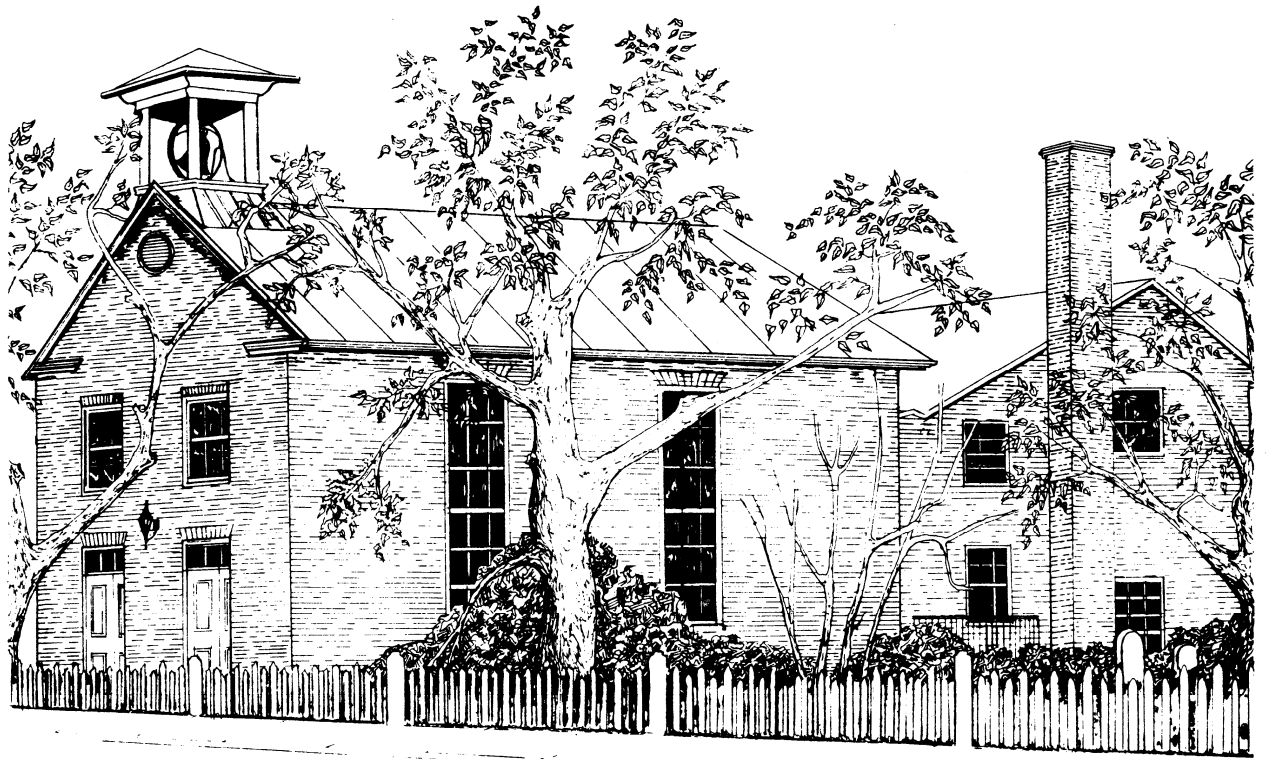


# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



**August 11, 2013**

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

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 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

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Hearn

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.**

**Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word. (repeat)**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

**Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

### \*HYMN 364

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy for us to carry alone, too real for us to hide them, and too deep to undo. Forgive when we fail to see your calling in the needs of our church, our community, our brothers and sisters. Free us from past inactions or actions that we cannot change; open us to futures walking in your light and blooming in the time and place you have put us now. Grant us, God, your grace and peace to grow as you would have us grow. Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*(silence is kept)*

**Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE**      *After the Last Tear Falls*      Andrew Peterson  
Paul Ritsema, soloist; Nate Ritsema, guitar; Becky Sweet, keyboard

