

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAWRENCEVILLE

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT COMMUNION

February 21, 2021 10:00am

Participating in the Service Today:

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos

Leading Worship: The Rev. Dr. Louise Johnson

Lay Liturgist: Karen Buda

Intern Liturgist: Rachel Johnson

Children's Message: David Felsch

Keyboard: James D. Moyer

Hymn Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos and Catherine Thomas

PCOL Choral Trio: Julianna Massielo, soprano; John Calkins, tenor;

Matthew Kauffman, baritone

Livestream Tech Team: Chris Ahlers, Will Dennis, and Tom Wilfrid

Facebook Moderator: The Rev. Kyle R. Anderson

Zoom Moderator: Alicia Morrison

**Welcome to today's worship service, via live-stream!** Please consider inviting  
(via text or IM) someone now to join you in worshipping today via our live-stream.

Prelude

Welcome and News of the Life and Work of the Church

Moment for Mission: Haiti Mission Month

Pastor Luc Deratus

Introit

*Gracious Spirit*  
PCOL Choral Trio

Wilson Niwagila  
arr: Egil Hovland

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, vv. 1 and 2

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

David Felsch

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:15-3:7

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"Satan: A Biography"  
*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos, preaching*

Hymn of Response

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*, vv. 1-4

Call to Offering

Offertory                                      *Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord*      arr: Undine Smith Moore  
PCOL Choral Trio

Doxology and Offertory Prayer

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Hear our prayers, O God, as together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Closing Hymn

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* vv. 1-3

Benediction

Benediction Response

*There Is Power in the Blood*  
Pastor Luc and Ronide Deratus

Lewis E. Jones

Postlude

**Hospitalized this week:** Dick Brown at Capital Health Medical Center, Hopewell.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship.** We worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00am via Facebook Live and Zoom.

**WINK.** This evening at 5:00pm via Zoom.

First Sunday in Lent. God claims us. God meets us in the liminal space, at the threshold of something new, and names us Beloved. God's covenant with all of creation reminds us that God meets us where we are – in the midst of our reluctance, doubt, eagerness, and our weariness – and proclaims we are good. Rev. Dr. Jeff Vamos is preaching. All are encouraged to watch the sermon from the 10:00am service. We will explore the theme further through conversation, poetry, prayer, and music.

## **Call for Special Corporation Meeting**

February 28, 2021

A brief special meeting of the Corporation will be held on Sunday, February 28 after worship for the purpose of voting on nominations to fill one Trustee unexpired term and one Auditing Committee unexpired term.

Nicole Gray, President  
Board of Trustees

David Sung  
Clerk of Session

Read from the pulpit: February 21 and 28, 2021

### **February is Haiti Mission Month at PCOL.**

For more than 30 years, the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville has been involved in the life and work of Harmony Ministries, based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is led by our mission affiliate Pastor Luc Deratus. Since Pastor Luc cannot travel this year, the PCOL Haiti Task Force and the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church (Scottsdale, AZ) Haiti team have joined together to connect virtually with Pastor Luc, his family and Harmony Ministries. This morning, Jeff Vamos talks to Pastor Luc about the current conditions in Haiti and an update on Harmony Ministries.

Today, we will receive the Haiti Special Offering for the **Haiti General Fund**: to purchase food and medicine; bags to fill with rice; medicines; and to help subsidize the doctor at the medical clinic in Port-au-Prince four days a week. The Haiti Task Force has committed this support for two months for a total of \$9,000.

The two other funds for Haiti Support are:

**Support a Student Fund**, which supports students in the five Harmony Ministry schools. You can Support a Student for \$50 for one year.

**Haiti Missionary Fund**, which helps support Pastor Luc and his family with living expenses.

You may make your gift at any time by sending a check to the church office (The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, 2688 Main Street, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648) or by giving via the DONATE page on the church website.

### **Children's Ministries**

**LOGOS** continues to meet weekly Wednesday at 5:00pm on Zoom. For more information about joining our LOGOS family please contact Alicia Morrison ([amorrison@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:amorrison@pclawrenceville.org)). Zoom links will be emailed out the day before events.

**Pure Joy.** Friday, February 19 at 2:00pm on Zoom. This month we will be cultivating pure joy through play! Join us on Zoom on the first and third Friday of each month at 2:00pm for some pure joy. We will gather to play games, read scripture, and pray for each other. This program is ideal for children Kindergarten through 5th Grade but is open to the whole church family.

