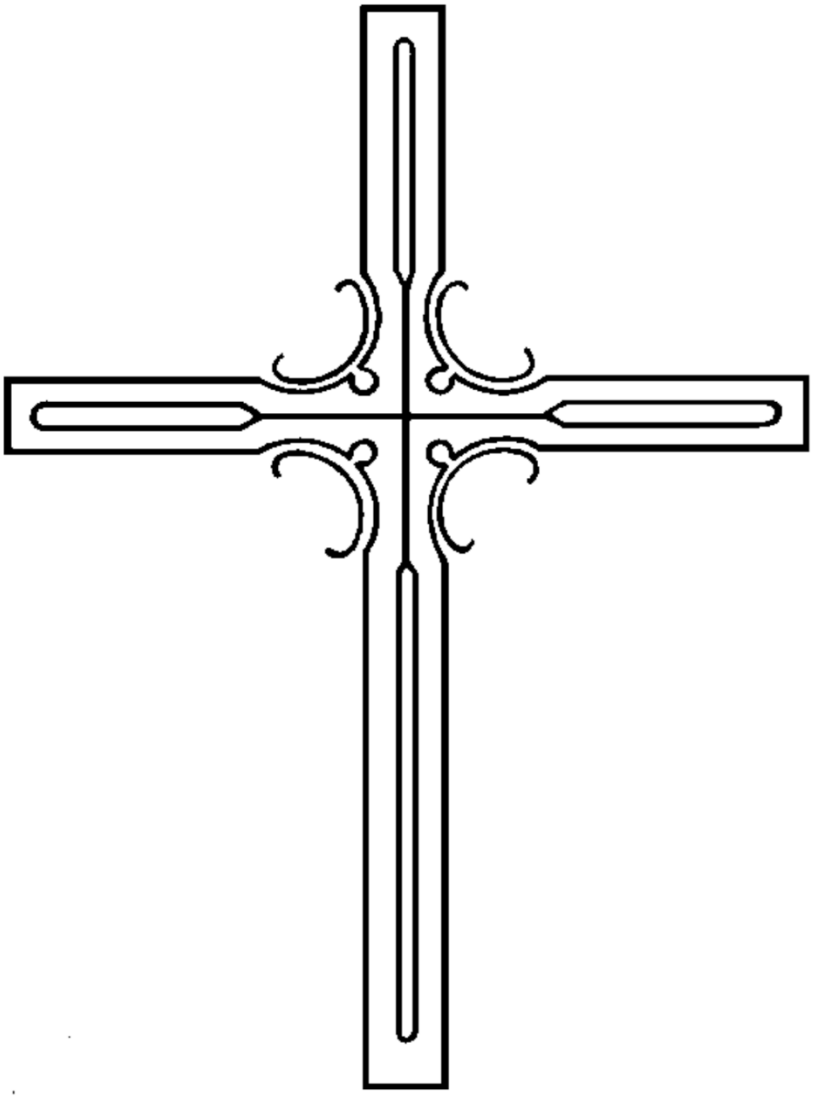


Service For The Lord's Day

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 at 11 a.m.



Growing Up Together Into 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!

New to Lewinsville?

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Programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Skye Boat Song*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made; *Psalm 118:24*
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Psalm 124:8*
Who made heaven and earth.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24:1*
Let us worship God!

* **HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* GTG 275
EIN FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silence for personal confession)

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you have called us to be your servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and timid when we could be bold. We are fearful servants, anxious and cold, who turn away from our neighbors. Have mercy on us, O God, forgive us, and set us free from the power of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

RESPONSE *Peace of God Be with You* GTG 448
(first time in English, second time in Arabic) AS-SALAAMU LAKIM

ENGLISH:
Peace of God be with you.
Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam.
Peace of God be with you.

