

Lansdale  PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Church Profile

*Gathering a community  
to live for Christ*

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## VISION AND STRATEGY

Lansdale Presbyterian Church (LPC) is a warm and welcoming congregation, seeking to 'Gather a Community to Live for Christ.' We are building a fellowship where God is present and where loving, Christ-like relationships are actively pursued (Jn. 17:21). We strive to put God first in our lives, letting our love for Him guide everything we do. Our key strategies to reach this vision are **"Encourage, Grow, Equip, Go"**.

### Encourage

We aspire to be a community that openly acknowledges the challenges of living for Christ in this present world. And so together, we commit ourselves to encourage one another with God's Word, with prayer, and with acts and words of kindness (1 Thes. 5:11).

### Grow

Admitting that we have not yet "arrived", we aspire to be a community that is always growing in what it means to live for Christ. Not satisfied with the status quo, our goal is to become like Christ and to increasingly reflect his wisdom, goodness, and love (2 Pet. 3:18, Eph. 4:15).

### Equip

We aspire to be a community in which our members are equipped to live life for Christ. Our goal is to teach and model to one another what God's Word says about how to live this life in a comprehensive way, practically applying God's truth to every sphere of our lives (Eph. 4:11-13).

### Go

We aspire to live the gospel by consistently carrying a Christ-like attitude into every sphere of our lives, including family, work, education, community, civil government, and the arts. In this way, others may see and experience the goodness and grace of God and be drawn to him. In addition, we look for effective ways to tell others the good news about Christ and invite them to live for him (Jer..29:7, Matt. 28:19-20).

## COMMUNITY

LPC is located in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a growing and vibrant area, northwest of Philadelphia. This area, known as the North Penn region, centers around the Borough of Lansdale. From any of several rail stations (Lansdale, North Wales, Pennbrook, others), the city of Philadelphia is accessible in about 1 hour by regional rail service.

The county itself is geographically diverse, ranging from farms and open land in the extreme north and western areas of the county to densely populated suburban neighborhoods in the southern and central portions. The major employers are in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, educational, and service industries. The area is home to over 15 universities and colleges, including Villanova and Temple Universities, Bryn Mawr College, Montgomery County Community College, and Westminster Theological Seminary. For grades pre-K-12, there are over 20 strong public-school systems and

numerous, excellent private and Christian schools. Abundant options exist for retail shopping and entertainment. Community events are offered year-round.

## HISTORY AND FACILITIES

LPC was established in 1956 through the combined efforts of Faith Presbyterian Church of Quarryville and Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove. In 1959 the church affiliated with the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod (RPCES), a denomination committed to the Scriptures as the inerrant Word of God and the teachings of the Westminster Confession of Faith. In 1982 the RPCES merged with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), LPC's current affiliation.

LPC met at two different locations in the Borough of Lansdale before purchasing the current property in 1970. The current building, which was occupied in 1973, has been renovated 3 times, with the most recent addition completed in 2018. The resulting 21,000-square foot facility houses a welcoming lobby and cafe, worship center, nursery, office space, library, gymnasium, classrooms, and conference rooms. LPC owns the building and grounds, mortgage and debt-free.

## MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

Our membership roll has 396 members, 300 communicant members, 65 baptized children (non-communicant members), and 31 unbaptized children.

## LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

LPC adheres to the Presbyterian method of governance, typified by the rule of an assembly of Elders or Presbyters, known as the Session. All members and ministry directors are under the authority of the Session, which provides spiritual and visionary leadership. Two types of elders comprise the Session: Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. Ruling Elders govern the church and its ministries, while Teaching Elders are the pastors, set apart to nurture God's people through the teaching of church doctrine and the holy Scriptures. LPC currently operates with a two-pastor model, staffed by a Senior Pastor and an Associate Pastor.

Groups of presbyterian churches are governed by a higher assembly of Teaching Elders, known as the Presbytery. LPC is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery.

