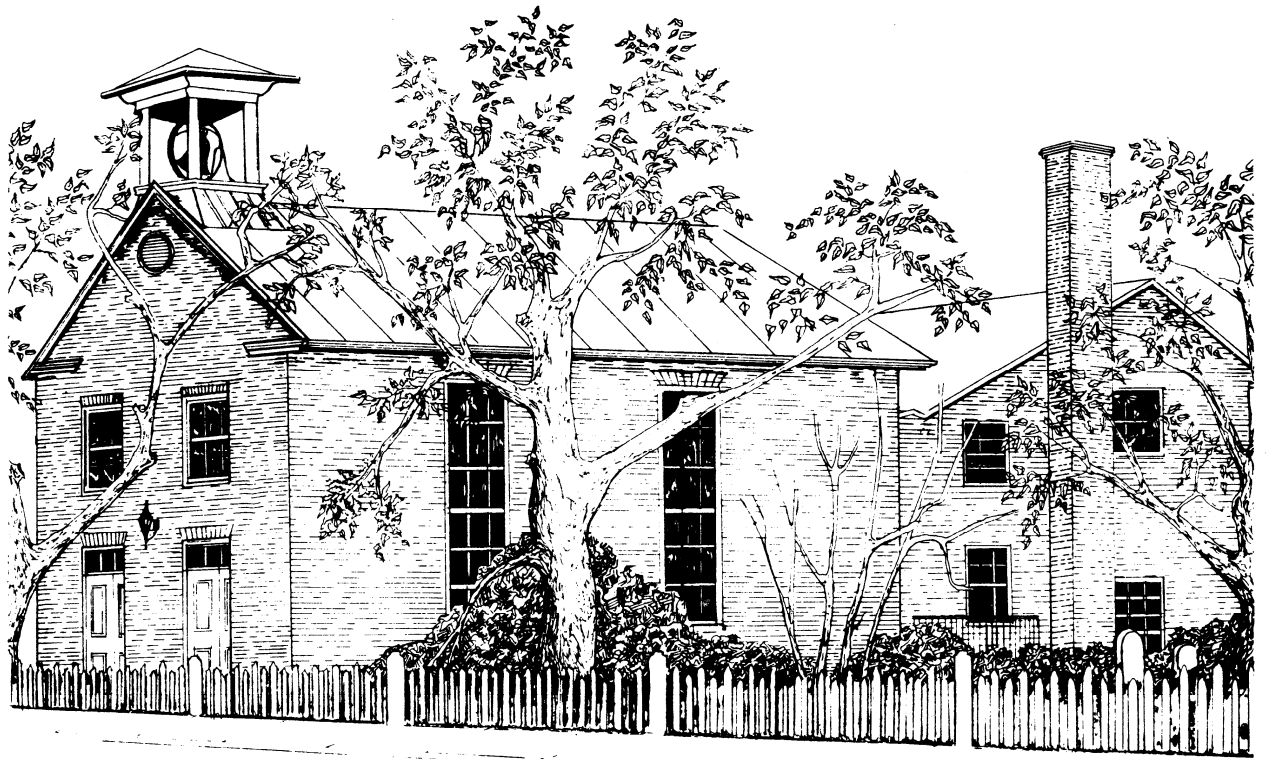


# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



**April 21, 2013**

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

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)**

4th Sunday of Easter

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.*

### GATHERING SONG

*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.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,  
whose glory fills the whole earth,  
calls us.

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,  
in our daily work,**

**God calls us.** We respond with our whole heart,  
singing God's praise and giving thanks.

**In steadfast love, God fulfills  
the divine purposes for our lives.**

### \*HYMN 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**God of the universe and Creator of all that is,  
O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,  
You preserve and deliver us.**

**Though our lips are so often filled with complaints of ingratitude,  
Your grace is still abundant.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk.**

**Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you  
intend.**

**Help us to comprehend your ways in the world, for we long to feel your grace  
and glory.**

*(silence is kept)*

**Amen**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*RESPONSE

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 20:1-16	pew bible p. 21
SERMON	"Is Grace Fair?"	Rev. Alice Petersen
ANTHEM	<i>Grace</i>	arr.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One, we give you thanks  
For your generosity to us.  
Bless these gifts and multiply them,  
For the sake of those in need around us;  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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**\*HYMN 376**

*Love Devine, All Loves Excelling*

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Stu Brown	Cameron Spivey
Ushers:	Kathy and Brad Brown	The Goldsteins
Acolyte:		Isabelle Marsh
Flowers:	Provided by the Marsh family for the glory of God.	

