

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



July 21, 2013

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 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 (see insert)

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Highest heavens,

be glad!

Widest earth,

rejoice!

Mighty waters,

shout your praise!

Forests and fields,

sing for joy!

Let everything that breathes praise God!

***HYMN 464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

When we are impatient and dissatisfied, forgive us, patient God.

When we are ungrateful and complacent, forgive us, generous God.

When we ignore the needs of others, forgive us, compassionate God.

When we ignore our own needs, forgive us, healing God.

When we are quick to judge others, forgive us, merciful God.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE**

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

Melody

We fall down, we lay our crowns, at the feet

_____ of Je - sus. The

great - ness of _____ mercy and love, at the feet

_____ of Je - sus, and we cry

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, and we cry

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, and we cry

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lamb _____

***PASSING THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Phone: 703-777-4163
www.LeesburgPresbyterian.org
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

SERMON "Strength" Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

SPECIAL MUSIC *Everlasting God* Brenton Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***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 *Oceans* Jon Butler
Mary Paige Rodgers, guitar

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Amen.

***HYMN** (*see insert*) *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* SHOWALTER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: Jim Barnes
Ushers: Kathy and Brad Brown
Flowers: Provided by Jan Aronson and family in loving memory of Ron Aronson.

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

Melody

A - a - le - lu - ia _____ A - a - le - lu - ia _

_____ , for our Lord God al - mighty reigns _____

A - a - le - lu - ia _____ A - a - le - lu - ia _

_____ , for our Lord God al - mighty reigns _____

A - a - le - lu - ia _____ Ho - ly, Ho -

ly, are You Lord God _____ Al - migh - ty. Worthy is the

Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, You are Ho - ly, Ho -

ly, are You Lord God _____ Al - migh - ty. Worthy is the

Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, You are Ho - ly _____

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 42

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Sunday, July 21, 2013
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	July 21	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	July 23	7:30 p.m.	Session

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: Harry Brown, 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.

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 28

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately after the worship service on Sunday, July 28. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers to fill vacancies on the Session and Board of Deacons, and to hold the annual meeting of the corporation.

Ronald F. Aronson

October 14, 1926 - July 14, 2013

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Leesburg Presbyterian Church member Ron Aronson. There will be a memorial service held at the church this afternoon, Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m.

The Endowment Committee will be offering **scholarships to college students** for the 2013-2014 school year. Monies for these scholarships are made available through church trusts. Applications are available in the church office and must be returned no later than August 1st. See a member of the Endowment Committee with any questions.

Loaves and Fishes Next offering August 4th. On July 7th, the Loaves and Fishes offering received 128 pounds of food which was taken to Interfaith Relief. We are helping many families to get through the hot summer with our gifts. IFR suggested that there is now a continuing need for canned meats and fruits, pasta, beans (protein), and juices. There is an abundance of Cheerios and cereals. Thanks to all of you for your generous giving.

On an additional note, school will soon be starting up (how time flies) and already we are beginning to notice that school supplies for the students are being requested and collected. If possible be on the "look out" for this other giving opportunity. Give as possible. LPC does make a difference.

Gleaning Community Service Opportunity Monday, July 22, 2013. The Mission & Witness Committee is starting to get last minute notices from the Society of St. Andrew about this summer's gleaning opportunities on cooperating farms in the Winchester area. On Monday, July 22 they are looking for early risers to help pick corn at 7AM at Cline Farm, 920 Hopewell Rd, Clearbrook, VA. The farm is about 45minutes from LPC. There is no need to sign up in advance - just show up ready to work! Betty Heishman, 540-336-2177, is the volunteer coordinator. You can learn more about gleaning at the SOSA website: www.endhunger.org.

Acoustic Sunday Worship

Once a month, usually on the Second Sunday, our worship music is led by Eric Nanz, a graduate of James Madison University and instructor of guitar at Catoctin School of Music in Leesburg, Virginia. Alana Nanz, a piano performance graduate from Elon University, is the piano accompanist. Eric and Debbie Parsons seek to plan a service that includes all genres of music - European traditional, American gospel and African-American spirituals, and the best of contemporary Christian music, both American and world music.