



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
 MARCH 15, 2020 10:00 O'CLOCK

**COME AND WORSHIP.** Worship is a form of service to God, through which we come to know God among us transforming hearts, minds and spirits, and calling us to continue Christ's mission in the world. Through our presence together today, we are joined with those who've been part of the 321-year ministry of this church, and with the great communion of all faithful Christians from every time and place.

**VISITORS.** We hope you will know the hospitality of this community as you worship with us today. Please share your presence with us by filling out the connect card and nametag in the pew rack in front of you. Following worship, join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Center, where the pastor and others hope to get to know you better. Deacons and welcomees will be wearing nametags and are happy to provide you with a welcome bag, and to introduce you to others in the congregation. Look for them in the Fellowship Center and by the Welcome Table, where you will find information about our church and programs.

**GOSPEL LESSON** **LUKE 19:1-10**

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

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| Preaching       | The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos   |
| Assisting       | Jill Cifelli  |
| Liturgist       | Jessica Cincotta  |
| Child Liturgist | Emily Hullfish  |
| Organist        | James D. Moyer  |
| Greeting        | Dudley Cunningham,<br>Ann-Marie McHugh (Before Worship)<br>Deacons Arthur Shearer,<br>Greg Thompson (After Worship) |
| Ushering        | Cheryl Curbishley, Suzanne Fobare,<br>Lori Pessler, Rick Steen, David Sung  |
| Bell Ringer     | Matthew Kauffman  |

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE.** The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville strives to be an open and welcoming place for all who worship with us — wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and as you are — we're glad you're here. Our call as followers of Christ leads us to a special commitment to welcome and minister to those who struggle with issues of mind, body and spirit. Anyone affected by mental or physical illness or addiction is especially encouraged to participate in our community. Our church wants to support individuals and families who are dealing with such issues. Just contact one of our pastors to learn more about our support programs.



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
**CALLED, FED, SENT.** The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville is a welcoming community, **called** by God to be followers of Jesus Christ, **fed** by the Word of God, and **sent** by the Spirit into the world to live lives of stewardship and service.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold typeface indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

# Happiness

BY JANE KENYON

There's just no accounting for happiness,  
or the way it turns up like a prodigal  
who comes back to the dust at your feet  
having squandered a fortune far away.

And how can you not forgive?  
You make a feast in honor of what  
was lost, and take from its place the finest  
garment, which you saved for an occasion  
you could not imagine, and you weep night and day  
to know that you were not abandoned,  
that happiness saved its most extreme form  
for you alone.

No, happiness is the uncle you never  
knew about, who flies a single-engine plane  
onto the grassy landing strip, hitchhikes  
into town, and inquires at every door  
until he finds you asleep midafternoon  
as you so often are during the unmerciful  
hours of your despair.

It comes to the monk in his cell.  
It comes to the woman sweeping the street  
with a birch broom, to the child  
whose mother has passed out from drink.  
It comes to the lover, to the dog chewing  
a sock, to the pusher, to the basketmaker,  
and to the clerk stacking cans of carrots  
in the night.

It even comes to the boulder  
in the perpetual shade of pine barrens,  
to rain falling on the open sea,  
to the wineglass, weary of holding wine.



# THE MORNING WORSHIP



## THE PEOPLE'S PREPARATION

*About the Lenten Sermon Series*

This morning, we continue a sermon series entitled: "Redemption: From Point A to Point B, and Everything in Between." Dr. Vamos and Rev. Anderson will present four sermons on this theme, and will incorporate music written and/or performed by Johnny Cash. These 10 a.m. services are meant to companion the theme that we will also be exploring at our 5 p.m. Worship In a New Key service, when we'll explore the theme of "Wilderness," using both scripture as well as the music of Johnny Cash.

Of course, scripture will be the focal point of our exploration, as it is and always should be. But just as scripture is the story of God's conversation with all of human experience, especially that of suffering and pain, we bring in the insight of artists and musicians to help us "refract" the meaning of holy scripture, that it might become even more relevant to our lives and speak more fluently to our circumstances. We hope you will find these worship experiences to be meaningful as you continue your Lenten spiritual journey.