ARABIC:
Assalaamu lakum.
Assalaamu lakum.
Salaam, salaam.
Assalaamu lakum.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (sung twice)* GTG 591
HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

*** 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 90:1-6, 13-17*	OT p. 547
	Ephesians 2:8-10	NT p. 192

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM	*Coat of Many Colors*	Dolly Parton
SERMON	*The Reformation in a Nutshell: Holding the Tension*	Dr. Suzanne McDonald
*** HYMN**	*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*	GTG 624 TOULON

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Lloyd Mustin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community, to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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 *For Everyone Born* Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

* **RESPONSE** *Amen, We Praise Your Name* GTG 598
(first time in English, second time in Xhosa) AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen siakudumisa!
Amen siakudumisa!
Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo.
Amen siakudumisa!

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** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* GTG 310

ST. THOMAS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral*

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.

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Jennifer McDonald, loving grandmother to Maeve, Anna and Emma McDonald.
You are missed and loved.

Lewinsville welcomes its guest musicians for today's service:

Siobhan Williams is a DC area musician focusing on Great Highlands Bagpipes. She also plays recorders, cello and English handbells, having earned a music minor during university studies in chamber ensemble performance on the cello. She started piping at 30 upon inheriting her grandfather's bagpipes and has played with the Washington Scottish Pipe Band since.

Atticus Mellor-Goldman joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Chamber Orchestra as a cellist in 2025, following four years with the Air Force Strings. A native of Los Angeles, he earned degrees in cello performance from Mercer University's McDuffie Center for Strings and Yale University.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Ministry	Chancel Choir, Lewinsville Choristers Siobhan Williams, Atticus Mellor- Goldman
Lay Reader	Carol Kaffenberger
Duty Elder	Irene Foster
Duty Deacon	Lena Paul
Audio/Visual Ministry	Scott Bartam /Aperture Media

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 25, 2026
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2027: "Open-Handed Generosity"
Our Annual Stewardship Campaign kicks off today as we begin making plans for 2027! Our theme for 2027 is **"Open-Handed Generosity,"** which speaks to a way of living that sees life as an opportunity to practice generosity toward our neighbors and toward the world. Growing in generosity—rather than growing in fearful defensiveness, clenching our fists tightly against the world—is how we believe Jesus is calling us to grow. The Session has determined that a pledge campaign of **$1.755 million** will support the mission and ministry to which we feel called in 2027. This goal can be reached through a **5% increase in the total amount pledged last year**. In addition, the Stewardship Committee hopes to increase the total number of pledging units—individuals and couples—to **at least 170**. If you have any questions about your pledge to Lewinsville or anything related to the Stewardship Campaign, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott or Lloyd Mustin, Chair of the Stewardship Committee. **Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Lewinsville.**

Notice of LRR, Inc. Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 8, after worship
The Annual Meeting of the Lewinsville Retirement Residence, Inc. will take place on Sunday, November 8 in the sanctuary following the 11 a.m. Worship Service. As Members of the Corporation, all parishioners of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church are invited to attend.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATIONS FOR LEGACY CAMPAIGN - For several months, the Legacy Working Group/Task Force has been working to make plans to "finish the job" of the last capital campaign - to update the church grounds; enhance the church cemetery; strengthen the Maintenance Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, and Administrative Fund; and prepare for a renovation of the church sanctuary. The Legacy Working Group/Task Force will present the upcoming Capital Campaign at three congregational presentations:

- Sunday afternoon, November 8, 5:00 pm, in-person presentation with a light dinner to follow
- Monday evening, November 9, 7:00 pm, in-person presentation in room 102A
- Tuesday evening, November 10, 7:00 pm, ZOOM presentation on this Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88597790923?pwd=2lekXfnlaMmugkpIKhIK9oRoOFdmTY.1&mynotes=on

The presentation will cover the core areas of the campaign, and there will be opportunities for Q&A and suggestions. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jerry Kohlenberger, chair of the Legacy Task Force; Jim Edmondson, vice-chair; or Pastor Scott.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN

1st Sunday Service is *after church* on November 1st

On Sunday, November 1st families will eat lunch in Fellowship Hall after church, then head over to LRR to serve our neighbors in family groups. Service activities include dusting, washing windows, and vacuuming. LRR is matching resident's needs with tasks that children and parents can do together. RSVP on the evite and contact Pastor Jen if you have not received an evite invitation. Due to the afternoon service project, there are no before church activities for kids PK-5th grade on Sunday, November 1st. Nursery care will be available as usual beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for PK-5th grade

Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 10 a.m.
PK 4 - 1st grade, Joyful Noise at 10:20 a.m., Godly Play at 10:40 a.m.
2nd - 5th grade, Sunday School from 10-10:40 a.m.
Parent Breakout class, 10:00 - 10:40 a.m.
All kids can be picked up at 10:40 in Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH

Sunday, October 25, 2026

6-8pm Youth Fellowship. In the spirit of Halloween this entire youth fellowship will be dedicated to playing a beloved game called "Catacombs." This game is both spooky and spiritually enriching.

