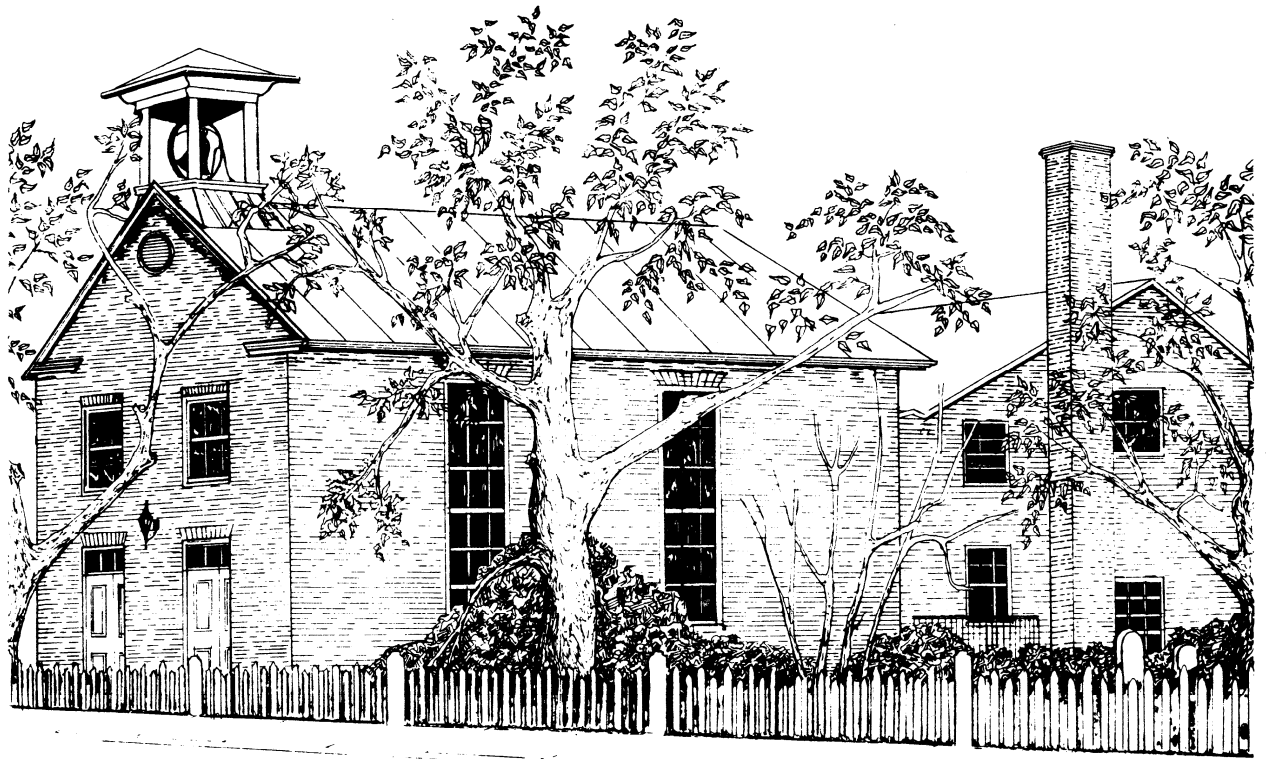


LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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January 13, 2013

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Glorious Is Thy Name

B.B. McKinney

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 *(Choir Singing) The God of Heaven*

GLORY

The God of heaven thunders, whose voice in cadent echoes
Resounds above the waters, and all the world sings, "glory, glory, glory!"

The desert writhes in tempest, wind whips the trees to fury,
The lightning splits the forest, and flame diffuses glory, glory, glory!

The mighty God eternal is to the throne ascended,
And we who are God's people, within these walls cry, "glory, glory, glory!"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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!

God thunders across the waters,

Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness---

God, across the flood waters.

The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,

The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

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"

God makes his people strong.

God gives his people peace.

