

3rd 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

Tapestry of Joy

Leni Smith

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.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.

We light the candle of Peace.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born.

We light the candle of Joy.

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** from Isaiah 61

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;

For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

***HYMN #40**

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

(Silence)

LEADER: 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.

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

LEADER: Amen.

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

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (first time in unison, repeat in round)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Bells/Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Nielsen/Young

Becky Sweet and Kathy Adcock, pianos

***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!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

In our unworthiness, O God, may we yet bring gifts to honor the Messiah.

We give ourselves as your servants, for no gift is complete without

personal commitment. Thank you, God, for expecting great things of us.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Pew Bible p. 635

ANTHEM

Jesu Bambino

Jon Pietro

Kim Vigil, Soprano

Nate Ritsema, Violin

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:39-46

Pew Bible p. 57

SERMON

“Jumpin’ for Joy”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN (insert)**

Joy Has Dawned

Getty/Townsend

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Fellowship after the 8:30 service will be in the library. There will be no fellowship after the 11:00 service due to the Christmas Dinner.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: John Sawyer

Ushers: Andy and Sheryl Tompkins

11:00 a.m.

William Marsh

Carla Holland and Cameron Spivey

Sunday, December 11, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	December 11	8:30 a.m. Worship
		9:45 a.m. Church School
		11:00 a.m. Worship
		5:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner and Program
Mon.	December 12	7:00 p.m. Preschool Board
Tues.	December 13	9:00 a.m. Moms Alive!
		7:00 p.m. Mission & Witness Cttee Meeting
		7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
Wed.	December 14	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 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: Laura Rutherford (Becky Sweet's niece), 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.

Stewardship Update

2011 Budget

We appreciate everyone's continued giving through these challenging economic times. We currently have a shortfall of \$19,000 in pledged income for this current year. Please make every effort to bring your pledges current as soon as possible. If you did not pledge, kindly consider LPC in your plans for year-end charitable contributions.

Pledge Commitments for 2012

Of the 95 individuals and families from 2011, 80 have pledged for 2012. Twenty individuals and families have chosen to pledge for the first time, and we truly appreciate their commitment.

Goal: \$330,000

Current Commitments: \$316,044

Balance Needed: \$13,715

If you intend to pledge and have not yet done so, providing us that update will help greatly as we work to finalize LPC's budget for next year.

You made the Alternative Faire a success! Thanks to your generosity, many will benefit in Loudoun County and around the world. For the alternative gift portion of our Faire: The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was the recipient of \$1,375; Grace to Go will be able to provide over 600 meals to the working poor (\$1,650 was donated); a hospital in Malawi will receive \$690 for life saving medicines; Heifer International will receive \$920 for giving live animals to those in need. The Equal Exchange/Fair Trade/Presbyterian Coffee Project portion of our Faire did very well, too. Again, thanks to all who helped further these worthwhile causes.

Holiday Worship Schedule

December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 Family Candlelight Service

7:00 Candlelight Service

11:00 Candlelight Service with Communion

(childcare at 5:00 & 7:00 services)

December 25 and January 1:

One Service at 11:00 a.m.

No Church School

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!

New Orleans Mission Trip The LPC M&W team is planning to head to the Gulf from March 26th through the 31st to build homes and restore hope to those impacted by Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested in joining in on the fun and rewarding trip, please contact Elders Folk or Stone (cfolk@lpcva.org ; kstone@lpcva.org).

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. Please take time to consider your gift to this offering.

Living Nativity December 21, 2011, 6:30-8:00 pm. Please join us at this year's living nativity from 6:30-8:00pm on December 21st on the front lawn of the church. We're looking for those who would like to be a part of the magical scene - we'll need Josephs, Marys, angels, shepherds, and wise men to serve in 30-minute shifts. We'd also like for everyone to come observe this special part of Christmas at Leesburg Presbyterian Church. We'll have cookies, warm drinks, great fellowship, and some of the animals who would have been there to witness the birth of Baby Jesus.



Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11

First Seating: 5:00 PM

Second Seating: 7:00 PM

Program: 6:15 PM

"I'm Dreaming of a Christmas Special Just Like the Ones I Used to Know"

(An evening filled with surprises provided by LPCers of all ages!)

If you missed the RSVP, don't despair, we'd still love to have you attend! Please bring a side dish or dessert if you are able.

Adult Christian Education

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

THIS WEEK: 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.

NEXT WEEK: Discussion with Frank Gasperini about recent topics, The Church and The Sacraments.

COMING UP: Creation, led by John Sawyer. In January, our adult Christian Education Series will begin with the Christian doctrine of creation. This doctrine is more than an analysis of the creation story in Genesis 1:1-31. To view God's creative activity as simply taking place in the distant past would be deceptively simple and it would fail to see the full depth of the phrase "In the beginning God created..." Please join us as John Sawyer leads us in reflection upon the Christian understanding of scripture's revelation of who the Creator God is and of God's creation in the light of what scripture tells us about the creator God.

Anger, Peacemaking, and Forgiveness, January 8 – 29, Led by Ben Franklin
What causes us to be angry? As Christians, how do we deal with this difficult emotion? How do we resolve conflicts that arise from anger, and reach a state of forgiveness? These questions and issues will be confronted in January. No reading is necessary, but attendees are invited to bring in their personal experiences with anger, conflict, and forgiveness.

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
Tom Gurney
Julie Koochagian
Shirley Pearson

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Joy Has Dawned

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story.
Gold—a King is born today,
Incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

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With life (♩ = 116)

F Gm⁷/F F Csus C Dm⁷ Gm⁷ F/C C C⁷ F Gm⁷/F F Csus C

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled,
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels, as the might - y Prince of Life
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som; Re - con - cil - ing God and man -

7 Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Csus C F F/A B^b F/A Gm Csus C Dm⁷ Gm⁷ F/A

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 shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in
 pro - phes - y a sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is
 Christ our might - y Champ - ion! What a Sav - iour, what a Friend, what a glo - rious

12 F/C C C⁷ F Gm⁷ F Csus C Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Csus C F

glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
 dark - ness, cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
 mys - t'ry: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - try.