If you aren't receiving Children's Ministries emails, please contact Alicia Morrison ([amorrison@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:amorrison@pclawrenceville.org)) to be added to the distribution list.

### **Youth Group**

Youth Group will not meet this evening. Look forward to our hang out next Sunday when we will bake cookies for care packages – get your cookie ingredients ready this coming week.

**Sermon by Phone.** We have subscribed to a free service: Sermon by Phone. Each week, the recorded Sunday sermon will be available to you, at any time convenient to you, via your own telephone. Just dial this number: 1-609-207-7335. Each week, the prior week's sermon will be replaced by the new sermon. Our church is subscribing to this service, and we hope as many members as possible will listen to the provided sermons at no cost to you. Sunday's sermon will be posted early in the next week. You're welcomed to share this with someone you might know who does not have electronic means to tune in to our ministry.

**Come to church for prayer anytime.** Many members have asked if the Chapel or Meetinghouse is open during the week for prayer. Unfortunately, due to COVID cleanliness protocols, the answer is no. However, we have a courtyard, with benches near the obelisk, that is lovely at any time of the year. Anyone is welcome to come at any time to pray there, with the only requirements being to be masked and socially distanced if others are there.

### **Snow Shoveling Volunteers:**

We are seeking a few volunteers to help out with salting and shoveling sidewalks at PCOL this winter, as needed. This would be for about a half hour (before 8:30 am) on weekdays, or before worship on Sundays. For details and to sign up, please e-mail Harry Tisch at [htisch@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:htisch@pclawrenceville.org). Thanks for your consideration.

### **Seeking a Volunteer to Help with Trash and Recycling Bins.**

We are seeking a local volunteer for a small job – rolling the church's trash bins to the curb every Sunday afternoon, and taking the recycling bins out every other Sunday. Because of the pandemic, there is not much trash of any kind being generated at PCOL, so this should be a fairly quick and easy job for an energetic person. Staff will be in on Monday to bring the bins back in, so that is not part of the job. If you can help us with this, please contact Bev at [bmills@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:bmills@pclawrenceville.org) or 609-896-1212. Thank you!

### **Highlighting Mission**

**On our church grounds at the exit driveway: A Giving Pantry.** What is a giving pantry? A place where non-perishable food can be donated for others to take as needed. The motto is "Take what you need, leave what you can." Please help keep the pantry stocked and please spread the word.

**Flea Market Fundraising for Mission.** Our October outdoor flea market was a great success, raising more than \$3000. We want to continue with another market in late spring/early summer. The Grieco Garage (10 Ivy Glen Ln., Lawrenceville) is open for donations 24/7: furniture, household items, gift items, jewelry, or anything else you may have. As in the past, all proceeds from donations go toward mission. Questions: [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com)

**Calling All Crafters!** We are looking for PCOL crafters in any medium: wood, paper, yarn, fabric, metal, etc. It would be great to include your specialty in our late spring or early summer market. Items may be left at the church under the bench marked "Spring Market" or taken to 10 Ivy Glen Lane. We are hoping to build up PCOL's mission fund. If you have questions, contact Nancy Grieco at [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com)

**Gift cards. Thank you and let's continue!** Thank you to all who gave holiday gift cards, our 2020 substitute for Angel Tree. Because the need still exists during these difficult times, we are asking for generic gift cards (VISA, MasterCard) or ShopRite gift cards for \$25 to enable families to purchase much-needed food. The cards may be taken to or mailed to the church office. We will have a container available on the bench upstairs. The building is generally open weekday mornings, but you may want to confirm by calling 609-896-1212. Questions: [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com)

### **ArmInArm's Annual Valentines for Food Drive.**

For 17 years, our community has come together to share the love during ArmInArm's Valentines for Food campaign. This year, we're doing things a little differently.

Throughout February, you can donate food at participating locations, participate in ArmInArm's virtual Valentines for Food Drive, contribute to their food pantry budget, and/or share about these efforts online. **When you participate, you spread a whole lot of love, and we thank you.** Why not try participating virtually? Here is the link: [www.arminarm.org/valentines](http://www.arminarm.org/valentines) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Jan Everett (732-350-0793) or Nancy Richardson (609-896-1506).

