



SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM
In-person and livestreamed

Odutola Baptism

The Odutola baptism will take place *outside* at the end of our worship service, and therefore will not be livestreamed. However, it will be recorded and included in the worship video for viewing at a later time.

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Pastor's Ponderings

Pastor Emma Horn

BEAUTY, GOODNESS AND FAITH

I've always loved illustrated children's Bibles. Even now, as an adult, I have a variety of them on my shelves. I've always loved the beautiful illustrations that bring the scriptures to life. One of the things that I have noticed in many of these Bibles is the portrayal of the story of creation. Usually there is a full page spread of perfectly well manicured grass, trees, and flowers with Adam and Eve in the foreground flanked by well behaved wild animals. Usually this picture is paired with some sort of version of the scripture in which God calls the things God created "good".

This week in worship will be pairing the creation narrative as it is told in Genesis 1 with Psalm 139, a psalm of praise, and thinking together about how these texts challenge us to contemplate the intersection of beauty and goodness and faith.

If this all sounds a bit too heady and you aren't sure that it applies to your life and faith these days, come to worship with those doubts and wonders. Come to wrestle and explore and dive deeper into God's word and into lives of compassion and contemplation.

This week in worship we will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism, welcoming a young person into our family of faith, reminding them that they have been called good and are loved by God. In this sacrament of baptism we also recommit ourselves to being a community where all can explore, wonder, doubt, pray and experience God's goodness. I hope that you will join us or worship on Sunday either in person or online!

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM AUGUST 8, 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 ask for healing prayers for Larry Murphy who underwent surgery last week. We are thankful for the support that he is receiving from Joyce and the whole Murphy family.

We pray for students, teachers, professors and families as the new school year draws near and for the safety of all.

We celebrate with joy the upcoming baptism of Akintayo Sebastian Odutola!



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	\$144,734
Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$244,249

WORSHIP LINKS

August 8, 2021

"Morning Has Broken"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are so excited to be able to worship and fellowship together again, but we need your help! Betsy Coons is looking for people to host our fellowship time after worship services. It doesn't have to be a big, fancy, feast; just some snacks to share with friends and family. Please contact Betsy Coons at betsycoons@comcast.net or 484-643-2479 to sign up!

Also, in anticipation of getting back to a "more normal" worship service, we need ushers and greeters to help welcome our members and visitors. Greeters simply need to arrive a few minutes early and welcome folks in. Ushers collect offering and have some minor duties when service is over. For more information, contact Dave Robertson at da.robertson@verizon.net or 302-764-9591.



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.



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.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



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:

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



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

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August 2021 Readings

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 1

Topic: Abyss, Mystery and Wonder

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—August 8

Topic: Morning Has Broken

Psalm 113

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—August 15

Topic: The Beauty of a World Without a Why

Psalm 139:1-18

Selections from Genesis 1

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 22

Topic: Watching the Mind and Guiding the Heart

Philippians 4:8

Psalm 23

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 29

Topic: Living Lives of Contemplation and Compassion

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/05	Robert Hooper
08/06	Akintayo Odutola
08/07	Lisa McNett
08/08	Cassandra Coats
08/10	Felix Connolly
	Marian Hartman
08/12	Wyatt Walther
08/15	Jan Beebe
08/19	Robert Sullivan
08/20	Nancy Day
	Dorothy Kent
08/21	Dave Robertson
08/25	Betty Lord
08/26	Betty Martino
	Shirley Pritchard
08/28	Carl Kumpf

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/08	William and Mauricette Benzing
08/09	Bruce and Katherine Webber
08/10	Robert and Carolyn Hooper
08/15	John and Diane Danzeisen
08/27	Harold and Emily Salmons

CALENDAR

AUGUST 9TH—AUGUST 22ND

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	Zoom
08/09/2021	7:00 PM	300th Anniversary Committee Meeting	Contact Ed Nass
		Al-Anon	
		Al-Ateen	
08/10/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
	7:00 PM	Centerville Civic Association in Social Hall	
08/11/2021	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting - Fall Planning	Contact Pastor Emma Horn
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting (via Zoom)	Contact Pastor Emma Horn
08/15/2021		Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	10:45 AM	Odutola Baptism	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	
08/16/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration	
08/17/2021	10:00 AM	Mission Committee Meeting	
08/18/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
08/22/2021		Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	

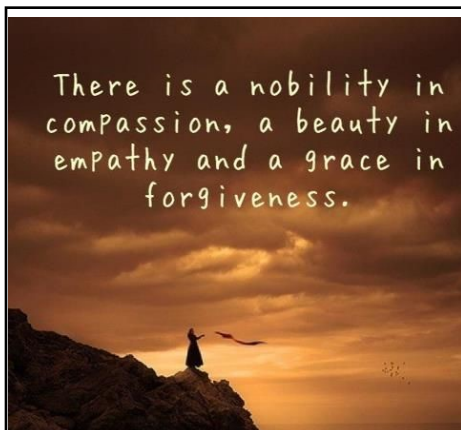
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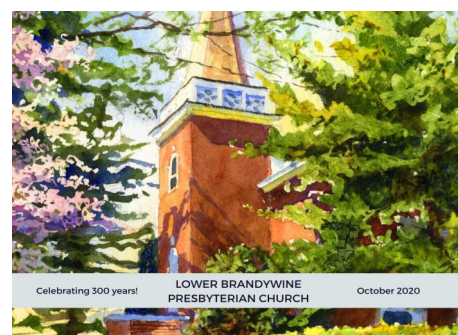


A Visual Prayers of the People, September 5th. As part of the worship service for Sunday, September, 5th, we are putting together a visual Prayers of the People. The subject is *"Beauty and Compassion"*.

If you were to pray for beauty and compassion, what that look like? We invite everyone to submit a picture or pictures that represent what a prayer for beauty and compassion looks like to each person. Please submit your pictures to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or put them in Becky's box. The deadline for submission is **August 26th**.

300th Anniversary Happenings!

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| TUE 9/14 | New Castle Presbytery State Meeting @ LBPC (4 PM-8 PM) |
| SAT 9/25 | Fall Festival (12 PM-4 PM) |
| SUN 9/26 | 300th Anniversary Window Dedication |
| SUN 10/3 | Distribution of commemorative 300th ornament and LBPC History Book after Sunday Service. |
| SUN 10/10 | Performance of Play "Meeting of New Castle Presbytery in 1720" during Sunday Service 10 AM / continued distribution of commemorative ornaments and History Books after service. |
| THUR 10/14 | 300th Anniversary Prayer Vigil (12 PM—6 PM) |
| FRI 10/15 | 300th Anniversary Reception and Concert (5:30 PM—7:30 PM)
Music Concert in Sanctuary by Gina Roche (7 PM—8 PM) |
| SAT 10/16 | 300th Anniversary Day of Service with Urban Promise (9 AM—1/2PM) |
| SUN 10/17 | 300th Anniversary Sunday Service (10 AM—11:15 AM) Unveiling of commemorative plaque-framed list of family names during service
Congregational Brunch at Greenville Country Club (12 PM—2/3:00 PM) |





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