

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able.*

THE 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

Come and Fill

THE TAIZE COMMUNITY

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.

All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

A second commandment is like the first:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

we confess that, in our life of faith,

our words of commitment have been many

but our deeds of love and obedience have been few.

Like a mother who cannot forget her children,

you keep drawing near to us and answering

our cries for help, even though we forget our promises

to be faithful to you.

**In your mercy,
forgive the emptiness of our words.
Enable us by your Holy Spirit
to serve you faithfully and to put
into practice the faith we profess.**

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***THE GLORIA PATRI 579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 Pew Bible Pg.163

ANTHEM *For Where Love Is, There Is God* WAGNER

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 12: 28-34 Pew Bible Pg.49

SERMON "The Good Book" Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

OUR TIME FOR PRAYER 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.

OFFERTORY *Awesome in This Place* arr. Wyrzten

***THE DOXOLOGY No 593** Marsh

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen....**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND DEDICATION: Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. 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. May our lives praise you! Amen.**

Children's Choir — Kindergarten-5th grade children are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which practices the second, third and fourth Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service after the Children's Message. Director Wendy Bourloukas will be at the door to escort children upstairs. The children will learn songs to sing in the worship service and also begin practice for the Christmas musical! No Children's Choir on **First Sunday** of the month so children can participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Peacemaking Offering—October 4, 2009—Each year Leesburg Presbyterian Church participates in four special PCUSA offerings. Along with many other Presbyterian churches, we are helping to make life easier for people in need. This special offering allows us to assist people on national and international levels as the inserts indicate. We can also make a difference for people on our local level for whom peace has been allusive. Twenty-five percent of this offering will go to the local Salvation Army to help provide hot meals to homeless and hungry fellow citizens of Loudoun. (They could also use volunteers. The insert tells how two Presbyterian churches used their offering portion to help their communities. As always, there are many possible ways to witness. Please give or do as you are able. With grateful thanks—Mission & Witness Committee.

LPC Book Club—meets at 9:30 a.m. on second Fridays in the lounge. You are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Our next two reading selections are as follows: October 9—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, and November 13—*Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell. Please contact Jennifer Marsh with questions (703-779-0042).

Upgrading Your Digital Camera? The Membership & Evangelism Committee is in search of a digital camera for the church. The camera will be housed in the office where it will be readily available to document the life of our congregation. For example, the camera will be used to take pictures of new members, youth activities, commissioning of mission trip volunteers, and special events such as Christmas dinner and children's choir performances. If you have a digital camera that you are willing to donate, please call Denise in the church office at 703-777-4163.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Led by the pastor and Wed. morning "wise women"
Neglected Voices
Biblical Spirituality in the Margins

We will explore the lives of lesser-known biblical figures who have much to teach people today about the importance of faithfulness in all places and times. By seeing how God's grace is present in the lives of biblical "unknowns," we become open to the possibilities in our own lives and the lives of others. **Study Book: \$10.00**

Third Graders Will Receive Bibles—The following third graders will receive their personal copy of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, at the 11am worship service, a gift from this congregation.

Mason Alexander Goldstein
Aidan Jones
Emma Nicole Koochagian
Quinn Nicole Mathei

Anna Patricia Morris
Anna Elizabeth Milne
Caleb Matthew Schear
Sara Grace Upton

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children—8:30 a.m. Worship—Children from birth through age 3 are welcome in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Two certified child-care attendants staff the room from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages—There are classes for age three through youth and adults. Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. 11:00 a.m. Worship—Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Share-the-Care follows the *Time with Children*, ages 3 through Kindergarten are escorted to the classroom downstairs. Adult and youth volunteers staff this program. A suggested lesson plan is sent to the volunteers prior to their volunteer Sunday. If you are able to assist in this program, please contact Karen Werner at the church. Children in first grade and older are invited to stay in worship with their families or to participate in Children's Choir. There are age appropriate worship bulletins available. Just ask an usher for your bulletin.

Youth Group—will be enjoying the Jon Lloyd Band concert with the Youth of National Capital Presbytery at the National Presbyterian Church in D.C. We will leave church at 4:00 p.m. and return around 8:45 p.m.

MANNA our fall fellowship dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu this week: **Pancake Supper**. Following supper, Pastor Debbie will lead adults in a discussion from 6:45-7:15 while Karen Werner, our Interim Director of Christian Education, will lead our children (age 4 and older) in a special program. Childcare will be provided in the nursery for those age 3 and under.

As always no RSVP is required. Our Deacons provide all the food, but if you're able, a small contribution of \$4 per adult, \$2 per child (max \$10 per family) is always appreciated! Manna is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the folks you sit next to on Sunday mornings. Come join us, a good time is had by all! See you then!

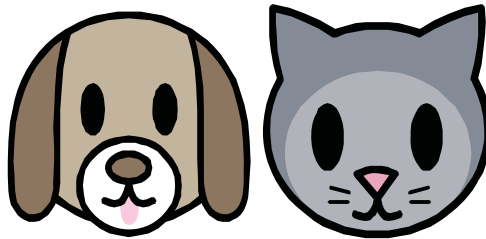
Windy Hill Community Clothing Drive for children—The clothing drive for children returning to school has been quite a success. Clothing of all kinds, gently used and some new were donated so that youngsters heading to school will look and feel great. Thanks to all who contributed these so dearly-needed articles.

It's never too late to hit the road. The 2009-2010 Adult Church School journey continues. Join Dana Huntley in the lounge as he continues his seven part series exploring the **Church Family Tree**, from its early beginnings found in Acts, to its many forms today. Or join Debbie Parsons in Fellowship Hall to find out about **Being a Presbyterian – Believing, Belonging, Becoming**. Both classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Starting October 4th, Ben Franklin and Nancy Van Zandt will lead a number of **Conversations About Parenting**. This course will offer an opportunity for parents of children of all ages to hear about and discuss the challenges of leading Christian families in today's world. Interactive in nature, each week the session leader will present some information about fam-

Blessing of the Animals

A Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for our pets and our relationship with them.



October 4, 2009

4:00 pm – 4:30 PM

Front Lawn of Leesburg Presbyterian Church

Special doggie/cat treats baked by LPC youth will be given to all pet attendees and also sold.

Proceeds will go to Loudoun County Animal Shelter.