PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

Connecting with PCL

Worship this Sunday



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8

"Keeping Our Lamps for Party-Watching"

Rev. Mike Eller

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Choir at **9:15am**

Sunday School at **9:30am**

Worship Service at **10:30am**

There will be Activity Period during the service for 4th grade and younger

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder: Ewan Maclean

Second Reader: Vicky Li

Greeter: Alice Mungwa (month of November)

Ushers: Nicole Lehnbeuter, Fara Razafy

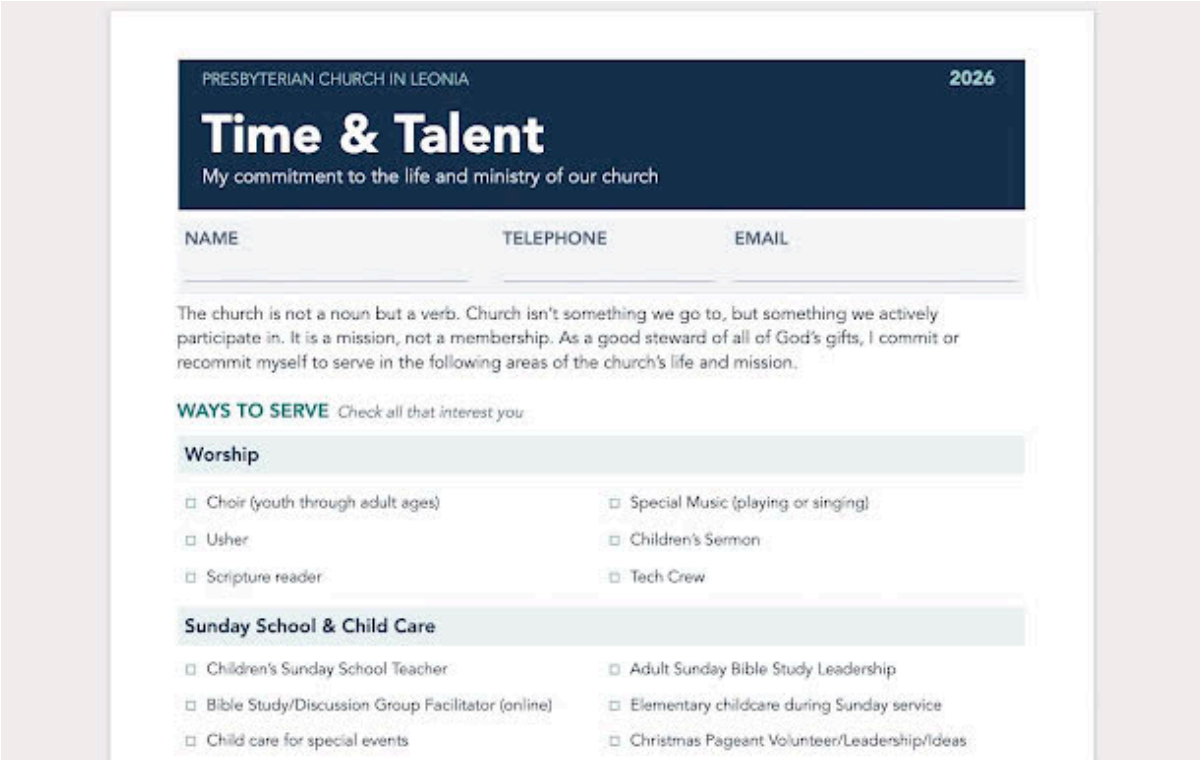
Coming Up

Stewardship Season Begins



We are in our **2026 stewardship season** with Stewardship Sunday taking place on Nov. 22. In worship through the month of November, you will hear more about how you can participate and support our church by making a financial pledge. Your faithful giving sustains every aspect of our shared ministry: worship and music, mission outreach, ministries, education, fellowship, and the stewardship of our building. Each gift helps us plan wisely for the present while planting strong roots for the future.

