

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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October 23, 2011

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

arr. Herman Voss

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**

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us."

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

***HYMN 272**

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you are Sovereign over all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong, you are with us. When the burdens of life seem oppressive and our spirits become listless, you are present. When a sense of calm purpose moves us from the depths of our being, you are present.

Forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge or rely upon your steadfast love in all seasons of live. We confess that sometimes we stubbornly try to live without you. Sometimes we lock you in the past as if your best efforts with us were concluded long ago. At other times we put you off until tomorrow.

Great God, forgive us, and grant us the wisdom to trust you and the courage to serve you. Through Jesus Christ we pray

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Hallelujah, Halle-lujah

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mathew 22:34-46

Pew Bible pg. 34

ANTHEM

My God, My Portion

Arr. James Hopkins

My God, My Portion, and my love, My everlasting all,
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, or on this earthly ball.
What empty things are all the skies, and this interior clod!
There's nothing here deserves my joys, There's nothing like my God!
In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters His feeble light:
'tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.
My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all,
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, There's nothing like my God!
- *Isaac Watts*

SERMON

"What is Really, Really, Really Important!"

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

*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.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Deer with "Largo" by Antonin Dvorak arr. Ron Sprunger

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw us closer to you. Amen.

***HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: Stuart Brown

Ushers: Babe and Kevin McGuire

11:00 a.m.

Randy Jackson

Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons

Sunday, October 23, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	October 23	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
Tues.	October 25	9:00 a.m.	Moms Alive!
Wed.	October 26	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Manna
		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 3 years) are cared for by two professional caregivers from 8:15 to 12:15.

Young Disciples 4 year olds through 3rd graders are invited to participate in Young Disciples' Fellowship after the children's message during the 11:00 worship service. The goal of Young Disciples is to offer age appropriate worship experiences for children including 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.

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: Mary Lib Glovier, Ashley Beard (Sheri Nelson's sister), Hal Glovier, Ruth Harrison. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

MANNA MANNA continues this Wednesday, October 26. On the menu this week: Chicken Divan, Herb Rice, and Garden Salad. Supper is served from 6:00 - 6:40 followed by a series "What I Treasure About My Faith Tradition." This week we are joined by Rev John Ohmer, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, for a presentation followed by questions and answers. This year dinner will be \$7.00 per person (age 13+), \$4.00 per child (age 6-12), children under 5 eat for free. Maximum \$20 per family. Tickets are purchased the night of the event, but we ask that you RSVP this week to let us know you'll be joining us for supper. RSVP cards are in the pew, or you can contact the church office to RSVP no later than 3:00 Monday. Childcare will be provided. MANNA is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the folks you sit next to on Sunday mornings!

November Newsletter We will be preparing the newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for about an hour if you are able to help.

Food for Thought The Bereavement Committee is assembling a list of potential food providers for receptions held at the church after a memorial or funeral service. If you are interested in volunteering time or food please contact Kim Goldstein (kgoldstein@lpcva.org) or Nancy Vanzandt (nvanzandt@lpcva.org) or call and leave a message with the church office at 703-777-4163.

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!

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges Do you recycle your ink/toner cartridges from your home 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.

Adult Christian Education

Spiritual Disciplines

Led by Betty Lowenbach, continuing through October 30

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

Continuing through May 20

Topics: Trinity, Incarnation, Justification, Sanctification, Atonement, The Church
Led by: Pastor Debbie, Dana Huntley, Sharon Brown, Frank Gasperini

Today and next week: *Atonement*, led by Pastor Debbie

We will discuss the different ways of speaking about the Christian doctrine of atonement. How central is this doctrine to Christian theology? What role does it play in your personal faith?

Impact your community and the world. Walk with us on Sunday Nov. 6 The Mission & Witness Committee encourages all to join the 2011 Western Loudoun Crop Walk – a world-wide event organized by Church World Service to fund hunger programs. Location: Rotary Pavilion at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA. Registration: 1:00 p.m. Walk: 1:30 p.m. around Franklin Park. Each walker is encouraged to collect donations and upon sign-up the walkers will be given a pledge sheet and information packet to help with fundraising. Checks are to be made payable to Church World Services and given to a walker or dropped in the collection basket. All donations will be accepted on the day of the walk at registration. Non-walkers may support our team in spirit and make donations to the team too! Funds raised in a CROP Hunger Walk assist people in need around the world and also in our local community.

Hunger Facts

- Over 1 billion people are hungry worldwide. That's one out of every seven people in the world.
- Each day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes – one every five seconds.
- People are hungry in the United States, too. If all 36.2 million Americans faced with food insecurity stood in line at a food pantry in New York, the line would stretch to Los Angeles and back. Twice.

Look for the sign-up boards during fellowship on Sunday 10/23. Contact Kathi Stone, 703-777-7194 or Kathy Brown, 703-777-4656 for more information.

LPC BOOK CLUB Please join the LPC Book Club for a morning of fellowship and literary enjoyment. We will meet on 11/11/11 at 9:30 in the lounge to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, the story of the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College - in 1665. The novel is set in Martha's Vinyard and is related by a Calvinist minister's daughter. Contact Jennifer Marsh (jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com, 703-779-0042) for more information about book club.

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
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