



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcoming All,
Worshipping Christ,
Working to Share
God's Love!

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn No. 399 (Sung 2X) God Welcomes All *Themba Amen*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Prelude

Charleston Arr. Paul Severson
I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover Arr. Paul Severson
Saints Go Marching In Arr. Paul Severson

*Call to Worship *(Please join responsively)*

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn No. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

Prayer of Preparation *(Please join responsively)*

One: O God, you who loved us so much that you came to walk among us in your Son,
Jesus.

**All: To us he is Savior, Teacher, Alpha and Omega, The Word, the Way, the Truth
and the Life, and more.**

One: Yet there are times who Jesus is, who we say that he is, becomes muddled,
mixed up with the ways and the words of the world.

**All: In this season of learning and growing, may we deepen our understanding of
who Jesus is.**

One: As we explore who the Scriptures reveal Jesus to be, may we draw nearer to
him through the power of your Spirit.

**All: And may we renew our commitment to live our lives as his faithful
followers, in his image. For we pray in his holy name, Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

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Parable Time & Blessing of the Backpacks

Down in the Backpack

When the teacher calls and says "Did you get my note?"
And she says she didn't get the one you wrote,
Look in the backpack, just look and see,
Cause when something's lost that's where its bound to be
When your kid says that she can't go on the trip,
Unless you send in that permission slip,
Look in the backpack, look if you dare,
Down at the bottom, you're sure to find it there.

Down in the backpack – Do you wonder what lies?
Down in the backpack – There's a big surprise.
Down in the backpack – something starting to grow

Down in the backpack – maybe you’d better not go,
Down in the backpack.

There’s the yogurt they left there yesterday,
And last week’s tuna fish they meant to throw away.
Down in the backpack – it’s there they’ll stay,
Never again to see the light of day.

Down in the backpack – treasures to be found,
Down in the backpack – something crawling around,
Down in the backpack – missing library books,
Down in the backpack – Maybe you’d better not look.
Down in the backpack – backpack.

So when things get lost, and you don’t know where they go,
And you ask your kid and he just says “I don’t know.”,
Look in the backpack, it’s not to late.
Archaeologists moving in soon to excavate.

Down in the back pack – something smelly and old.
Down in the backpack – something covered in mold.
Down in the backpack – So many things there reside.
Down in the backpack – I think there’s something that died.

Message

Who Do You Say That I Am?

We Respond to God’s Word

Anthem

Amazing Grace with Trouble

Arr. Lee Jones

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Prayer to Dedicate our Offering and our Journeys with Jesus

Offertory

When You’re Smiling

Arr. Lee Jones

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (*Forgive us our sins...*)

We Go Out to Serve

* **Hymn** No. 649 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Tailgate

Harold Walters

* **Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

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Participants in Today’s Service:

The Rev. Nona Holy, Interim Pastor
Isaac LaSalle, Liturgist
Pastor Nona and Candace Smith, Parable
Peyton Cole, Organist/Pianist

With Special Guests, *The Ramblers*

Liz Wohner, Clarinet
Glenn Davis, Trumpet
Rich Hensle, Tuba
Donna Leader, Piano
Rick Wallace, Tenor Sax
David Harris, Trombone
Chris Berlin, Drums

The flowers on the retable are given by the Major Family in loving memory of Jackson Edward Major.
“Down in the Backpack” shared with permission by Bill Harley.



Start Date	Start Time	Subject
9/8/2024		Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Kick-off Sunday
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
9/9/2024	2:30 PM	LBPC Volunteers @ The Garage
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
9/10/2024	6:00 AM	State Primary Election - Social Hall
9/11/2024	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
9/12/2024	7:00 PM	CCA - Social Hall
9/13/2024		Church Office Closed
9/15/2024		Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

In case of emergency, an AED unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor across from the bulletin boards.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship, but should a parent desire, nursery care is provided downstairs.



Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY'S
6:30 PM: BELL & JUNIOR CHOIR
7:30 PM: SENIOR CHOIR

Can you imagine our life together as a congregation without music? Or worship without the sounds of hymns and anthems? Of course not! Music is that integral to our life together: it lifts our spirits and speaks for us beyond words.

If you've ever wanted to be part of making music that has such meaning in a group that is supportive and fun, please join the Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Children's Choir or The Trebles (girls choir). No previous musical experience is necessary! All are welcome – LBPC members & friends! The Senior Choir will sing twice a month in worship and other groups will share their gifts frequently throughout the year.

Introducing LBPC's new Walking Group!

Our first walk will be Saturday, 9/14/24 at 3:30 PM followed by a walk on 9/28/24 at 3:30 PM. We'll meet in the Winterthur visitor lot at the picnic house. Anyone who wants to join is welcome so be sure to tell your family and friends. Upon arrival, please let the security guard at the security gate know that you're there to see Carla Major and they will send you through. If anyone has any questions they can email Carla at waage1976@gmail.com or call her at 631-553-9228.



Hands & Feet of Jesus
Sunday, 9/29. Help us stock the freezer with lasagna for folks in need.