

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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September 18, 2011

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

25th 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

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.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Sing to God with Joy

Iona

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 104:1, 24, 28, 31, 33

Bless God, O my soul! God has great wonders for us!

The works of God are bountiful! The earth is full of God's creation!

The hands of God open—we are filled with good and wonderful life.

May we rejoice in your works, God of Glory!

You endure forever in the creation.

SING TO GOD AS LONG AS WE LIVE!

LET US REJOICE IN GOD'S EVERLASTING BLESSINGS!

*HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we carry excess baggage on life's journey, teach us to travel more simply. If our possessions own us, free us to trust you and share with others. If our need for control keeps us anxious and demanding, help us to relax. If we carry loads of guilt, may we hand them over to you, trusting you to forgive us.

God, make us simple: simple in trust, simple in life, simple in commitment to you. Prepare us for your mission. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are baptized and claim servanthood.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus, Name above All Names 2071

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

WORDS: Naida Hearn (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14; Phil. 2:9)
MUSIC: Naida Hearn

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES
Irregular

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*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Let Your Light Shine through Me* Robert Olson

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-11 Pew Bible pg. 109

SERMON “We embrace people at different stages of the faith journey. . . “
Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN 522** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

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.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Garden* arr. Hayes

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We who have spend much on our own pleasure are please to share that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.

***HYMN 432** (sing twice) *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Brenda Bengtson	Chris Folk
Ushers:	Kathy and Brad Brown	Chuck and Mary Paige Rodgers

The sedum on the altar are in memory of Ethel Amos. They were gathered from her plantings in the church yard, as she did in so many past falls.

Sunday, September 18, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	September 18	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	September 19	7:30 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
Tues.	September 20	9:00 a.m.	Moms Alive!
		7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	September 21	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir

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 8:15 to 12:15.

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), Bob Ahrens, Hal Glovier, Ruth Harrison. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

October Newsletter The deadline for submission for the October newsletter is Monday, September 19. Please email articles to office@lpcva.org. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. to prepare the newsletters for mailing. Please join us!

Young Disciples' Fellowship Begins Today Leesburg Presbyterian Church will have Young Disciples' Fellowship for **children age 4 through 3rd grade** during the 11:00 worship service. The goal of Young Disciples is to offer age appropriate experiences for children in conjunction with worship. We will be leading experiences in praying for others, offering praise and thanks to God through songs and words, learning the Lord's Prayer, understanding what different parts of a worship service are and why we do them, and then expanding these ideas through activities, games and fellowship.

Peacemaking Offering This year's Peacemaking Offering takes place on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Today's insert, "Heed God's Call to ACT," is just one example of how a local community in Bryn Mawr, PA gave support with funds and actions to prevent gun violence. Over the next two weeks you will hear more about this wonderful offering which contributes to a "Culture of Peace" in different ways. Please take a moment to consider how our community has worked and continues to work to spread God's peace. Your gift at the Peacemaking Offering matters.

Moms Alive! Mothers with children of all ages meet on Tuesday mornings when Loudoun County Public Schools are in session, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church in the Lounge. Our mission is to provide a social and supportive atmosphere for mothers in a Christian setting through fellowship, education and outreach. If you have questions you may contact Sarah Jones at MASecretary@lpcva.org or Lauren Vogan at MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org. All Moms are welcome!

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. LPC eventually hopes to be assigned the 1st Sunday of the month on a regular basis. But until then, we hope to establish a small group of volunteers to help as needed. If you feel called to care for God's people in this way, call Kathi Stone (703-777-7194).

The LPC Book Club will meet on Friday, October 14 at 9:30 in the lounge. Our book will be *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver, the funny and touching story of a young woman who leaves her native Kentucky and heads west to see what life has in store. Contact Jennifer Marsh (jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com, 703-779-0042) for more information about book club.

Adult Christian Education Begins Today

Spiritual Disciplines

September 18—October 30

Led by Betty Lowenbach

Spiritual discipline, the spiritual disciplines, spiritual disciplining and getting naked — spiritually, that is — will be the cornerstones of a seven week class for adults in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn twelve simple words that can make our faith journey more spiritual.

Everything You Want to Know About the Christian Faith But Were Afraid to Ask

September 18—November 20

Topics: Trinity, Incarnation, Justification, Sanctification, Atonement, The Church

Led by: Pastor Debbie, Dana Huntley, Sharon Brown, Frank Gasperini

Today: Pastor Debbie leads an introduction to the class

Sunday, September 25, led by Dana Huntley: The Incarnation

"The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14. Why did he come? What did Christ do before he came? How could he be both God and human? How does it all work?

Sunday, October 2, led by Dana Huntley: The Trinity

We know the identity of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons making up one Trinity. How can they each be God and yet be just one God? How does each person of the Trinity work their own work and yet work as a common will? What, in fact, is the point of the Trinity?

G.R.A.C.E. Begins!

A NEW LOOK for Youth Ministry at Leesburg Presbyterian

When: Sunday night, Sept. 25th – 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Who: All Senior High and Middle School Youth!

(more details will be coming in the mail!)

COMMUNITY SERVICE FAMILY DAY The Mission & Witness Committee is will be offering LPC members, families and friends the opportunity to learn about urban agriculture and the challenges of getting real (healthy) food to neighborhoods in the heart of Baltimore city. Tyler Brown, son of Kathy & Brad Brown, is the Farm Manager at RFF and will direct several half day volunteer work projects on **Saturday, October 15 from 9 AM-12 Noon** at Real Food Farm, in Baltimore, MD. Families are welcome. Volunteers who wish to carpool/ caravan will meet at LPC at 7:00 AM for a 7:15 departure. Brownbag lunch will be at noon, rain or shine. Bring a water bottle, wear close-toed shoes, and come dressed to work. Volunteering together in the greater community is a wonderful way to get to know those with whom you worship on Sundays!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US so that we can provide directions and coordinate carpools. Learn more at realfoodfarm.org. Contact Kathy Brown, 703-777-4656 or Kathi Stone, 703-777-7194 for more information.

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
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Sandy Gasperini
Kim Goldstein
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