



Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday
Leesburg Presbyterian Church
March 31, 2013

Easter Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Prelude of Easter

arr. Wyrzten

And Can It Be / Worthy Is the Lamb / Christ Is Alive / Easter Hymn

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

***HYMN 123**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME OF GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.
When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.
When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and
give us peace.**

(silence is kept)

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins

**Father (Jesus/Spirit), we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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***HYMN 106**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

**May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.**

May Christ be with us,

Christ before us,

Christ in us,

Christ over us.

May your salvation, O Lord,

be always ours this day and forevermore.

Amen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 a.m.

Liturgists:

Dave Mowbray

Ushers:

Trish and Jeff Fraker

Acolyte:

11:00 a.m.

Paul Ritsema

David Parsons

Sara Koochagian, Emma Koochagian

Sunday, March 31, 2013

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	March 31	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service
		8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
		10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	April 1		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues.	April 2	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
Wed.	April 3	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	April 4	7:30 a.m.	Emma Clemens/Ruth Cirlices
		10:00 a.m.	Circle One

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 on Easter Sunday Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship during the 11:00 service until after Time with the Children. Since there is no Godly Play/children's worship today, kindergarteners and below will be escorted to child-care to be cared for by our three care-givers. First graders and above will remain in the sanctuary with their parents. The nursery is located on the first floor of the education wing and is staffed from 8:15 to 12:15.

Because of the safety of our young children matters deeply to us, we encourage families with little ones to choose a seat other than the front row of the balcony if possible.

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

One Great Hour of Sharing is TODAY This is a very special offering for people all around the world who are devastated by disaster, are hungry and/or need help in self-development. Please make your offering check to Leesburg Presbyterian Church, memo O.G.H.S. and simply place it in the offering plate in the envelope provided in the bulletin. It will be sent to PC(USA).

FISHES AND LOAVES Our next opportunity to bring in canned goods or other non-perishable items for Loudoun Interfaith Relief will happen next Sunday, April 7th. So far we have brought in 304 lbs of "good news". Many folks are very grateful. Thanks for sharing.

The new LPC pictorial directory has arrived and there's one with your name on it! Stop by the church office during regular hours (9-3 M-F and 9-2 on Fridays) to get one.

The Back Pew The next issue of *The Back Pew*, LPC's (usually) monthly newsletter, will be published the second week of April and will cover events from April 10 to June 9. There will be a summer issue in mid-June. The deadline for submissions to the April issue is 9 am Tuesday, April 2. Please email articles to office@lpcva.org or drop them in the office. We will assemble the newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 am.

Choir Members Wanted Our faithful musicians in the choir are looking for additional voices, especially in the men's section. All are welcome! We are also looking for new ensembles, vocal and/or instrumental, whether or not your schedule allows for participation in choir on a regular basis. Please see Becky Sweet, or email her at music@lpcva.org or just come!

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 7, 2013, following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the Nominating Committee's nominations for deacons, elders, and the Endowment Committee for the Class of 2016, and for at-large members of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee.

Thinking About Dying, Grief, and the Funeral

Someone wrote "We are alive, therefore we will die. This is the simplest, most obvious truth of our existence, and yet a truth very few of us have really come to terms with". This six weeks class provides participants with beginning steps in "coming to terms with" the spiritual, medical, and legal issues surrounding death and dying. We will also spend one session on the Christian funeral and participants will receive a worksheet to help them think about and even prepare for their own funeral, as a service of worship, remembrance and hope!

The class will be led by our pastor, Rev. Debbie Parsons; LPC church member and General Manager of Capital Caring, Linda Rawlett, R.N.; and Jamie Losikoff-Kent, Grief and Bereavement Counselor.

April 7 - "Death, the Christian Perspective"

April 14th - Advanced Directives and Options for Care When Facing a Life Limiting Illness - Linda Rawlett and Jamie Lasikoff-Kent

April 21 - " Grief and Loss" - Jamie Lasikoff-Kent amie's Grief and Loss on the 21st. Linda Rawlett and Jamie Lasikoff-Kent

April 28th - The Christian Funeral - Preparing for our own!

May 5th - Sharing Reflections Funeral Notes!

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

LUNCH & CONVERSATION about BELIEVING & BELONGING

after worship, **April 7, 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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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

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Sandy Gasperini
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Carla Holland
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