

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



January 1, 2012

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

1st Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

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.

***CHORAL INTROIT** *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* PERSONENT HODIE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in the harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou has broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

***HYMN 41**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Lord forgive us. You have called us to be your representatives to all the world's peoples. Too often, however, the message we carry is our own message; it is not your message of love, understanding, rightful judgment, and forgiveness. It is a message conveyed by the demonstration of our acts in pursuit of our own interests, which reflect our own self centered concerns with, at best, only a token nod to you. We know that we should give you our all, as you have shown us with the gift of your own son, whose birth we celebrate in this season. Father, strengthen us that we might be able to drink from your cup; that we may not shrink from any duty to which you have called us. Help us to be your worthy, able, and rightful ambassadors now and always.

(silence is kept for personal prayer and confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Hayes

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that while we are apart our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. Amen.

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

***HYMN 40** *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:1-10 Pew Bible p. 683

THE GOSPEL LESSON Romans 5:1-11 Pew Bible p. 155

SERMON "The Spirit in the New Year" Elder Dr. John Sawyer

***HYMN 28** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to our ushers, Nancy Vanzandt and Jane Wallace

ELDERS

2012

Jim Barnes
Jason Hovda
William Marsh
Jane Wallace

2013

Stuart Brown
Pam Poisson
Holly Rhodes
Kathi Stone

2014

Chris Folk
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Tom Gurney
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Sunday, January 1, 2012

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	January 1	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	January 2		Office Closed
Tues.	January 3	9:00 a.m.	Moms Alive!
		7:00 p.m.	Deacons
Wed.	January 4	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles
Thurs.	January 5	10:00 a.m.	Circle One

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: 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.

Pledge Envelopes Available If you indicated on your pledge card that you wish to receive pledge envelopes, they are in 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!

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.

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).

Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles Wednesday, January 4th, 7:30 p.m. We will resume our study of the Beatitudes with lesson 4, *Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished and Parched for Justice*. This is the 4th Beatitude in Matthew 5:6 and in Luke 6:21a, 25a. Betty Lowenbach will lead this lesson and we will meet in our usual place, the church library at 7:30 p.m.

Circle One Thursday, January 5, 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 January 5th 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.

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

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.