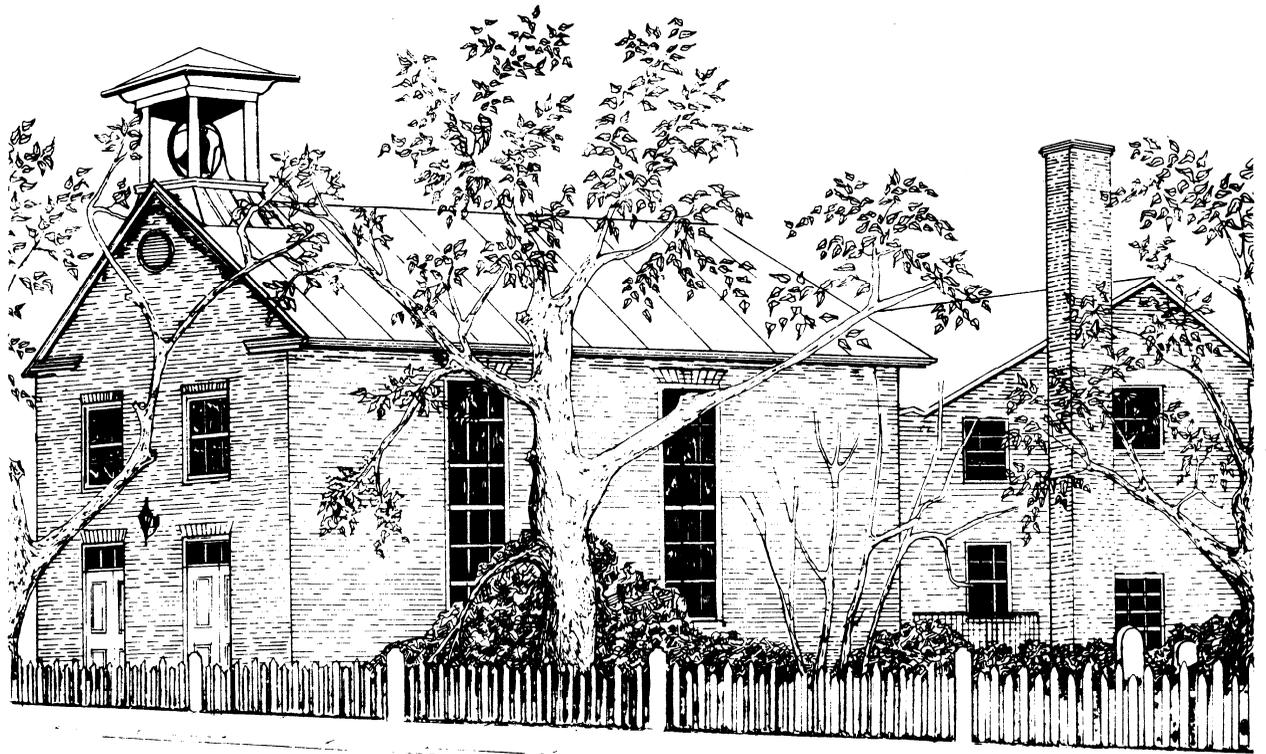


LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



January 20, 2013

*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

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.

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the prophets, call to us today

Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

**We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray
and worship as the Body of Christ.**

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, You know our inmost wounds, our deepest hurts. You know where we have been wronged and You know where we have wronged others.

Forgive us when we have held onto hurts rather than sought healing. Forgive us when we have harmed others. Forgive us when we have used You and Your Sacred Scriptures to harm rather than to heal. Call us into healing and teach us how we might bring Your message of hope and healing to the world.

In the name of Jesus the Great Physician, we pray.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE**

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

***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)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

pew bible p. 854

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN (next page)**

Let Justice Roll Down

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to Your children praying
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to Your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adagio cantabile from Sonata Pathetique
Alana Reed, Piano

Beethoven

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of your children for bread, for justice, for relief. We want to help, and we believe your church can be Christ's healing presence for them. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals and groups. Amen.

***HYMN (next page)**

What the Spirit Says Do

Trad.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists:
Ushers:
Acolyte:

8:30 a.m.
Jim Barnes
Trish and Jeff Fraker

11:00 a.m.
Chris Folk
Goldstein Family
Bailey Vigil

Let Justice Roll Down

Chorus:

**Let justice roll down, down like river
Down to the valley where the helpless cry
Let righteousness flow through us forever
Lead us to the stream that will never run dry**

**Flow to the mouths of the hungry
Flow to the hands of the poor
Flow to the hearts of the orphans
To the ravages of war**

(Chorus)

**Flow to the streets of the homeless
Finding no place they can go
Flow to the cells of the prisoners
Facing each day alone**

(Chorus)

**Flow through the courts of our nation
Guide us in the love's decrees
Lead us like streams to salvation
Flood our land with peace**

(Chorus)

What The Spirit Says Do

**I'm gonna do what the Spirit says do
I'm gonna do what the Spirit says do
And what the Spirit says do I'm gonna do Lord, Lord
I'm gonna do what the Spirit says do**

**I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move
I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move
And when the Spirit says move I'm gonna move Lord, Lord
I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move**

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray ...

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing ...

I'm gonna do what the Spirit says do ...

Sunday, January 20, 2013
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	January 20	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	January 21	11:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Stitchers
Tues.	January 22	7:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
Wed.	January 23	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@ipcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

In Our Prayers we remember: Jane Wallace, Hal and Mary Lib Glovier. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

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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.

Friends, visitors and new members of Leesburg Presbyterian Church are warmly invited to Lunch and Conversation about **BELIEVING & BELONGING** after worship on Sunday, February 3, 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.

January Chili Cookoff A BIG thank you to the Deacons who hosted our LPC Chili Cook Off last Sunday! To all who organized, set up, cleaned up, brought chili, brought desserts, judged, and came for fellowship, THANK YOU! Pictures are on the bulletin board by the office door! A good time was had by all !!!!!

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 ...

Ash Wednesday Join us as we kick off the Lenten season with a pancake supper at 6:00 on Wednesday, February 13, hosted by the Deacons. A simple 30 minute Ash Wednesday service follows at 6:45.

There is a blank, lonely-looking **2013 flower chart** posted outside the office. Let's give it some love!

4th Annual *SWEET SOMETHING* Desert Silent Auction

Sunday, February 10

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the 4th Annual "Sweet Something" Silent Auction will be held after both worship services on Sunday, February 10 to raise funds for youth ministry and summer trips. 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 \$3,700; Can we do it again?!?

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 begins today! The youth really appreciate the wonderful support of their church family for their summer ministry trips!

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

Kristin Moats
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