

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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January 8, 2012

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power

arr. Bennett and Braman

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**

The God of Heaven

Norman Warren

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 29, The Message

Bravo, GOD, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

In awe before the glory,

in awe before God's visible power.

Stand at attention!

Dress your best to honor him!

³ **God thunders across the waters,**

Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—

GOD, across the flood waters.

⁶ The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,

The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

⁷⁻⁹ GOD's thunder sets the oak trees dancing

A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"

¹¹ **God makes his people strong.**

God gives his people peace.

***HYMN 210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Wisdom,
We acknowledge that all understanding
And all life-giving counsel comes from you and belongs to you.
Your ways are always highest and best;
Yet we have tried to fashion and follow our own way.
We have clung to our darkness rather than followed your light.

Forgive our selfish waywardness,
And help us by your Spirit to follow the light of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins
Father (Jesus/Spirit), we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord, Here I Am* John Ness Beck

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Mighty God, you have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness, and because we care about people who do not know you, people who have not shared your abundance, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend.
Amen.

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

A BLESSING OF THE GRACE TO GO MINISTRY AND THOSE WHO SERVE

THE LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 1

Mark 1:4-11

Pew Bible pg. 34

SERMON

“Beginnings” Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN 507**

I Come with Joy (verses 1-3)

DOVE OF PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray ...

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

When you receive the bread, please wait until the pastor leads us to partake of it together. You are invited to partake of the cup as you are individually ready. The larger slice of bread on each plate is gluten free.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN 507**

I Come with Joy (verses 4-5)

DOVE OF PEACE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgists: Frank Gasperini

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Ushers: Andy & Sheryl Tompkins

Evelyn Rollison & Chuck Rodgers

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).

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 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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22

12:00 p.m.

Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2011 annual report and information about the 2012 budget, acting on a change of pastor's terms of call, and electing members to fill vacancies on the Board of Deacons and the Endowment Committee.

Sunday, January 8, 2012

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	January 8	8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship
Mon.	January 9	11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Stitchers 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting
Tues.	January 10	9:00 a.m. Moms Alive! 7:00 p.m. Mission & Witness Meeting 7:00 p.m. Evangelism and Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
Wed.	January 11	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir
Fri.	January 13	9:30 a.m. Book Club

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.