

# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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**November 20, 2011**

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

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)**

34th 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*

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PRELUDE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

arr. Smith/Hustad

**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.** (repeat)

**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."** (repeat)

**Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord of all the earth.

**We will come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God, it is he that has made us.

**We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

**We will give thanks to him and bless his name.**

**\*HYMN 551**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When we are impatient and dissatisfied, forgive us, patient God.**

**When we are ungrateful and complacent, forgive us, generous God.**

**When we ignore the needs of others, forgive us, compassionate God.**

**When we ignore our own needs, forgive us, healing God.**

**When we are quick to judge others, forgive us, merciful God.**

(silence is kept)

**Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



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\*HYMN 554

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: Sally Nathan

Ushers: Kathy and Brad Brown

11:00 a.m.

Paul Ritsema

Don and Linda Gibson

Today's flowers are given by the Vigil family in praise and gratitude to God who has showered us with an abundance of blessings in our lives and a loving church home.

**Sunday, November 20, 2011**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Worship</b>
		<b>9:45 a.m. Church School</b>
		<b>11:00 a.m. Worship</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m. Youth Group</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Stitchers</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m. Christian Education Ctte Meeting</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Moms Alive!</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m. Choir</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>November 24</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</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 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.

**Welcome Rev. Everhart** Rev. Everhart is a Presbyterian minister who is currently devoting her full-time energy to writing. She lives in Sterling, and has served churches for the past 21 years -- in upstate New York, central Illinois, and just across the river in Poolesville, Maryland. Her work in progress is a book about a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You are welcome to check out her blog ([www.rutheverhart.com/blog](http://www.rutheverhart.com/blog)), follow her on twitter ([rutheverhart](https://twitter.com/rutheverhart)) or friend her on Facebook (Ruth Huizenga Everhart).

**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.

**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: Stan Rollison, 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.

**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 service. The goal of Young Disciples is to offer age appropriate worship for children, offering praise and thanks to God through songs and words, understanding what different parts of a worship service are and why we do them, and expanding these ideas through activities, games and fellowship.

**Holiday Coalition** The Christmas Giving Tree is up in Fellowship Hall. This year, we are focusing on the teenage group—age 12-18. This is part of the Holiday Coalition. Please take a Christmas ball ornament and buy a gift for the teenage boy or girl who fits in the age category written on the back of the ornament. All unwrapped gifts are to be brought back to the tree by Sunday, December 4 with the ornament taped to the gift. Don't know what to get? A suggested shopping list is posted near the tree and in the supplemental Christmas giving insert this week.

**December/January Newsletter** We will be preparing the newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for about an hour if you are able to help. No experience necessary!

**Parents Night Out** Friday December 2nd, 6:00—8:30. All LPC Members and LPCP students and siblings welcome. \$15 for 1 child or \$15 for the whole family. Proceeds benefit "Team Shawn" to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please sign up downstairs in the CE wing. For more info, contact Elaine Thiel at 703-771-1461 or etthiel@lpcva.org.

**Save the Date** The annual Christmas Dinner will be December 11 with two dinner seatings at 5 and 7pm, with an all new Christmas Program between the two seatings. Look for details in next week's bulletin.

## **Adult Christian Education**

**Everything You Want to Know About the Christian Faith But Were Afraid to Ask**  
Continuing through May 20

Upcoming Topics: The Church, The Sacraments, Creation, Predestination  
Led by: Pastor Debbie, Dana Huntley, Sharon Brown, Frank Gasperini

Today: The Church, led by Frank Gasperini. *What does it mean to be The Body of Christ in 2011? What does it mean to be PCUSA? What does it mean to be LPC today?*

## **Effective Parenting in a Defective World**

Led by: Juli Barnes, November 6 – December 18

This is a video/discussion course on the challenges of raising children with strong Christian principles and values in our modern world. This is a repeat of the course that was offered last winter. If you participated last year, please feel free to attend again. We will be using the same workbook. Any new participants who need a workbook may contact Juli at [jatbarnes@msn.com](mailto:jatbarnes@msn.com). This class is appropriate for parents of elementary through middle-school children.

## **There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, November 27**

**Pledge Envelopes Available** If you indicated on your pledge card that you wish to receive pledge envelopes, they will be available on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in the pew at the front of the sanctuary. After the 18<sup>th</sup>, envelopes will be available in the vestibule. If you don't find envelopes with your name, please contact the church office to request a set. Hurry....quantities are limited!

**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](mailto:MASecretary@lpcva.org) or Lauren Vogan at [MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org](mailto:MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org). All Moms are welcome!

Attention to anyone who has used the **brass flower vases** in the past year: Does anyone know the whereabouts of the blue plastic glass liners used in the brass vases? If so, please notify the church office.

**Holiday Giving** The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are an annual reminder of the ongoing needs faced by many people in Loudoun and throughout the world. Leesburg Presbyterian Church will be supporting some of these needs as a community and encourages you to consider ways that you can help as an individual or family. Please see the supplemental insert for more information

**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.

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**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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## **Community Holiday Coalition in 2011 “Brightening Up the Holidays”**

The “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” program was established in 1996 to be an enduring link between people who are in need and those who want to help. Over the past fifteen years this program has brought together thousands of volunteers and donors from all walks of life, working together to brighten up the holidays. In 2010, hundreds of volunteers and countless donors gave their time and resources to brighten the December Holiday Season for more than 1,400 families, including more than 3,300 children!

