

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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January 22, 2012

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

3rd 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

The Solid Rock

arr. Anna Laura Page

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.

*INTROIT

Jesus, Name above All Names 2071

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

The musical score is written on three staves in 12/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with a long note for 'Em-man-u-el' that spans across the bar line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

WORDS: Naida Hearn (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14; Phil. 2:9)
MUSIC: Naida Hearn

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES
Irregular

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are a people created to sing praise to God!

We praise the God who gives rivers in the desert.

We worship the God who has said, "Yes!" to humanity in Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to the God who gives the Spirit to those who would follow Jesus. Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, giver of all good gifts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light of light, Very God of Very God, you have given us Jesus, light of the world. We confess that too often we choose night and cling tenaciously to behaviors that negate the brightness of your love and prevent its illumination of our lives and our world. We are afraid that your light will reveal too much of who we really are. We resent its penetration of our private lives and secret thoughts. But we know how self-delusion harms us. Forgive us and help us to submit to scrutiny by the light that streams from Jesus' cross. Expose our guilt and convince us of your forgiving love.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto thee.**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

pew bible pg. 35

ANTHEM

Seek Ye First

Joseph Martin

SERMON

“Letting Go and Getting Up”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

Sunday, January 22, 2012

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	January 22	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Tues.	January 24	9:00 a.m.	Moms Alive!
		10:30 a.m.	Newsletter preparation
		7:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
Wed.	January 25	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: Kathleen Franz and family, Gordon Mackey, Dorothy Carman, 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.

Friends, visitors and new members of Leesburg Presbyterian Church
are warmly invited to

PIZZA & CONVERSATION about **BELIEVING & BELONGING**

after worship, **January 29**

12:00 noon - 2:00 PM



We'll have lunch and informal conversation about our congregation, your interest in church membership, questions about the church, its Presbyterian heritage, and what becoming a member means. The Session will meet with any who are ready to join and receive them into church membership.

Children are welcome!

After lunch the children can enjoy play-time with supervision.

Thanks for your RSVP! We need to know how many care-givers to provide.

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Preschool Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway! Applications and information are on the table outside of the preschool office. Feel free to call Elaine Thiel at 703-771-1461 if you have any questions.

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. In 2011, we saved \$290, thanks to your participation!

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!

It is with sadness we share the passing of LPC member **Terry Franz** on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and three children, Kelly McCoy, Geoffrey Franz, and Susan Franz. A celebration of his life was held on Tuesday, January 17.

February Newsletter We will be preparing the February newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, 1/24 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for about an hour if you are able to help.

The LPC Bookclub is now meeting every other month. Our next discussion will be on Friday, March 9, at 9:30 in the church lounge. We will discuss *Cleopatra's Daughter* by Michelle Moran, a story of the orphaned twins of Antony and Cleopatra. Contact Jennifer Marsh with any questions about Book Club.

Adult Christian Education

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

Continuing through May 20

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

Today: 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.

Coming up: The next two lessons will be led by William Marsh and will address Christian living. Particular focus will be on the writings of the prophet Micah and stories from Acts.

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
TODAY 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.

Leesburg Presbyterian Church Ladies High Tea

*Saturday, February 18th
2:00 - 4:00 pm
LPC Fellowship Hall*

LPC Ladies and Friends – join us for an afternoon of high tea and fellowship as we hear from John Stewart, Presbyterian Minister and Director of the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc.

Tickets for this special event are limited,
so be sure to purchase
your ticket (\$12) right away!

For additional information or to host a table at high tea, contact Shana Folk (571) 291-2933 or Wynne Rodgers (703)777-7168

