

4th 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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Sprunger

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

REFRAIN (Choir only)

When God Is a Child

John Carter

RESPONSIVE READING

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.

Love is a flame that burns in the heart. Jesus has come and will never depart.

We light the candle of Love.

VERSE (Choir only)

REFRAIN (Congregation)

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 afraid.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come both in our dark grief, and in the bright joy of our celebrations.

We come to rejoice and give thanks!

We come in hope and wonder, in mystery and confusion.

We come to rejoice and give thanks!

We come in silent anticipation, waiting and watching for Emmanuel.

We come to rejoice and give thanks!

We come with as many reasons as there are people.

We come to rejoice and give thanks and sing!

***HYMN #41**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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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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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 service)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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

Our best we give to you, loving God, for you have given your best to us in the mystery of the incarnation. Send your Word to the world in this season through our caring service. The gifts we dedicate are already yours. Thank you for all the ways you have provided for us. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA (insert) *Light Looked Down* Marty Parks

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Phone: 703-777-4163
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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: David Mowbray

Ushers: Kathy and Brad Brown

11:00 a.m.

Randy Jackson

John and Connie Nicolls

Sunday, December 18, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	December 18	8:30 a.m. Worship
		9:45 a.m. Church School
		11:00 a.m. Worship
		5:30 p.m. Youth Group
Mon.	December 19	11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Stitchers
Tues.	December 20	9:00 a.m. Moms Alive!
		7:30 p.m. Session
Wed.	December 21	6:30 p.m. Living Nativity
		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@ipcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

In Our Prayers we remember: Gordon Mackey, Dorothy Carman, 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.

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.

*Please join us in celebrating a Life-Giving Christmas at
Leesburg Presbyterian Church!*

The Living Nativity



Wednesday, December 21

The Narrative of Jesus' birth with walk-on of the characters begins at:

6:30 PM 7:00PM 7:30 PM

Come to the front lawn to see and hear the drama of the night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

with live animals, Christmas carols, fire pit, and hot chocolate and apple cider

LPC Book Club Friday, January 13, 9:30 am, At our January meeting, we will discuss *Unbroken* by Laura Hillebrand. Contact Jennifer Marsh (703-779-0042; jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com) for more information about book club.

Pledge Envelopes Available If you indicated on your pledge card that you wish to receive pledge envelopes, they are in the pew at the front of the sanctuary. After today, 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!

Adult Christian Education

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

Continuing through May 20

Upcoming Topics: Creation, Predestination, Word of God in Our Lives and Christian Living

Led by: John Sawyer, Dana Huntley and William Marsh

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

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 25

COMING UP January 8 and 15: Creation, led by John Sawyer. 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.

January 22: Predestination, led by Dana Huntley. Yes, you, too, have a destiny. After all, God knew you before the creation of the world. Often thought of as the "sticky wicket" of Reformed doctrine, predestination isn't anywhere near as scary as it sounds. Let's unpack our destiny.

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.



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

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).

2011 Christmas Joy Offering Received Today! Today we receive this very important Joy Offering. It is used to “support racial ethnic education at Presbyterian related schools and colleges where it helps students develop their gifts and find their calling. It also assists families of active and retired church workers meet the unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.” Today’s insert shows how one family was facing overwhelming problems, yet this offering through the Assistance Program helped this family to “renewed financial and spiritual strength.”

In these recent weeks, we have been called upon to consider our own gifts and what we might share with others through our actions and giving. Our giving through the Alternative Gift Faire, differing offerings and our pledges and through volunteering to help others in circumstances that are difficult, has made the words “Good News of GREAT JOY” have true meaning. Thanks to all!

ELDERS

2012

Jim Barnes
Jason Hovda
William Marsh
Jane Wallace

2013

Stuart Brown
Pam Poisson
Holly Rhodes
Kathi Stone

2014

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Light Looked Down

By Marty Parks

The Leesburg Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Choir

December 18, 2011



**Leesburg Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Choir**

Becky Sweet, Director of Music
Kathy Adcock, Accompanist

Sopranos

Judy Beck
Pia Hall
Renate Neely
Shirley Pearson
Kathy Pritchard
Kim Vigil
Taylor Vigil

Altos

Beth Hood
Pat Kropp
Karisma Neely
Wynne Rodgers

Tenors

Michael McGuinness
Gary Pritchard

Basses

Tom Chase
Hal Glovier
Dana Huntley
Paul Ritsema

Light Looked Down

By Marty Parks

The Leesburg Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir

Angels We Have Heard on High

Renate Neely, *soloist*

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Christ Child

Wynne Rodgers, *soloist*

Carol Medley

O Come, All Ye Faithful; (choir only)

Fairest Lord Jesus (with congregation);

Infant Holy Infant Lowly; (choir only)

Away in a Manger (with congregation);

Angels from the Realms of Glory (with congregation)

Gloria Jubilate Deo!

Kim and Taylor Vigil, *soloists*

Light Looked Down

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Finale

My Soul Magnifies the Lord and Joy to the World!

Charge & Benediction

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*