**About last Sunday's sermon.** Please see the facing page for "Happiness" by Jane Kenyon, a poem that was sent by Elizabeth Ferguson in response to last Sunday's sermon about the Prodigal Son.

### CALLED

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

—From Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for us; you preserve us from trouble;

**you surround us with glad cries of deliverance.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 386 (*Glory to God*)

*Come, Worship God*

PSALM 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;**

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;**

**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

“Ring of Fire”

*June Carter Cash and Merle Kilgore*  
Soloist: *Matthew Kauffman, baritone*

*Love is a burning thing and it makes a fiery ring  
Bound by wild desire I fell into a ring of fire  
I fell into a burning ring of fire  
I went down down down the flames went higher  
And it burns burns burns the ring of fire*

*The taste of love is sweet when hearts like ours meet  
I fell for you like a child oh but the fire went wild  
I fell into a burning ring of fire ....*

*Oh the taste of love is sweet  
And it burns burns burns the ring of fire the ring of fire*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos*

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FED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Tune: TALLIS’ CANON, Glory to God, No. 748*

*We will sing this once in unison, then once as a canon. Trenton side (A), then Princeton side (B)  
(A) Your Word’s a lamp to show the way, (B) To guide us through the coming days.  
Help us attend to thy command, And in your light forever stand.*

GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 19:1-10  
(pew Bible pages 956-957)*

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*“Making Amends”  
Second in a sermon series: “Redemption: From Point A to Point B and Everything in Between”  
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos, preaching*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 427 (*Glory to God*)

*Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

— *Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.14*

*As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.*

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

## SENT

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ave verum corpus,  
Natum de Maria virgine;  
Vere passum immolatum  
In crucis pro homine  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In Mortis examine.*

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Hail, true body  
Born of the virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered  
On the Cross for humanity.  
Whose side was pierced,  
Pouring out water and blood.  
Be a foretaste for us  
During our ordeal of death.

W. A. Mozart

\* DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Glory to God, No. 606*

\* THE PEACE

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

\* CLOSING HYMN NO. 444 (Blue Hymnal)

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Threefold Amen”

*Danish*

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand if you are able.

\*\*\* Seating of late arrivals

After the Benediction Response, the Deacons invite you to join others in the Fellowship Center for conversation.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Roberta Gernhardt in memory of loved ones.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to the family of our member Jean Aldrich upon her death on March 7: to her daughter, Lee Seymour, and to her sons, Daniel and John Aldrich. We are asked to hold them in prayer. We will inform the congregation once plans for her service are in place.

**Please note: This event has been postponed.**  
**TRANSFORMING CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN OUR LIFETIME:**  
**Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness***  
*Thursday, March 19, 6:30-9 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 W. State St, Trenton*