Deacons are ordained officers chosen to lead the Mercy Ministry by caring for the needs in our congregation and our community. The Board of Deacons is also responsible for overseeing maintenance of the church property. For the day-to-day operation of the church, LPC has a stable support staff consisting of an Administrative Assistant, Pastoral & Ministry Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper/Office Assistant, Communications Director, Strategy & Operations Manager, Pastoral Counselor, Treasurer, and Sexton. Currently, our pastoral resident is the interim Worship Band director and we are seeking a new permanent Music Director.

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

God's people must be equipped for service and godly living in the world. Our aim is to be a church that presents the whole counsel of God in a clear and practical way, emphasizing a Biblical world and life view. We have many flourishing ministries at LPC that engage both congregants and others from the community. About 40 attend Youth Group, 170 participate in Community Groups, and 42 attend Bible studies each week.

### **Christian Education**

Our Christian education ministry recognizes the centrality of the Bible and the crucial importance of knowing what God has done for us and what God requires of us. Believing that no one is too young or too old to learn from God's Word, we offer classes for all ages, from young toddlers to senior citizens. Some classes focus more on the contents of particular Biblical books, other classes provide a topical approach to Biblical themes, while others focus more on the practical application of Biblical principles for how to live in this present world.

### **Bible Studies**

With three Bible studies per week, members and visitors have an opportunity to dive into God's Word and confidentially share prayer and praise requests.

### **Children's Ministry**

Believing that our children "are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Eph. 4:15), our children's Sunday school has classes for all ages beginning at age 3. The curriculum we use is designed to show Jesus to our children through stories in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Our children meet one Sunday each month for 'Kingdom Kids,' an evening of singing, lesson time, and large-group games. There are additional children and family events throughout the year like Trunk or Treat and outdoor movie nights. Each summer we welcome children to join us for a week-long Vacation Bible School that includes memorable Bible lessons, great music and singing, and fun games.

### **Youth Group**

Our Youth Group exists to assist parents in the Christian discipleship of their children. Youth leaders are passionate about seeing students grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ and developing a strong Biblical worldview. We welcome students in grades 6-12. Youth Group meets each Sunday evening for Bible study, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Each summer our youth have the opportunity to serve on a short-term missions trip and experience a hands-on, word-and-deed ministry.

### **Young Adults**

This ministry engages young adults in their 20s across all stages of life, including college students, post-graduates, married couples, singles, and those new to the area. With approximately 30 active young adults involved, this ministry is a welcoming space for connection,

spiritual growth, and community. They meet semi-monthly to study the Bible and enjoy fellowship. Monthly social gatherings also allow for meaningful relationships.

### **Men's Ministry**

Men's Ministry exists to encourage and equip men to live for Christ. Fourth Monday for Men is the primary monthly meeting, and is a time for hearing testimonies from men in the church, discussions and fellowship. In addition to an annual Men's Retreat, there is a weekly prayer meeting and other social events throughout the year.

### **Women's Ministry**

The purpose of the Women's ministry is to equip women through Christian discipleship to better understand who God is and who God designed women to be. This is a relational ministry of women encouraging and mentoring each other to extend His Kingdom in their lives, home, church, community, and throughout the world. The Women's ministry hosts two Bible studies each week, and offers a monthly ministry for moms. In addition to an annual Women's Retreat, there are other social events throughout the year.

### **Seniors Living In Christ (SLIC)**

An outreach to senior citizens (age 60 and up!), SLIC ministers to the mature members of our congregation and community. SLIC conducts a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of senior citizens, including movie and soup days, Christmas dinners, picnics at Peace Valley Park, and many more. Often special speakers are engaged to speak on relevant topics.

### **Welcome Ministry**

Before and after every Sunday worship service, friendly and knowledgeable members staff our Welcome Center in the lobby. Our Pastors are also available following the service to meet and greet members and visitors and to answer questions.