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN 343**      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*      BEECHER

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**      Matthew 25:31-46      pew bible p. 29  
James 2:14-26      pew bible p. 230

**SERMON**      "Bloom Where You Are Planted"      Elder Frank Gasperini  
(Living a Relevant and Active Faith in a Too-Fast World)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the PC(USA) *Brief Statement of Faith* 1983

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*HYMN 398**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Remind Me Who I Am*

Jason Gray

Paul Ritsema, soloist; Nate Ritsema, guitar; Becky Sweet, keyboard

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share in addition to our actions and our Christian presence in our church and our community. Accept and use us and our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom, blessed by God forever and ever. Amen**

**\*HYMN 432** (*sing twice*)

*Song of Hope*

ARGENTINA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Liturgist: Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

Ushers: Sheryl and Andy Tompkins

Flowers: Janice and Charlie Bowden to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

**Sunday, August 11, 2013**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>August 11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Preschool Board</b>
		<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Mission &amp; Witness Committee</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Summer Choir</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@lpcva.org](mailto:prayer@lpcva.org) if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church

**In Our Prayers** we remember: Carol Sweet, Kathleen Franz, Harry Brown, Barbara Drumm, Jane Wallace, Hal and Mary Lib Glover. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

**Online Directory Launch** As an extension to the membership directory that was printed and distributed in the winter, we have an online directory available to us. You should have received instructions in the mail for how to log in. If you did not receive it, or if you are new to the church in 2013, please email [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org) for instructions and access.

Volunteers are needed for the **Grace to Go Mission** on Sunday afternoon, September 1, 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 by contacting the Frakers at [fraker1@verizon.net](mailto:fraker1@verizon.net).

**Calling All Acolytes** If you are going into grades 4 thru 8 YOU are eligible to become an acolyte at LPC! There are applications outside the church office. Please fill one out and turn in no later than Thursday, September 19. There will be an instructional meeting after the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 22. Lunch will be provided. Our awesome acolytes from last year will also be present to help you learn how to handle all sorts of situations, first hand!!! Apply now!!!

**Fall Schedule** The fall worship schedule resumes on Sunday, September 8. Children's Church School kicks off the same day.

**Loaves and Fishes** On August 4, the Loaves and Fishes offering received 98 pounds of food which was taken to Interfaith Relief. We are helping many families to get through the hot summer with our gifts. Thanks to all of you for your generous giving. The next "LOAVES AND FISHES" offering is on September 1.

School will soon be starting and **school supplies** for the students are being requested and collected. Please place donations in the marked box in the hall outside the sanctuary.

**The Back Pew** The deadline for submission to the September issue of LPC's monthly (ish) newsletter, The Back Pew, is Monday, August 19. Please email articles to [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org). Volunteers are needed to help prepare the newsletter for mailing on Tuesday, August 27 at 10:30 am. No experience necessary.

**ESL Orientation** Leesburg Presbyterian Church will continue its support of the English as a Second Language program at Leesburg United Methodist Church this fall. There will be an orientation session on August 18 from 3 to 5 PM at the LUMC. Anyone who is interested in participating as an aid, teacher or helper should attend or contact Tom Chase for more information. Commitment is flexible and all ages are welcome, including families with children.



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**Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-2; Friday: 9-1**

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ELDERS

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Chris Folk  
Randy Jackson  
Steve Potter  
Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker  
Frank Gasperini  
Tom Gurney  
Keith Markel

2016

Todd Joyce  
Linda Rawlett  
Wynne Rodgers

DEACONS

Glenna Bingham  
Tom Chase  
Babe McGuire  
Nancy Vanzandt

Kristin Moats  
Florence O'Hey  
Sharon Schmidt  
Dennis Welsh

Joan Elliott  
Sofia Spivey

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Director of Music  
Administrator  
Prayer Chain  
Business Manager  
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