Share Your *Time & Talents*



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Time & Talent

My commitment to the life and ministry of our church

NAME TELEPHONE EMAIL

The church is not a noun but a verb. Church isn't something we go to, but something we actively participate in. It is a mission, not a membership. As a good steward of all of God's gifts, I commit or recommit myself to serve in the following areas of the church's life and mission.

WAYS TO SERVE *Check all that interest you*

Worship

- ☐ Choir (youth through adult ages)
- ☐ Special Music (playing or singing)
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Children's Sermon
- ☐ Scripture reader
- ☐ Tech Crew

Sunday School & Child Care

- ☐ Children's Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Adult Sunday Bible Study Leadership
- ☐ Bible Study/Discussion Group Facilitator (online)
- ☐ Elementary childcare during Sunday service
- ☐ Child care for special events
- ☐ Christmas Pageant Volunteer/Leadership/Ideas

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What are those ways? I'm glad you asked! On the Ark, we have a **Time and Talents Form** which lists various ministries to get involved in—everything from singing in the choir, to helping lead Sunday School, to visiting church members who are homebound, to doing miscellaneous jobs around the property, to serving on a committee. There is something for everyone! Doing your part will help ensure that Church remains a collective work of all and not the doing of only a select few. I hope you'll take a minute to fill out the T&T Form to express your interests.

See the Form attached to this email.

Leonia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 24



Other Announcements

Upcoming Meetings
Session will meet next Tues., Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm.
Worship Committee meeting next Sun., Nov. 15 following worship.

Jazz Jam next Friday, Nov. 13
Come and unwind from the week and experience great music. Michael Hinton fronts the band Foreign Exchange. Free, donations appreciated.

Hosting Diwali Dinner, Sat., Nov. 14
Though not a church event, we are excited to host another Diwali Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 14. We celebrate our multicultural community and are so glad to be able to offer our facilities for the benefit of the Leonia Indian Community.

Save the Date: Christmas Pageant, Dec. 20
Families, the holidays will get busy before we know. Go ahead and save-the-date for this year's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 20. This is always a highlight of the season as the children and youth prepare for this meaningful service of worship.

Age-Friendly Leonia: For Student Service Hours (Yard/Snow)
Age-Friendly Leonia is a youth volunteer program to provide fall and spring yard clean-ups and snow removal over the winter months. This will be for residents 70 and older or with physical or financial challenges. Several teens from LHS are currently organizing volunteers for this effort which is called Leonia Together, Connecting Generations, Strengthening Community.
If your student needs service hours and would be interested in volunteering, you can sign-up by texting the Ask Anything line at (201) 540-9364. Teen leader, Olivia Choi, will respond to provide details and have them sign a waiver. The text service will track hours.
At this time, there are two fall leaf clean-up days scheduled for Sat., Nov. 14 and Sat., Dec. 5. Snow removal will be pre-scheduled based on weather forecasts. For further questions, contact Mary Gendron (agefriendlyleonia@leonianj.gov; cell: (917) 340-1006).

Having Breeze Issues?
Breeze is our online database to locate contact information for church members. If you aren't yet connected on Breeze, or if you have an account but have had issues logging-in, please contact Rev. Mike to get setup or have your password reset (revmike@leoniapres.org; (917) 687-5709).

This Week at PCL

November 8 (Sun)
9:15 am—Choir
9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship

November 9 (Mon)
10:00 am—Beginner ESL Class
1:00 pm—Advanced ESL Class

November 10 (Tues)
9:30 am—Virtual Discussion Group
10:00 am—Intermediate ESL Class
7:30 pm—Session Meeting

November 11 (Wed)
Veteran's Day
10:00 am—Intermediate ESL Class

November 12 (Thurs)
10:00 am—Beginner ESL Class
7:00 pm—BollyX Class

November 13 (Fri)
10:00 am—Intermediate ESL Class
7:00 pm—Jazz Jam

November 14 (Sat)
10:00 am—Support Group Meeting
5:00 pm—Diwali Dinner

November 15 (Sun)
9:15 am—Choir
9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship with Communion
After worship—Worship Committee Meeting

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General Office Hours
Day off: Friday
Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm
Sun: *Schedule with Mike*