ADULT EDUCATION

Paul Among the People discussion, led by Rob Hunter

Sundays, November 1 - 22, 9:30 a.m. In person and via Zoom

Rob Hunter will lead a 4-week Adult Education class exploring Sarah Ruden's acclaimed book, *Paul Among the People.* Ruden is a scholar of Greek and Latin who is known for her translation style, which aims to make the classics accessible to modern readers. She is the first woman to translate the Aeneid. She became interested in Paul because of a Bible study class (she is an active Quaker and human rights advocate) and wrote this book to correct what she saw as problems in the common understanding of Paul stemming from lack of appreciation for the Hellenistic world in which he did his work. She presents Paul as someone who championed radical human dignity, freedom, and equality within the harsh realities of that world. The book is lively, challenging, and a great read, but this is not a book study. There will be handouts of selected readings and a good deal of discussion. One cautionary note: The Greco-Roman world was earthy, blunt, and often crude and violent. Ruden's translations and comments do not sugar-coat this reality.

The Blessings of Grandparenting

Sundays, November 1 - 22, 2026, in-person only

Grandparenting is a blessing, a major life milestone, and an opportunity to shape the future through the grandchildren in our lives. Whether you can attend every session or just want to pop in, this 4-week drop-in class offers valuable insights, shared experiences, and community.

- Week 1: Expert Insights – Carlie Cooney from the Brookfield School joins us to share professional expertise on child development and modern learning.
- Week 2: Peer Perspectives – A lively roundtable discussion featuring grandparents in various stages of life sharing their real-world wisdom.
- Week 3: Spiritual Roots – An exploration of Biblical perspectives, wisdom, and encouragement regarding grandchildren and family legacy.
- Week 4: Lessons from the Past – A look at historical grandparents. What can we learn from the generations that came before us?

FELLOWSHIP

Faith and Fellowship

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

This popular format has returned 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."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Looking for more Adult Bell Ringers!

The Chancel Bells are looking for additional ringers. We rehearse Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m.

Unlock Your Voice: Special Choral Workshop with Dr. Mark Helms

Thursday, November 5 | 7:30–9:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what it's like to sing with the Chancel Choir, or wanted to build more confidence in your own vocal instrument? Now is your perfect opportunity!

On Thursday, November 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, the Chancel Choir will host a special open workshop led by esteemed conductor **Dr. Mark Helms**. Whether you are a seasoned singer looking to refine your technique, a former chorister wanting to dust off your vocal cords, or a curious beginner eager to learn in a warm, welcoming environment, **all are welcome.** Come experience the joy of collective music-making, pick up valuable tools to strengthen your personal voice, and see what makes our choir community so special.

About Dr. Mark Helms:

Dr. Mark Helms is the Director of Choral Activities and Choral Artist-in-Residence at Shenandoah Conservatory. Holding a Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting from the University of Maryland, he is an active guest conductor and educator renowned for his dynamic approach to vocal artistry and ensemble building.

No prior audition or formal commitment is required for the workshop—just bring your enthusiasm! If you've been thinking about joining the Chancel Choir, this is the ideal night to dive in.

Sing with Us This Christmas! *Light of the World* Musical, rehearsals begin November 1st.

Children and youth are invited to join our choirs for this year's Christmas musical, Mark Patterson's *Light of the World*, featured during the 11 A.M. Christmas Eve Family Service. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to gain confidence in their singing, learn sacred music and worship skills, have fun, and share the joy of the season. Rehearsals begin November 1st.