**Sunday, April 21, 2013**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 21</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>April 23</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Assoc Pastor Nominating Committee</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 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 *Godly Play* after the children's message during the 11:00 service. *Godly Play* provides age appropriate worship for children that helps them deepen their understanding of God. We worship God through storytelling, art, hands-on activities and prayer. Acolytes will lead the children to the room and parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education wing as they are dismissed from room 3.

**Prayer Chain** Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please email [prayer@ipcva.org](mailto:prayer@ipcva.org) if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church

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

## **Thinking About Dying, Grief, and the Funeral**

Sundays, 9:45 am

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 21 - Grief and Loss, Jamie Losikoff Kent and Linda Rawlett

April 28<sup>th</sup> - The Christian Funeral: Preparing for our own, Rev. Debbie Parsons

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Sharing Reflections Funeral Notes, Rev. Debbie Parsons

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Community Service Family Day - Real Food Farm, Baltimore**

Sat. May 18, 2013, 9AM-12Noon

The Mission & Witness Committee is pleased to announce that we will be offering LPC members, families and friends the opportunity to learn about urban agriculture and the challenges of getting real (healthy) food to neighborhoods in the heart of Baltimore city. Tyler Brown, son of Kathy & Brad Brown and Farm Manager at RFF will direct several types of volunteer work projects on Saturday, May 18 from 9AM-12Noon at Real Food Farm, Historic Lake Clifton High School Campus, 2801 St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213. Pot luck lunch at 12N. Volunteers who wish to carpool/drive in caravan will meet at LPC at 7:00AM for a 7:15AM departure. Please let us know if you would like to join us so that we can provide you with specific directions and coordinate car pools if possible.

Look for the sign up poster in Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy Brown, 703-777-4656, kbrown@lpcva.org

**Youth Group Sunday, April 21 KICKBALL AT THE POTTERS' HOUSE.** We will meet at the church parking lot: 5:30 and ride together. We will return to church parking lot: 7:45. **Wear sneakers!**

**Tri-Church Presbyterian Women's Luncheon** Thursday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. Several years ago the Presbyterian women's groups in western Loudoun began meeting annually for fellowship, lunch, and a program. This year's gathering will be co-hosted by the women of St. Andrew and Leesburg Presbyterian churches. We will meet at Leesburg Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am. All women of the church are invited to join us for this time of interaction and reflection.

Volunteers are needed for the **Grace to Go Mission** on May 5, at Deli South from 1:30 ---3:30. Volunteers prepare a healthy meal for distribution in the community. You can register to help by signing the Mission and Witness bulletin board in the Church hallway or contact the Frakers at [fraker1@verizon.net](mailto:fraker1@verizon.net).

**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.

**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](mailto:music@lpcva.org) or just come!

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** There will be no bible study during the month of April, but we will resume in May until the end of the school year.

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  
Florence O'Hey  
Sharon Schmidt  
Dennis Welsh

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Administrator  
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# *Guess Who Is Coming For Appetizers?*

## YOU!

**When: 6:00-8:00 PM  
Saturday, May 4**

**Where: At a church member's home near you\***

**What: An unforgettable night of fabulous food, stimulating conversation and lots of fun!**

Bring your tastiest sweet or savory appetizer to share and enjoy a memorable night of conversation and fellowship. The purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for our church community to gather in small groups in members' homes. Whether you are a long-time member, new member, or regular attendee, the evening will provide a delightful occasion to make new friends and meet new people. Singles, couples, old and young are encouraged to sign up. Childcare is provided at LPC from 5:30-8:30 and the cost is \$5/child with a cap of \$10/family. Please pay the caregiver directly. Contact Wynne Rodgers at 703-777-7168 for more information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare needed for: (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Your host will contact you the week of the event