

# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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January 29, 2012

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

4th 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*

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## 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.*

#### \*INTROIT

*Father, I Adore You*

Adkins

Father/Jesus/Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God calls to us

**With sighs too deep for words.**

The Spirit of God calls to us,

**Claiming us,**

Summoning us to become more than we now are.

**Calling us by name: God's children and followers of Christ.**

#### \*HYMN 288

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in Christ. You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust in you. You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love yet we are so cautious and sparing in sharing this love. We pray that you forgive us and that you guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from our fears that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit.**

(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 PSALTER LESSON** Psalm 111 pew bible pg. 562

**ANTHEM** *Soon and Very Soon* Andrae Crouch

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1: 21-28 pew bible pg. 35

**SERMON** "Ripped" Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (see back page)  
(from A Brief Declaration of Faith, PCUSA Book of Confessions)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Holy, Holy / Holy Ground* Owens/Davis

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #592**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep  
ourselves focused on who we are, gracious God, and on what you expect  
of us. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 466** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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

<b>ASSISTING:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Liturgists:</b>	<b>David Mowbray</b>	<b>Chris Folk</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Trish and Jeff Fraker</b>	<b>The Potter Family</b>

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Church School</b>
		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>January 31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Moms Alive!</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Emma Clemens Ruth Circles</b>

**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](mailto: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.

**Sanctuary Flowers** There is a new flower chart posted outside the main office. Please sign up. If you would like to dedicate flowers to the honor or memory of a loved one, please email [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org) by the Wednesday before the service for which you are signed up.

**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.

**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](mailto:MASecretary@lpcva.org) or Lauren Vogan at [MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org](mailto:MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org). All Moms are welcome!

**Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles** Join us this Wednesday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the church library as we continue our study of the Beatitudes.

**Circle One** This month, we are meeting on the **second** Thursday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship, study and spirited discussion. Please join us 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.

**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.

**LPC Newsletter - The Back Pew** LPC's monthly newsletter, *The Back Pew*, should have arrived in your mailbox within the past few days. If you did not receive one and would like to be added to the regular mailing list, please email [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org). If you'd prefer, you can read it on the web at [www.lpcva.org](http://www.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: Word of God in Our Lives, Christian Living, Sin

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** Concludes today. 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.

### **NOOMA** February 5-19. Led by Betty Lowenbach

Join us for our discussions on a thought provoking collection of short videos on a wide variety of faith life issues .

## **3rd Annual SWEET SOMETHING Silent Auction**

Sunday, February 12

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the 3rd Annual "Sweet Something" Silent Auction will be held after both worship services on Sunday, February 12 to raise funds for the High School Youth Mission trip to West Virginia and the Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs. There will be an array of delicious desserts from pies and cakes to cookies and dessert bars just in time to give to a friend, a teacher, a co-worker, a neighbor or a spouse on Valentine's Day!

Last year we raised over \$2,000; our goal this year is to raise \$2,500!!! In order to do this we need two things:

- (1) Folks to bake and donate fabulously yummy desserts
- (2) Folks to bid on these fabulously yummy desserts



Sign-ups will begin on January 29th! The youth really appreciate the wonderful support of their church family for their summer ministry trips!

# *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 Joan 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

