

1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Phillips

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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning bright.

We light the candle of hope.

When God Is a Child

CONGREGATION

Brian Wren

GATES
JOHN CARTER

REFRAIN



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The



last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and



none shall be a - fraid.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

O come, O come, Immanuel.

Come and bring the light of God.

Come and walk among us.

Be our Savior and our Friend.

O come, O come, Immanuel.

Come to bring us your hope.

*HYMN #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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AMEN.

*RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 Service)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Phone: 703-777-4163
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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King!

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O Gracious God, with gratitude for all good gifts, we present a portion of our life and our labor. Bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:11-12

Pew Bible p. 3

Romans 13: 11-14

Pew Bible p. 162

SERMON

“A Hope-Giving Christmas”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

MEDITATION SOLO

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

***HYMN #11**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: Stuart Brown

Ushers: Linda and Bob Duffey

11:00 a.m.

Chuck Rodgers

Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons

Today's flowers are given by Lee and Glenna Bingham in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Sunday, November 27, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	November 27	8:30 a.m.	Worship
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Tues.	November 29	9:00 a.m.	Moms Alive!
Wed.	November 30	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	December 1	10:00 a.m.	Circle One
Fri.	December 2	6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out

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 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.

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.

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.

Parents Night Out Friday December 2nd, 6:00—8:30. All LPC Members and LPCP students and siblings welcome. \$15 for 1 child or \$25 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 ethiel@lpcva.org.

Circle One, Thursday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. The women of Circle One meet the first Thursday of each month for a time of fellowship, study and spirited discussion. Please accept our open invitation to join us December 1st at 10:00 am as we continue our look at the Beatitudes. No advance preparation needed. If you have questions about the study or Circle One, contact Laura Herring at 703-777-7639.

2011 Alternative Giving Christmas Faire, Sunday, December 4

The Mission and Witness Committee is providing 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. For more information, please see the supplemental Christmas giving insert.

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!

Adult Christian Education

There will be no Christian Education classes today. NEXT WEEK:

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

Upcoming Topics: The Sacraments, Creation, Predestination

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

The Sacraments, led by Frank Gasperini. During the first two weeks of December we will have a discussion of the sacraments that help us remember whose we are, and who we are. Those who are interested will also receive guidance on how to write a personal statement of faith as an individual project. Bring your coffee and come prepared for discussion and spiritual growth together.

Effective Parenting in a Defective World

Led by: Juli Barnes, continuing through 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. This class is appropriate for parents of elementary through middle-school children.

Pledge Envelopes Available If you indicated on your pledge card that you wish to receive pledge envelopes, they will be available on Sunday, December 11th & 18th in the pew at the front of the sanctuary. After the 18th, 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!

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.

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

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Rebecca Caprio
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Julie Koochagian
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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.

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.



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.)

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December 4 - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

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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.

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 18th 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.

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.

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

Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11



First Seating: 5:00 PM

Second seating: 7:00 PM

All New Christmas Program: 6:15 PM

Celebrate the season with your church family!

The Deacons invite you to a traditional holiday dinner. We will provide honey baked hams, assorted breads and rolls, and beverages. You complete the meal by bringing your tastiest side dish, dessert or make a \$15 contribution. Complete the RSVP on the reverse side to let us know you will be there

TURN PAGE TO SIGN UP!

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All New Christmas Program: 6:15 PM

Name _____

of adults _____ # of children _____

_____ We will attend the First Seating at 5:00

_____ We will attend the Second Seating at 7:00

YES! I will bring one of the following:

_____ Side Dish

_____ Dessert

OR

_____ I will contribute \$15.00 to help purchase hams for the dinner.