***HYMN 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLECOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we live forgetting who we are and whose we are. We forget our baptisms where You name us beloved, claimed us as your sons and daughters, and called us to be your disciples. We live by such lower standards than our high calling in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, remind us, and recall us to be your glad and giving and loving people.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE 341** *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Hearn
**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word. (repeat)**

*GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

During the flu season we shall forego Passing the Peace and instead offer to those nearest you in the pew a verbal greeting of welcome.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 pew bible p. 672

ANTHEM *Be Not Afraid* Craig Courtney

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 pew bible p. 60

SERMON "Power in Name" Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN 309** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Name Above All Names* arr. Pethel

*THE DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend. Amen.

Sunday, January 13, 2013
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	January 13	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	January 14	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Board
			Mission & Witness Committee
Tues.	January 15	7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	January 16	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 Worship Because the safety of our young children matters deeply to all of us, we encourage families with little ones to choose a seat other than the front row of the balcony if possible.

Birth to 3 Year Olds are cared for by two professional caregivers, Miss Pat and Miss Bonnie, in our nursery on the first floor of the education wing from 8:15 to 12:15.

4 year olds to 3rd graders are invited to participate in Young Disciples' Fellowship after the children's message during the 11:00 service. Young Disciples provides age appropriate worship for children using activities, games and fellowship. We offer praise and thanks to God through songs and words, and learn what different parts of a worship service are and why we do them.

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: Hal and Mary Lib Glovier. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

ADULT STUDIES—NEW CLASS BEGINS
Is There Christianity After Religion?

The data is clear: religious affiliation is plummeting across the breadth of Christian denominations. Some contend that we're undergoing yet another evangelical revival; others suggest that Christian belief and practice is eroding entirely as traditional forms of faith are replaced by new ethical and a-religious choices. And yet interest in "spirituality" is on the rise. So what is behind the sea change in American religion?

These are the questions unwrapped and explored in Diana Butler Bass's new book, *Christianity After Religion* and ones that we will be exploring in the Adult Studies Class the next five Sundays. Bass, who has spent her career teaching history, culture, and politics of religion, and engaging church communities across the nation, brings forth her deep knowledge of the latest national studies as she seeks to fully comprehend the decline in Christian attendance and affiliation that started decades ago—and has increased exponentially in recent years. And it is her contention that Christianity is at a critical stage in a completely new spiritual awakening.

Ben Franklin, Gary Pritchard and Debbie Parsons will lead us in exploring Diana Butler Bass's book, *CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION*. If you would like your own copy of this book, you can order it from amazon.com.

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 27
12:00 p.m.

Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2013 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2012 annual report and information about the 2013 budget, acting on a change of pastor's terms of call, and electing a nominating committee to search for an associate pastor.

January Chili Cookoff Join us upstairs in fellowship hall after the 11:00 service today for fun, fellowship, and CHILI!! Everyone is welcome.

COMING UP: Valentine Dessert Silent Auction Funds support summer youth programs. Asking all bakers to sign up beginning next week and all lovers of sweets to bid generously on February 10th.

2013 Pledge Envelopes If you requested pledge envelopes for 2013, please pick them up in the front side pew.

February Newsletter Articles and submissions for the next newsletter are due in the office by the end of the day on Monday, January 21. Please email your articles to office@lpcva.org. We will be preparing the newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for about an hour if you are able to help. No experience necessary!

ESL Classes Leesburg Presbyterian Church will be joining with Leesburg Methodist Church this winter in support of their English as a Second Language program. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Methodist Church. Anyone who is interested in participating in a support role should contact Jane Sawyer or Tom Chase. Commitment is flexible and all ages are welcome, including families with children.

Moms Alive! Beginning in 2013, LPC's moms group, *Moms Alive!*, for mothers with children of all ages, will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. It will continue to be 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church with childcare provided. 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 Kim Vigil at k97vigil@yahoo.com.

Lost and Found The wave of items washing up at the beginning of each week has crested! We now have an official lost and found on the bookshelf outside the door from the sanctuary to the hall. Lots of glasses, some jewelry, a spare glove ...

ELDERS

2013

Stuart Brown
Pam Poisson
Holly Rhodes
Kathi Stone

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
Keith Markel

DEACONS

Sandy Gasperini
Kim Goldstein
Carla Holland
Connie Niccolls

Glenna Bingham
Tom Chase
Babe McGuire
Nancy Vanzandt

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