



SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM
In –person and livestreamed

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn



This week in worship we are continuing our series “Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion”, reflecting on the idea of seeing beauty even in moments when it is not immediately obvious. Dr. Wendy Farley, author of the book that shares its name with our sermon series writes the following:

“We try to satisfy our thirst for meaningful life with so many distractions. Awakening to beauty is to find the well that never runs dry. For it is in beginning to truly see the world with our spirits that our soul’s thirst is quenched. ‘The resilience and beauty of the natural world is a song of hope, even when things are difficult.’ A tree is scorched by fire and yet new sprouts shoot up, defiant and optimistically reaching toward the sun. A crack in a sidewalk reveals the seeds just beneath the surface waiting for a chance to break through. ‘Divine beauty shimmers and shimmies through the universe in every barrio where someone is singing or weeping. Because of beauty, our spirits are enlivened.’ Contemplating this reliant beauty draws us back to our own vitality and the promise that we, too, are capable of new life.”

In worship this week we will be exploring how this awakening to beauty connects with our understanding of God. Psalm 147, our text for this week reminds us, “How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!” and invites us to remember the ways that God binds up the wounds of broken hearted, calls the stars by name, and is worthy of praise. May our hearts be tuned this week to the ways in which God is working and moving in the world, in large and small ways, seeing beauty even in unexpected places.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JULY 18, 2021

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the inspiring stories shared on Sunday by LIFT and their mission trip leaders. If you missed the service, be sure to watch the recording using the link below!

We pray for Annie and Wayne and their family, the residents with whom LIFT worked during their mission trip, and with whom they formed such a special bond.

We ask prayers for Ed Messikomer, who will be undergoing a TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) at Christiana this Thursday, July 22nd. Please lift-up Ed and Sandra in your prayers this week.

We continue to pray for Shirley Pritchard and her family.

We celebrate the life of The Rev. Bob Prior, a retired minister in our Presbytery, who passed away last week.

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021: **\$133,897**

Linda is on vacation this week! Updated numbers will be published on August 2nd.

Budgeted Giving 2021: **\$244,249**

WORSHIP LINKS

July 18, 2021

“Youth Sunday, Mission Report”

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



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HOP SKIP JUMP Into God's Love

JUMP into a week of fun with
LBPC's 2021 **Vacation Bible School**
Monday- Friday, July 26-30, 2021

11am-2pm

Ages 5-10

Safety Precautions are in place so
please send your child with a mask!

There will be

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts & Refreshments

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
[101 Old Kennett Rd, Wilmington, DE 19807](https://www.lowerbrandywine.org/)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7>

Registration is first come, first serve, space is limited. Please register as soon as possible, registration will close when full.

Volunteers needed and appreciated!

Contact Candace Smith for more information 302-897-2469
candacesmithevents@gmail.com

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!!

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7>

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FELLOWSHIP TIME RETURNS

Volunteers are needed to host fellowship! Betsy Coons is the current chair of the Fellowship Committee and is looking for volunteers to help. Contact Betsy at betsycoons@comcast.net or 484-643-2479 if you want more information, or click [HERE](#) to add your name to the Sign-Up Genius calendar!



This summer in worship we are exploring the theme of contemplation and compassion and learning about different spiritual practices in worship. One practice that many people connect to is Lectio Divina. This intentional way of reading scripture invites us to slow down and listen for the ways that God is speaking to us through the text. In case you find this a helpful practice, [here is a link to Pastor Emma walking us through the process of Lectio Divina for this week's sermon text.](#)



A large portion of our church building is over 100 years old. As such, maintenance of our building and grounds is something that requires a great deal of thought, planning, creativity, patience and time. At LBPC we rely on a committee of volunteers to ensure our property continues to be a beautiful, safe, and comfortable place for people to worship. It is a very big job. At this time we find ourselves in desperate need of enthusiastic people willing to join this committee and commit their time and talent to ensure the proper upkeep of LBPC. They meet once a month. If after prayerful consideration you feel called to step into this roll, please contact Larry Murphy at Mjmlpm@verizon.net or 302-540-1779.

Per Capita

For those of you who are willing to pay for your per capita membership, we ask that you do so by making a payment to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$29.80 per member. Kindly note that members include our teenage confirmands. It would also be helpful for you to include on your check that this payment is for the "per capita contribution."

As always, we greatly appreciate your generosity in supporting not only our Church, but the greater Presbyterian Church USA.



Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:

Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm

Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm MEETING IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

*Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.
Please go to delawarealanon.org/meeting for the most up-to-date information.*

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Legacy
Giving

Leave Gifts to Benefit Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

Please consider making a gift to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian that tells the story of your hope in Christ. Each will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of the individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. Our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) can guide you through this important giving process:

[Olanda Carr, Jr.](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org) 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org

Legacy Options You can leave a gift to your church in the following ways: • A bequest in your will • Retirement plan beneficiary • Life insurance beneficiary • Proceeds from the sale of real estate or property • Other ways that suit your situation.

Consult with an attorney or professional advisor before making changes to your estate plans.

For more information visit: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution or electronically through our website? Visit the Giving tab on our website to see how!

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**.

If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, “Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)” or speak with your tax advisor.

July 2021 Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—July 4

Topic: We Are Made for the Beloved

Psalm 16:7-11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 11

Topic: Compassion and Contemplation

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 18

Topic: Worth It—2021 Mission Trip Report

Luke 15:11-32

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—July 25

Topic: Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World

Psalm 147:1-11

*“Faith is to believe
what you do not see;
the reward of this faith
is to see what you believe.*

Saint Augustine

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2	George Thorpe Alison Jury
7/3	Jeffery Day Meredith Day
7/4	David Baldr
7/6	Susan Gluck
7/7	Ginny Nutt
7/10	Emily Salmons Marina Wright
7/11	Thomas Johnson Michael Wright
7/12	Jake Armstrong
7/16	Edward Nass Colin Underwood
7/17	Janet Haldeman
7/18	Brian Kent
7/23	Kelly Soliman
7/24	Hayden Faulkner
7/26	Michael Connolly
7/27	Barbara Burkhardt
7/28	Conor Garrigan-Nass
7/30	Keeley Lannon

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/6	Kieran & Chantel Connolly
7/11	Phillip & Patricia Dewey
7/16	Dennis & Diana Witmer
7/27	William & Lisa McNett
7/30	Patrick & Keeley Lannon

CALENDAR

JULY 19TH—AUGUST 1ST

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM Info
07/19/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration	
07/20/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer
07/21/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/25/2021		Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	
07/26/2021	11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
07/27/2021	11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	
	12:00 PM	Church Administrators' ZOOM Lunch	
07/28/2021	11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/29/2021	11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	
07/30/2021	11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	
08/01/2021		Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	

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