### **This Is Home: A Celebration of Home and a Triumph of Community**

*A free virtual event on Thursday, February 25, 5:30-6:30pm*

ArmInArm, an organization supported by our congregation, will present an evening with Matthew Desmond, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Evicted*. The program will *Celebrate* those who provided for others during the pandemic, *Educate* us on the present and what's to come, and *Unite* the community in action to face the road ahead.

Register online at [arminarm.org/this is home](http://arminarm.org/this-is-home).

With questions, contact Maureen Hunt at (609-396-9355x15).

**WoW is continuing the "I Am" study.** The Women of the Word (WoW) is studying Jesus' "I Am" sayings in the Gospel of John. The group meets by Zoom from 7:00-8:30pm to laugh, study, pray, share, and laugh some more. One of the distinctive elements of Jesus' teaching is the way he expresses important truths in terms of his own personal character and mission. Unique in the Gospel of John are seven statements of Jesus – each beginning with the words, "I am." This study will extend through Lent and beyond Easter.

*February 23: "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11-21)*

*March 9: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:17-27)*

*March 23: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:1-14)*

*April 6: "I am the vine" (John 15:1-8)*

If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact Louise Johnson ([ljohnson@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:ljohnson@pclawrenceville.org)) for more details.

### **Upcoming Love Thy Neighbor Book Discussion Groups**

The Love Thy Neighbor group is sponsoring the following Zoom book discussion group. For more information or questions, contact Janet Williams at [janetmw610@gmail.com](mailto:janetmw610@gmail.com) or Alicia Morrison at [amorrison@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:amorrison@pclawrenceville.org).

*I'm Still Here*, by Austin Channing Brown | March 2 at 2:00pm or 7:00pm

Register for this book club here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054BAAAB2C7-book3>.

### **Adult Education during Lent: “Take It to the Lord in Prayer.”**

Adult Education is shifting from Sundays to Wednesday evenings, and moving from an hour to a power half-hour. Our Lenten focus will highlight prayer from many perspectives. Especially during this pandemic, prayer has been a great support and point of connection among members of our congregation. We all stand in the need of prayer daily. The title of this series is “Take It to the Lord in Prayer.” Each Zoom session will last from 7:00-7:30pm. Look for the links on our webpage, in the worship chat, the Order of Worship, and by eNews weekly. Here is what you can look forward to:

*February 24:* Rev. Jack Foster introduces us to many forms of prayer.

*March 3:* Loraine Huchler leads us in meditative prayer, using prompts but no words.

*March 10:* Jim Moyer traces how music has lifted up the theme of prayer in every generation.

*March 17 and 24:* Prof. Dale Allison will be on tap to answer questions about biblical prayer. (Dr. Allison will pre-record 30-minute presentations available each week in advance – accessible on the website)

#### **Zoom Login Info: PCOL Adult Ed - Take It to the Lord in Prayer**

Wed. Feb 24, 2021	07:00 PM	Ways to Pray	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002478284">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002478284</a>
Wed. Mar 3, 2021	07:00 PM	Pray with no Words	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81877589504">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81877589504</a>
Wed. Mar 10, 2021	07:00 PM	Prayer in Music	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82392570981">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82392570981</a>
Wed. Mar 17, 2021	07:00 PM	Biblical Prayer #1	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89013411942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89013411942</a>
Wed. Mar 24, 2021	07:00 PM	Biblical Prayer #2	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83168439616">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83168439616</a>

**Intergenerational Women’s Forum.** All women connected to our church community are invited to join the Intergenerational Women’s Forum held once a month. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24 from 7:30-8:30 pm. Please contact Sue Steen ([susan.t.steen@gmail.com](mailto:susan.t.steen@gmail.com)) for more information.

Members’ comments: *I love the way I am able to connect with women of the church. I especially like the intergenerational aspect. Sharing my concerns and getting comfort and advice from others has been what I needed during this time. I look forward to these meetings with amazing women.*

*Always a wonderful evening!*

### **Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County offers Volunteer Virtual Training:**

During to the COVID-19 virus, ICGMC has continued to provide services to the elderly and disabled. Volunteer Virtual Training which will be offered at 10:00am on February 25, March 16, and March 25. For more information or to register for training, please call the ICGMC office at 609-393-9922.