

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

*\*Please stand if able.*

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The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles (lighted on the four Sundays of Advent) grouped around a white Christ candle (lighted on Christmas Day). The main symbolism portrayed by the wreath is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each worship day and as anticipation builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming.

THE PRELUDE

*Veni Emmanuel*

arr. Phillips

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The High School Seniors

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

INTROIT

*Christ is Our Hope/Jesus Loves Me*  
Wendy Bourlouloukas & Kim Vigil

Skogen-Soldner

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.  
Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

**Make your ways known to us, O God.**

**Show us once more your awesome presence.**

We are God's people; no one is excluded.

Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

\*HYMN 9

*o Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Arise, shine: for your light has come.

**O God, we live as if the light**

**had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.**

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**We confess that we ignore the Christ**  
**you send to be among us, to be in us.**

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

## Sunday, November 29, 2009

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>8:30a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Intergenerational Activity</b>
		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Clemens-Ruth Circle</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>MA's Group</b>

**To Our Visitors:** Whether you have visited with us before or are visiting today for the first time, we hope you experience the open-hearted hospitality of the Living Christ in our community of faith as we gather in his name for Sabbath worship. Because it is our desire to get to know you better and to be able to communicate to you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. The Session meets after each service on the First Sunday of the month to receive new members at the front of the sanctuary. One becomes a member of a Presbyterian church in one of three ways: 1) Profession of Faith, 2) Re-affirmation of Faith, 3) by Letter of Transfer from a previous church.

**Children and Balcony Pews!!**—If you have small children with you in worship, **please do not sit in the front row of the balcony!** Help us keep the children safe by choosing another pew for all children under the age of ten.

**In Our Prayers** we remember: Dale Wallace, Emily Costello, niece of Kim & Garrett Goldstein, Kim & Corinne Hovda, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Kim Vigil, Nannette Grimes, Ginny Boerlin, and Anne Greene. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

**Prayer Chain:** *Prayer requests* are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please contact Fran Wingardner (540-882-4847) or email [prayer@lpcva.org](mailto:prayer@lpcva.org) if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

**Pew Postcards**—If you wish to send a note to a member of our congregation, please write your message on the white postcard and put it in the offering plate. The office will address it and mail it out for you.

**Congregational Meeting called for December 13, 2009** after the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of holding the annual meeting of the corporation.

**Intergenerational Advent Celebration.** Just in time to “refuel” for the holidays, Karen Werner will lead us in an Intergenerational Advent Celebration today during the church school hour. What better way to mark the beginning of Advent than with a church-wide fellowship event? Today in Fellowship Hall.

**Emma Clemens and Ruth Circles** will meet on Wednesday, December 2nd, at the home of Faye Vance. We will celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with dinner and a \$10 gift exchange. Menu items have been assigned. We will carpool from the church parking lot, east side, at 5:45 p.m. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Helen Taylor at 703-777-6338 if you have any questions.

**Youth Group**—No meeting tonight. Enjoy the weekend with your family.

**The Angel Tree** is up in the Fellowship Hall with angel ornaments on it. Please help us to fulfill the dreams of these children. Choose an ornament. It will describe the child you will be buying for—sizes, age, name and “wants.” Purchase a gift(s) for this child, and return the gift to the tree UNWRAPPED and marked with the Angel #\_\_\_ on each gift by December 11th.

**Sunday Morning Schedule for Children**—Beginning on December 6, our SHARE-THE-CARE program on Sunday mornings, during the 11am worship service, will be expanded to include our first graders. Children age birth through age 3 will be invited to stay in Noah’s Ark nursery with our care givers, Bonnie and Patricia. Following the Time with Children, ages 4 through grade one will be escorted to their classroom downstairs. A suggested lesson plan is provided, in advance, to the volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry to young children, please call Karen Werner to select your Sunday. Children in first grade and older are invited to stay in worship with their families or to participate in Children’s Choir. There are age appropriate worship bulletins available. Just ask an usher for your bulletin.