# REDEMPTION:

FROM POINT A TO POINT B

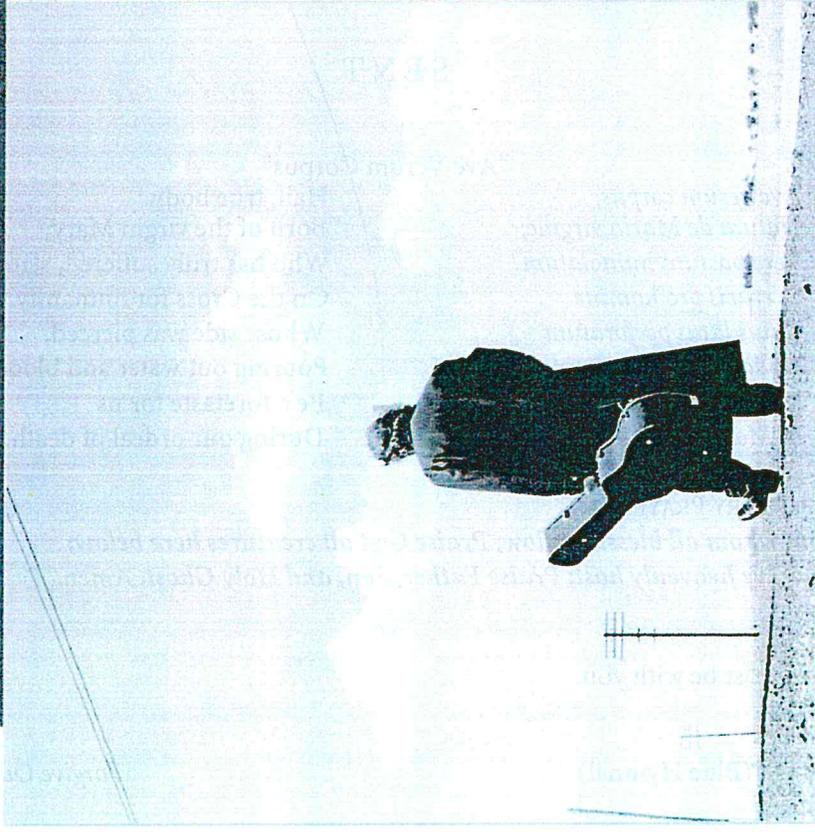
*And Everything in Between*

Four sermons from Jeff Vamos and Kyle Anderson,  
featuring the music of Johnny Cash

**March 8, 15, 22, & 29**  
*at the 10am worship service*

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Also available at [pclawrenceville.org](http://pclawrenceville.org) and Facebook Live.



# THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

15 SUNDAY

- 9:45 a.m. Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Childcare
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service; Children (K-Grade 5) attend worship
- 5:00 p.m. WINK – Chapel

16 MONDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Create and Relate – Lounge

18 WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Joint Session and Deacons Meeting – by Zoom

19 THURSDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 7:45 p.m. Concertsingers – Chapel

22 SUNDAY

- 9:45 a.m. Infant and Toddler Childcare; Preschool Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service; Children (K-Grade 5) attend Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m. WINK – Chapel

**Lenten Art Exhibit.** An art exhibit entitled *Walking the Way of the Cross* will be on display in the Lounge hallway until Good Friday (April 10). We invite you to take time this Lenten season to reflect on this artwork that depicts Jesus' journey to the cross. To further deepen your Lenten journey, please take a booklet with scripture passages and meditations on these images for reflection at church or home. The booklets are available on a literature table outside the Meetinghouse.

**A Lenten Resource.** The Adult Education Committee invites you to deepen your faith by using the PC(USA)'s national Lenten devotional, "Becoming a Beloved Community," based on Matthew 25. This resource includes verses from scripture, a brief reflection, and a closing prayer for each of the 40 days of Lent. Copies are available at no cost (one per family, please) on the literature tables outside the Meetinghouse.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 15, 2020

**From the Deacon's Corner:** Please note that there will not be coffee or food served during fellowship time after worship today as we support our church's efforts to stay healthy. As always, though, Deacons will be there with a smile to say hello.

**Adult Education.** All classes are canceled until further notice.

**Youth Group** will not meet tonight.

The **Youth Retreat** scheduled for March 20-22 has been canceled.

**Monthly nursing home worship service.** Our service scheduled for next Sunday, March 22, has been canceled due to evolving guidelines and concerns over COVID-19 (coronavirus).

**Women of the Word (WoW).** Our women's Bible study group has been canceled until further notice.

The **Annual Women's Retreat** (April 24-26) has been canceled.

**Is this your check?** We recently received a check from Fidelity that was not identified by donor. If you recently had money sent to the church via Fidelity, please contact the church treasurer, Dennis Sheppard at [djs176@aol.com](mailto:djs176@aol.com)

**A request.** A local couple who worships with us here at PCOL is in need of temporary housing due to a fire in a unit near their own. If you are aware of such an availability, either for rent or at no cost, please contact Jill Cifelli.

**WINK.** This evening at 5 p.m. in the Chapel, we will continue the theme of WINK for Lent: "Wilderness: State of the Wild." Lent begins in the Wilderness. The Wilderness is a place of mystery and the unknown. Each week in Lent, we will feature the music of Johnny Cash and similar musicians, as well as original artwork and poetry based on our scripture texts. This evening, The Rev. Marcia MacKillop will preach; Dark Whiskey will lead us in music.

**"Parents Night Out" Events.** The Children's Ministries Team will offer one more drop-off event for children in K-Grade 5. This event requires registration. Please contact Robyn Campbell to register.

*Friday, April 24, 6-8 p.m.* Beading Night. \$10/person. Price includes a meal and all materials to make two bracelets or one necklace.

