

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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August 21, 2011

*Standing on the past . . .
Reaching for the future*

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Sing Hallelujah

arr. Hayes

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**

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Kirk Dearman

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Let us sing our praises to God!

***HYMN 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O god, we confess that we have lived so comfortably in the abundance of our times that we forget to seek the things that matter, and we neglect the relationships that matter. We have spent too many days working for things, and too many nights dreaming of more. Our daily pursuits have left little time for reflection and prayer. Redeem us from our self-destructive ways. Show us how to spend our time wisely. Show us how to seek your kingdom.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *To God Be the Glory* Crosby/Doane

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory, great things He hath done.**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Pew Bible Pg. 49

GOSPEL LESSON Romans 12:1-8 Pew Bible Pg. 161

SERMON "Transforming Non-Conformity"
Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

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Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-2; Friday: 9-12

***HYMN 333**

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pass It On

arr. Hayes

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Thank you, God, for your continuing providence, even when we complain. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the need of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to your children. Amen.

***HYMN 339**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound

arr. Smith

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 10:00 a.m..

ASSISTING:

Ushers: Kathy and Brad Brown

Liturgist: Chris Folk

Sunday, August 21, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	August 21	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	August 23	7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	August 24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Social and Practice
Fri.	August 26		OFFICE CLOSED

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 with you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. 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!! Because the safety of our young children matters deeply to all of us, we strongly encourage that little ones do not sit in the front row of the balcony. Help us keep children safe by choosing another pew for children under 10.

Child Care In *Noah's Ark*, infants and toddlers (birth to 6 years) are cared for by two professional caregivers from 9:45 to 11:15.

Share-the-Care There will be no Share-the-Care during the summer. Children up to age 6 are welcome in *Noah's Ark*.

Summer Schedule We will have one worship at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer. The office will be open 9 - 2 Monday - Thursday, and 9 - 12 on Fridays. We resume our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 11 and our regular office schedule on Tuesday, September 6.

Prayer Chain Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please email prayer@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

In Our Prayers we remember: Ashley Beard (Sheri Nelson's sister) as she continues her recovery, Bob Ahrens, Hal Glovier. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

At the LPC officers' retreat in May, elders and deacons began a process of discerning who God is calling us to be as Christ's community at this place and time. Members of the Session are fine-tuning a "vision statement" or "statement of purpose" or "identity statement." There is a real desire that it become a living and breathing force that helps to shape our decisions and priorities about our ministry. For this to happen, the whole congregation needs to get involved. Next Sunday, August 28, is going to be "**HOLY CONVERSATION SUNDAY**." At 10:00 we will gather for worship in the sanctuary for singing, children's message, prayer and the offering. The congregation will then be dismissed into groups, scatter across the building and, with an elder as leader, engage in conversation with each other about our calling as Christ's church here and now in Northern Virginia. Then we will reconvene in the sanctuary at 10:55 for our closing hymn and benediction. Caregivers will be available to care for children six years and younger. Elementary school-aged children and youth will be in separate groups and be led in lively discussions as well.

It is with sadness we share the passing of **Mary Elizabeth Williams** on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. A graveside service was held yesterday at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, VA. Our thanks and prayers are for the many dedicated members of Leesburg Presbyterian Church who so generously and selflessly assisted Mary Elizabeth in her day-to-day life.

TWO-HOUR MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY IN LEESBURG Do you have two hours to spare on occasional Sunday afternoons, from 2:00 – 4:00? One time only or help as often as you like. Volunteers with the **Grace-to-Go Feeding Ministry** prepare and package a simple meal at the Deli South restaurant in Leesburg. Members of LPC have participated already and it really is a simple way that you can help provide a healthy meal to people in need within our community. LPC eventually hopes to be assigned the 1st Sunday of the month on a regular basis (LPC has committed to six Sundays a year). But until then, we hope to establish a small group of volunteers to help occasionally on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. If you feel called to care for God's people in this way, call Kathi Stone (703-777-7194).

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges Do you recycle your ink/toner cartridges from your computer? If so, keep it up. If not, donate them to the church. Just drop them on the desk in the front office and we'll take care of the rest. The church receives \$2 credit per cartridge we recycle and will use the proceeds for office supplies. We saved \$100 on office supplies during the first half of 2011 through ink/toner recycling!

A Message from Loudoun Interfaith Relief: *In the summer we increase the amount of food we give to our families with school aged children because they often rely on the school lunch and breakfast programs to help feed their children. This however has emptied our shelves. Loudoun Interfaith Relief's resources and food supply are at an all time low. We have never turned anyone away since 1991 because of lack of food. Please help us to continue to help Loudoun's most needy. Please place non-perishable food items in the tub at the bottom of the stairs to fellowship hall.*

DEACON POINTS OF CONTACT: Our Deacons are always available to take calls regarding any concerns you may have — illnesses, deaths, personal circumstances, joys — just about anything.

ELDERS

2012

Jim Barnes
Jason Hovda
William Marsh
Jane Wallace

2013

Stuart Brown
Pam Poisson
Holly Rhodes
Kathi Stone

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

DEACONS

Rebecca Caprio
Tom Gurney
Julie Koochagian
Shirley Pearson

Sandy Gasperini
Kim Goldstein
Carla Holland
Caroline Milne

Glenna Bingham
Tom Chase
Babe McGuire
Nancy Vanzandt

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Replenish

FALL BACK INTO LIFE, AWAKENING YOUR YEARNING FOR GOD

A CENTERING MINI-RETREAT

**Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Followed by lunch and fellowship at noon**

In this fall retreat, we will explore how Jesus ministers to us during times of stress, fragmentation, loneliness, busyness and inner pain. We will come to experience the kind of spiritual strength that leads to a life of more authentic joy, amazing beauty and magnificent service.

This retreat is open to everyone. Session members, Deacons, and Adult Education and Church School teachers are encouraged to attend.

Guided by: Rev. Dr. Donelda “Donnie” Cook,
Associate Vice President for Student Development and Director of the
Counseling Center at Loyola University
Location: Leesburg Presbyterian Church
Cost: Free. Offering for lunch.

Contact Pastor Audrey (703-777-4163, dce@lpcva.org) or
Sharon Brown (703-726-8829, sharonbrown@live.com) with
questions or for more details.

Reflect

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Yes, I will be staying for lunch and fellowship.

Yes, I need child care. Children’s ages: _____

Please bring your bible and a notebook to write in.

We will be serving coffee and pastries at 9:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 noon.

**Registration forms may be placed in the offering or left in the office.
Please respond by Sunday, 9/10/11.**