**Children’s Choir** — Kindergarten-5th grade children are invited to participate in the Children’s Choir which practices the second, third and fourth Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service after the Children’s Message. Director Wendy Bourloukas will be at the door to escort children upstairs. The children will learn songs to sing in the worship service and also begin practice for the Christmas musical! No Children’s Choir on **First Sunday** of the month so children can participate in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

**The LPC Book Club** will meet on December 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jennifer Marsh. All are welcome to attend. The reading selection is: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Please contact Jennifer Marsh with questions (703-779-0042).

**Church School Stewardship**—In the spirit of giving, the church school children and youth are invited to join in our Biblical Food Offerings beginning next Sunday, November 8th. Non-perishable food items should be brought to the church school rooms where they will be collected and tallied. (All food donations are welcome, regardless of the week's theme.)

**TODAY** Water from the Rock—Bring water or juices  
Dec. 6 Joy to the World—Bring food that brings you JOY  
Dec. 13 Silent Night—Bring cocoa mix, tea, instant coffee  
Dec. 20 We Three Kings—Bring 3 gifts of food

The congregation is invited to join with the children and youth; food donations can be put in the box at the bottom of the Fellowship Hall steps. The donations will go to Interfaith Relief.

**Christmas Joy Offering—December 20, 2009**—In a few weeks, when things are at their busiest, the Christmas Joy Offering is being received in Presbyterian Churches around the world. This PCUSA special offering is one that provides directly for those called to church ministry. The offering is divided equally between the Board of Pensions and several ethnic/racial Presbyterian-supported colleges. The Board of Pensions supports older pastors, staff and workers in missions and churches and receives 50% of the offering. The other 50% is used to prepare young and older people to find their way into service for God. Rev. Greg Bentley was one person whose journey took a while. He found himself looking for his future, his call. As you read his story, you can see God at work in his life and how this offering was a very important part of his journey. Please take a moment to read the insert how Rev. Bentley was helped through this offering. There will be special envelopes in the December Newsletter for your convenience.

**A Reminder to Pray** during the month of December for our Mission partners in the Middle East. These include missionaries supported financially and through prayer from the National Capital Presbyterian's Catchment area and include Iran and Iraq. There is information on the Mission and Witness bulletin board.



## **Attention parents!**

**The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Dec. 2**

Do you need time for Christmas shopping, or even some time to yourself to relax this busy holiday season?

Bring your child to church Saturday, Dec. 5 for a fun afternoon that will also benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Youth group members will supervise your child in a variety of fun activities.

When: Saturday Dec. 5

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Ages: Children 3 years old through fifth grade

Cost: \$10 per child

To sign up, contact the church office or Heidi Renner, 540-338-3889.

**We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season  
and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.**

And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.**

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.**

**It's time that we prepare for your coming.**

**Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.**

**Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love.**

**Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**                      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed to us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)  
**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Jeremiah 33: 14-16                      Pew Bible Pg.738

**ANTHEM SOLO**                              *Only Hope*                              Jonathan Foreman  
Wendy Bourloukas

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 21: 25-26                      Pew Bible Pg.85

**SERMON**                                      "Stand Up Because..."              Pastor Deborah Dodson Parsons

**HYMN 5**                                      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*              PICARDY

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**                                      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*                      arr. Hayes/Gaspard

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts. Amen.

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONALAL RESPONSE

O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall  
immediately following the Worship Services.  
All are welcome!*

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Brenda Bengtson

Ushers: Jeff & Trish Fraker

11:00 a.m.

William Marsh

Evelyn Rollison & David Parsons

Fellowship: Phil & Elaine Thiel

Virginia & Mike LaBahn &  
Family

THE FLOWERS are given today by Mary Hunter Leach to the glory of God.

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

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Interim Director of Christian Education

Youth Group Coordinator

Office Administrator

Prayer Chain

Bookkeeper

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