**What's the Maidenhead Society? How do I become a member?** A number of years ago, the Planned Giving Committee formed the Maidenhead Society, a group of people from our congregation who have told the church that they have remembered the church beyond their lifetimes through gifts from their estates. End of life gifts support the church's endowments, which are used to fund the annual life and work of the church, as well as to provide seed money for special ministries of the future. For more information about ways to give, or to inform the church of your bequest, please call Ruth Conover at the church office (609-896-1212) or e-mail Karen Buda at [kbuda@communitywellnj.org](mailto:kbuda@communitywellnj.org).

**Peacemaking Movie, Friday, March 27.** In the Lounge at 6 p.m, Pizza and Salad Supper (\$7/per person suggested donation); 6:45 p.m., Movie: *The African Doctor* (2016). This film tells the true story of Seyolo Zantoko, a Congolese native, and his struggles to serve as a doctor in a small French village in order to obtain French nationality and to expose his family to the wider world.

**Our Church Family in the Armed Forces.** If a member of your family is in the Armed Forces, please let any member of the pastoral staff know so that we might support them and you with prayer and correspondence.

**Celebrating special occasions.** Just a reminder that we encourage all our members to celebrate each other. Special birthday? Birth? Graduation? Marriage? Anniversary? Let us know, and we'll be glad to share the news with our church family in the worship bulletin, eNews and monthly newsletter. Send a brief description and photo to Jill Cifelli.

**Flowers for Sunday Worship.** Donating the flowers for Sunday worship is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions (wedding anniversaries, births, baptisms, landmark birthdays, etc.). The 2020 flower donation book is on the ushers' table in the Meetinghouse. Several Sundays have been spoken for, and we thank those who have signed up to give flowers. There are Sundays available for donation. The cost for the two arrangements is \$35.00. Instructions for donating flowers and suggested messages are included in the book.

**We have two First Aid Kits available:** On a shelf at the back of Meetinghouse (Route 206) and in the long hall above the AED.

**Create and Relate: All are welcome!** Create and Relate is a come-when-you-can group of women of all ages. We meet on Monday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon in the Lounge.

**Wedding clothes for Haiti needed.** We are collecting white or off-white dresses, tunics, and blouses for women in Haiti – any size. Donations may be left on the bench outside the Main Office. You may also donate white or off-white fabric by-the-yard – cotton and cotton blends only, please.

**Your Help and Talents Are Needed.** If you enjoy pottery, sewing, woodworking, knitting, crocheting, or other crafts, your donations are needed for PCOL's mission fund raisers: Fall Fair, Christmas Market, and Spring Market. Help is also needed to set up for, sell at, and clean up after these events. Proceeds go toward our many missions including Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Eggerts Crossing Village, HomeFront, and Haiti. Items marked "Mission Item" may be left on the bench outside the Main Office. Questions: [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com); (609) 896-2115.

**Fall Fair Flea Market Donations Needed.** When you are cleaning out your previously-loved items from closets, cupboards, and basements this winter and don't know what to do with them, we have a solution. Bring them to the Grieco garage at 10 Ivy Glen Ln. It's not far from the church. Items may be left on the front porch. If you have large items, we have the means to pick them up at your house. All donations are welcome and help to make PCOL's Flea Market a financial success. Proceeds go toward the Mission budget. A testimonial from Marge Dwyer: "In that I was downsizing from a home I'd been in since 1963 it was a miracle that I could take some of my treasures to Nancy's garage and know that they would find a happy home. I can't thank her enough for this opportunity." Questions: [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com); (609) 896-2115.

**Please note:** We are no longer accepting donations of clothing.

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**Quality Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Childcare is offered this morning in the Nursery (Room 103).**

Cara Taylor and Olga Rosado, our permanent childcare providers, provide a nurturing, safe environment for our children. Silent beepers are available for parents.

Parents: doors to the Nursery will remain locked at all times. Please knock for a nursery care provider to open the door for you. Senior high and adult volunteers are needed.

**Worship bags for children are located in the narthex.** They contain age-appropriate Bibles and worship materials. **Please return bags at the end of worship. Please feel free to take home a Bible from the worship bags for your family.**

**Children's Chapel for children (K-Grade 5) will not be held today.** Children will attend worship.

**Sunday School Shepherds and Preschool Teachers are needed.** Please contact Robyn about this amazing opportunity to spend time with our children.

