

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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April 28, 2013

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

5th 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*

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 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148

Men: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Women: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Men: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Women: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

ALL: LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD, FOR HE COMMANDED AND THEY WERE CREATED.

Men: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

***Women: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!***

Men: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Women: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

ALL: LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD, FOR HIS NAME ALONE IS EXALTED; HIS GLORY IS ABOVE EARTH AND HEAVEN.

***HYMN 272**

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creatures say Praise
God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save
God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks
God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life
God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace
God of the ages God of the hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

God of mercy,
Your command to love one another across all differences
Opens us to new horizons,
Yet we often respond with fear and judgment
That hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray,
And give us a true repentance
That leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name.

(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**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(11:00)*

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 11:1-18 pew bible p. 130

SERMON "Out of Bounds" Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

ANTHEM *In Christ There Is No East or West* arr. Jeffrey H. Rickard

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kathy Brown

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us. In the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Bless these gifts that they may be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you, through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 411** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Festal Song

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Tom Gurney	Doug Sweeney
Ushers:	Babe and Kevin McGuire	Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons
Acolyte:		Owen Poisson

Sunday, April 28, 2013

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	April 28	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00 p.m.	New Officer Training
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Tues.	April 30	7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	May 1	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles
Thurs.	May 2	10:30 a.m.	Tri-Church Women's Luncheon
		7:30 p.m.	Assoc Pastor Nominating Committee
Sat.	May 4	6:00 p.m.	Guess Who's Coming to Appetizers?

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@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church

In Our Prayers we remember: Richard Koochagian and family, 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.

LPC in Mission

Love You Neighbor, Feed Your Neighbor

Sunday, May 5th

Love Your Neighbor, Feed Your Neighbor, the multi-faith community-wide effort to raise awareness and collect much needed food for local food pantries and programs (such as Backpack Buddies and Loudoun Interfaith Relief) in Loudoun County will be held next Sunday. Leesburg Presbyterian is participating with our regularly scheduled Communion Sunday **Fishes and Loaves** food collection. Last month we shared 125 pounds of food with many grateful people. Thanks for being a part of it.

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

Thinking About Dying, Grief, and the Funeral Sunday, 9:45 am This six weeks class provides participants with beginning steps in coming to terms with the spiritual, medical, and legal issues surrounding death and dying.

April 28th – The Christian Funeral: Preparing for our own

Participants will receive a work-sheet to help them think about and even prepare for their own funeral, as a service of worship, remembrance and hope! Led by Pastor Debbie.

May 5th – Sharing Reflections Funeral Notes

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 2nd at 10:30 am. All women of the church are invited to join us for this time of interaction and reflection.

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!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Please join us on Wednesday, May 1 through the end of the school year for a time of learning and fellowship.

LPC Book Club Friday, May 10, 9:30 a.m. Please join us for our wonderful book discussions on second Fridays, 9:30 in the lounge. All are welcome. For more information contact Jennifer Marsh, 703-779-0042 or jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com.

May: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

June: *The Stockholm Octavo* by Karen Engelmann

Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles Wednesday, May 1st, 7:30 p.m. in the church library. We will combine two lessons to make up for our missed March meeting. Read 1 John 2:1-15, 29-3:10 and 5:1-21 for our lesson on The Children. Also, read 1 John 2; 2 Peter 2-3 and Jude 1-16 for our lesson on The Bad Seeds. All women of the church are invited to attend. Contact Shirley Pearson for more information at 703-777-7425.

Circle One A time for informal study and conversation, circles are a great way to meet other women in the church. Circle One meets throughout the school year on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at LPC. In May, we will join Presbyterian women's groups from our western Loudoun sister churches for the Tri-Church Presbyterian Women's Luncheon at 10:30 in fellowship hall.

ELDERS

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Stuart Brown
Pam Poisson
Holly Rhodes
Kathi Stone

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

2015

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Keith Markel

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