A giving tree with "ornaments" is set up in Fellowship Hall to support the Community Holiday Coalition's "store" where clients select presents and food for their families. This year the Mission & Witness Committee will focus our gifts on Pre-teens and Teens. Choose an ornament with a description of a child, buy an age appropriate gift, and place it (unwrapped) under the tree by Thursday, December 8. If you have questions or want to learn about other ways to help, see a member of the Mission and Witness Committee or visit [www.loudoun.gov/holidaycoalition](http://www.loudoun.gov/holidaycoalition).



### **Gift Ideas for Pre-teens and Teens:**

sports equipment, sport jerseys, duffle bags  
CD players & gift card for CDs  
video games – hand held or plug into TVs  
portable CD players  
board games, sudoku games  
flannel PJs for girls and fuzzy slippers  
flannel bottoms for guys  
bedding (twin or full size), pillows, soft blankets/throws  
room décor items, like laser lights, unique lamps, neon items

jewelry, cosmetic & beauty kits, jewelry boxes  
hair dryers, curling & flat irons, electric curlers  
alarm clocks  
books  
cameras  
clothing, sweatshirts, jeans, hoodies (all sizes)  
stationary, diaries, wallets, purses  
store gift cards @ \$10 each (malls, Target, etc.)

**2011 Alternative Giving Christmas Faire**  
**December 4 - Fellowship Hall**  
**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.**

For the past several years the Mission & Witness Committee has provided the congregation several opportunities to "shop" for alternative gifts during the holiday season. We have selected two local offerings (Pastor's discretionary fund and the St. James Grace-to-Go feeding ministry) and two international offerings (Heifer International and our friends in Malawi). A nice variety of fairly-traded and sustainably-grown coffee, tea, and chocolate that were popular last year will also be available, as well as a couple of new items. We hope you will enjoy supporting these worthwhile programs and your family and friends appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Haven't been to an alternative faire before? It's simple! Come to the Fellowship Hall on December 4, visit the display tables, talk to representatives about the organizations you are supporting, and purchase your "gifts." Cards will be available to give to family and friends that explain a donation has been made in their name. Questions may be directed to any member of the Mission and Witness Committee.

**Heifer International** supports families around the world with gifts of animals – you and your family will be able to select from an assortment of animals for your personalized gift and colorful gift card.



**“Grace to Go” Feeding Ministry**, our newest church sponsored local mission project is a collaborative effort with St. James Episcopal Church and service organizations in Loudoun County to provide meals on a weekly basis for those in need. Your donation will fund the grocery bill for the LPC team’s 2012 commitment to provide the food and volunteers to prepare about 200 healthy meals during the first Sunday afternoon of each month in the coming year.

**Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**, You can give a special gift of food and shelter to those in need in Loudoun County. Your donation will fund the purchase of a share of a night’s lodging or a \$25 gift card to Safeway or Wal-Mart to help the many visitors Rev. Parsons receives throughout the year.

**Embangweni Hospital, Malawi**, our International partner of many years. The gift you select will pay for drugs and IV solutions to treat two children for pneumonia; treat four children for a bout of malaria; or cover the daily costs for child charity patients.



The Mission and Witness Committee is again hosting a **Presbyterian Coffee Project** during the Alternative Market. Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate products will be available for purchase or to order as gifts. A warm cup of coffee (or tea) in our hands is perhaps the most tangible daily connection we have with farmers around the world. It represents warmth, hospitality, fellowship, hard work and life's pleasures both fine and simple. Buying fair trade ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it. By paying a fair price to the small-scale farmer, working with democratic cooperatives, offering affordable credit and supporting sustainable agriculture, we help these farmers build better lives. Coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate and sugar are certified fairly traded and organic products are certified organically grown and processed. Come, taste, and buy for family and friends or to enjoy for yourself this Christmas.

**Loudoun Interfaith Relief** is providing one special holiday meal this year, Thanksgiving, and is always in need of food donations at this busy time. See the list below or for more information please contact Interfaith directly at 703.777.5911 or check out their website for more information: [www.interfaithrelief.org](http://www.interfaithrelief.org).



### Wish List

cereal  
100% juice  
canned fruit  
canned meats (tuna or chicken)  
mac and cheese  
Chef Boyardee products  
hearty soups

boxed potatoes  
boxed stuffing  
vegetables  
yams or sweet potatoes  
gravy—please no glass containers  
cranberry sauce

Gift cards to area grocery stores are always helpful and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated as well.

## Community Holiday Coalition Volunteers Needed

Give yourself a gift: sign up to volunteer at the holiday stores. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. For more information about volunteering, call 703-737-8367 or e-mail [holidayvolunteers@loudoun.gov](mailto:holidayvolunteers@loudoun.gov).

**Store Location:** 22714 Glenn Drive, Suite 100, Sterling, VA 20164

## **Christmas Joy Offering** **December 18, 2011**



*“Good News of Great JOY!!”* How familiar the words, and through this PC(USA) special offering it is especially true for future spiritual leaders and families of active and retired church workers through the Board of Pensions. The Christmas Joy offering also supports scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges, and helps students develop their gifts and find their calling.

This offering will be received on December 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be more information thru bulletins and inserts, as well as the Minutes for mission. Please take time to consider your gift to this offering.