**Childcare** is available in the Nursery (Rm 103) before and after worship for children birth – Grade 5. Age-appropriate activities are provided.

**LOGOS.** LOGOS, our midweek program for children Preschool – Grade 5, meets from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Each week the children have the opportunity to build relationships with their peers, youth, and adults in the congregation and to nurture their relationship with God through Music, Playtime, Art, Family Dinner Hour, and Bible Study. **LOGOS will meet on Wednesday, March 18. The theme will be "St. Patrick's Day! We are all a wee bit Irish at LOGOS!**

**Camp Johnsonburg Scholarship Applications are available in the Church Office.** Children (K-Grade 5) are eligible for scholarship funding. Applications are being accepted until April 30.

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

**This evening, Youth Group will not meet.**

#### **LAWRENCEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN**

**PRESCHOOL (LPP)** The Preschool is accepting enrollment applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit [www.LPPreschool.com](http://www.LPPreschool.com) for application and enrollment details.

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, formerly known as the Maidenhead Meetinghouse, was founded by settlers who came down from Long Island and Connecticut in the late 17th century. In 1698, they were granted land nearby that was never used, most likely because the grantors expected an Anglican church and the settlers wanted a Presbyterian one. A Meetinghouse was erected on our present site sometime in the early 1700's. It was torn down and the present structure was built in 1764 and most likely, the roofline ran parallel to the

road and the congregation sat on three sides of a central pulpit and communion table. The building was turned and enlarged in 1833 and again in 1853 to its present size. Many of God's people have come through our doors over the centuries, including Revolutionary War heroes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and well-known missionaries. We welcome you to our community and invite you speak to us for more information.

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### ORDAINED LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS

**SESSION** Bob Blazer, Tom Briggman, Graham Cole, Milt Grannatt, Loraine Huchler, Michael McGeehan, Bob Sargent, Wendy Simpson, Jim Stocking, David Sung, Holly Tkacs, Allen Whipple, Scott Wilson, Jean Yepes, Alison Young

**DEACONS** Chris Ahlers, Sherri Ahlers, Kevin Dalle Pазze, Kris Deni, Kim Duffy, Elaine Fehr, Elizabeth Ferguson, Leslie Gagliano, Kevin Graham, Mike Hotchkiss, Nancy Jusick, Jim Kroll, Polly Little, Christine Madzy, Michael McGeehan, Avagail Morgan, Jamie Morgan, Lori Pressler, Stephanie Sampson, Art Shearer, Linda Sung, Greg Thompson, Karin Traina, Diane Wilfrid

**TRUSTEES** Lorna Ballard, Jane Borns, Kathie Cohen, Keith Dewey, Lynn Dorsey, Thomas Emerick, Pam Ford, Nicole Gray, Dale Haller, Loraine Huchler, Sarah Jane Kennedy, Eleanor Letcher

### PASTORS AND STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos, Pastor  
Jill Cifelli,\* Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries  
The Rev. Dr. Louise Johnson,\* Associate Pastor  
for Congregational Life, Stated Supply  
The Rev. Kyle R. Anderson, Associate Pastor  
for Youth, Worship, and Counseling  
Robyn Campbell,\* Director of Children's Ministries  
Cara Taylor,\* Nursery Care Provider  
James D. Moyer,\* Director of Music  
Beverly Mills,\* Office Manager  
Ruth Conover,\* Administrative Assistant  
Aaron Sizer,\* Communications Coordinator  
Karen Buda,\* Director of The Community Well  
Victor Rosado, Custodian  
Andy Zhang,\* Assistant Custodian  
Alison Young,\* Lawrenceville Presbyterian Preschool,  
Executive Director  
*\* designates part-time staff*  
The Rev. Dr. Tom Baker, Parish Associate (staff affiliate)  
The Rev. Dr. Abigail Rian Evans,  
Parish Associate (staff affiliate)  
The Rev. Marcia MacKillop, Parish Associate (staff affiliate)  
Pastor Luc Deratus, Mission Affiliate (staff affiliate)