Rehearsal Schedule:
Joyful Noise: Sundays | 10:00 AM
Lewinsville Choristers: Sundays | 4:30 – 6:00 PM
All children and youth are welcome—come shine your light with us this Advent!

Sing Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* with Us This Christmas!

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Advent and Christmas? Join the Chancel Choir for our upcoming holiday season!
This Christmas Eve, our choir will be joined alongside a baroque orchestra to perform J.S. Bach's 'Cantata 147' as a special 6:00 PM concert prelude, followed by our 7:00 PM candlelit communion service.

Why Join for the Season?

- **Short Commitment:** Rehearsals in November and December focus specifically on Advent and Christmas music.
- **Incredible Music:** Sing a timeless masterwork alongside professional orchestral musicians.
- **Welcoming Community:** No formal audition required—just a love of music and community!

Rehearsal Times: Thursdays | 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Pull up a chair and sing with us this Thursday—your choir folder is waiting!

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2027

Music Note for All Saints' Sunday: "All of Us" the anthem, *"All of Us"* by Craig Hella Johnson (from *Considering Matthew Shepard*), reflects our PC(USA) calling to stand boldly against hatred, prejudice, and violence. On All Saints' Day, we expand our understanding of the "saints" to remember those lost to hate crimes. In our Reformed tradition, we recognize these individuals as modern witnesses whose innocent

suffering calls the Church toward repentance, justice, and radical welcome. Blending gospel and hymnody, this anthem proclaims that every child of God is united in Christ's redeeming grace.

MISSION AND SERVICE

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.

Update on Ukrainian Temporary Protective Status

One of the legal statuses that enables our Ukrainian family--the P Family--to remain in the U.S. is the Ukrainian Temporary Protective Status (TPS). It expired on Monday, October 19. Tuesday's *Washington Post* reported that, according to the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, "TPS for Ukrainians is expected to be extended for an additional six months beyond October." The explanation given in the article is that it would be politically unpopular for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to remove the Ukrainian TPS before the mid-term elections. A DHS statement issued on Monday stated, "An announcement on Ukraine's TPS will be made at the appropriate time. Until such an announcement is made, Ukrainian individuals present in the U.S. under TPS remain under protection."

Letter from the Adult Education Committee

We appreciate those who took time to respond to the survey last May. Unfortunately, because of the timing, we were not able to consider your suggestions in forming this year's program. We do want to explain why some suggestions on process are more difficult than they appear.

· *Have all classes hybrid classes*. There are two reasons we have chosen not to follow this suggestion. First, given our setup, running a hybrid class takes a second person besides the primary leader. We only have a few people trained in this function, which is more complex than it sounds. Many of those people are active in other areas and not always available. The

second reason is that for some classes that involve discussing feelings and beliefs, instructors believe it is more effective to have everyone present.

· *Have classes last until 10:45, not 10:30*. Choir members and parents picking up children need to leave by 10:30 at the latest. These two groups are a significant portion of our normal attendance. To maximize class time, we will try to be stricter about starting on time during the coming year.

· *Engage with social justice issues*. For many years we had a program called the Lewinsville Forum which tried to look at major issues facing the country and how our Christian faith illuminates them. We dropped this two years ago because we were concerned that such discussions inevitably involve public policy, which is increasingly seen as political in the partisan sense. It is possible we will prayerfully consider this again at some time, and we welcome additional input from the congregation on this issue.

· *Focus on a particular book of the Bible*. Our modules are typically somewhere between three and five weeks. We devote at least one to a specific book; this year it is Ephesians. We also periodically devote one class to unfamiliar works that do not appear often in the Lectionary. Some years ago, we did more extensive study of major Bible books in a mid-week program called Kerygma. If there is sufficient interest, we could resume this. However the various evening, and Wednesday lunchtime bible studies, while not our responsibility, are additional Bible studies.

One suggestion we will examine is to return to intentionally intergenerational classes as we had a few years ago. Note that one of our first classes in this program is such an intergenerational class. Also note that it is important for the youth to bond with each other, as well as groups bonding together.

Once again, we appreciate the many thoughtful comments we received. Anyone wishing to continue the dialogue should contact any member of the Adult Education Committee.

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Leadership at Lewinsville

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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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