### **Community Groups**

Community groups are intended to be our primary discipleship ministry, offering unique opportunities for singles, couples, and families – reflecting the New Testament concept of a body with it's differing parts building one another up. There are currently 14 Community Groups with roughly 140 adults attending. While groups meet on various nights throughout the week and have slightly different formats, each group goes through the same studies.

## **LOCAL OUTREACH**

Believing that no one can escape the miseries of this life, including death itself, or can experience true joy apart from a restored relationship with God, we actively proclaim the good news that Jesus has come to take away sins and reconcile mankind to God.

### **Evangelism**

We encourage our members to share the good news about Jesus through local evangelistic outreaches.

- Community events – Each year we have a booth at Lansdale Day, a community festival held during the summer. People from our church greet event-goers with a warm smile and a variety of literature that speaks about our church and ministries, but primarily about the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) - In partnership with Montco Bible Fellowship, LPC hosts weekly ESL classes for adults, October through May. This vibrant ministry draws in many internationals from the local community.
- *Christianity Explored* and *Hope Explored* - Both of these classes are offered throughout the year for people to explore Christianity, ask questions and learn more about who Jesus is. These classes have been offered on campus and off campus.

### **Mercy Ministry**

At LPC, we take God's call to Mercy ministry seriously. As important as the ministry of God's Word is, a word-ministry that is not accompanied by deeds is empty (James 2:15,16; 1 John 3:18). Aside from the general caring that takes place within our congregation, we have an organized Mercy Ministry. Our deacons oversee the Mercy ministry, caring for the needs in our church and community. This ministry includes:

- Funds, food, and assistance for those in need throughout the year,
- Monthly *Food From the Heart* dinners for the locals in our community (who can benefit from a warm meal and fellowship), serving 40 people on average at each meal,
- *Harvest Home* ministry provides monetary gifts to those in need at Thanksgiving
- College scholarship assistance for students attending Christian colleges,
- Angel Tree Christmas gift-giving, providing gift cards for our local Pregnancy Resource Clinic

### **Moms Together**

A key priority of our Women's ministry is the Mom Together program, meeting monthly throughout the school year. Moms Together is an encouraging community of moms with children, infant through elementary school. Monthly speakers, mentorship, and activities help encourage and equip woman as they serve God and their families. Moms Together provides a friendly venue for evangelism and outreach.

## **MISSIONS**

Believing that the work of outreach goes beyond our local community to the ends of the earth, we financially and prayerfully support missionaries who are involved in spreading the good news of

Christ and starting new churches in North America and throughout the world. In 2025, 10% of our general fund supported Missions.

### **Short-term missions**

Youth mission teams and individual members of our church are encouraged and supported to do the work of spreading the good news for a week, a summer, or a year. Sometimes these short-term projects take place within the United States, while others reach people in foreign countries.

### **Long-term missions**

Our church supports a number of full-time, career missionaries serving throughout the globe with our denomination's organization Mission To the World. Other supported organizations serving in the Philadelphia area include Whosoever Gospel Mission, Church without Walls, International Students, Inc., and Reformed University Fellowship.

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday mornings start with a worship service at 8:30 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the lobby. Sunday School for ages 3 through adults begins at 10:00 a.m., and a second worship service follows at 11:15 a.m. Worship services include contemporary and traditional music as well as prayer, responsive reading, offering, and preaching of the Word. Children, age 4 through grade 2, enjoy Junior Church during the sermon. Junior Church allows young children to experience corporate worship and benefit from an instruction time that is tailored for their age level.

We take communion on the first Sunday of each month and perform baptisms as needed.

A nursery is provided during Sunday school and morning worship. We have a written Child Safety Policy, so that our nursery is a place where children and their parents feel comfortable. Additionally, all nursery workers must submit their clearances. There is also a private area for nursing mothers.

On Sunday evenings, Community Groups and Youth Group meet.