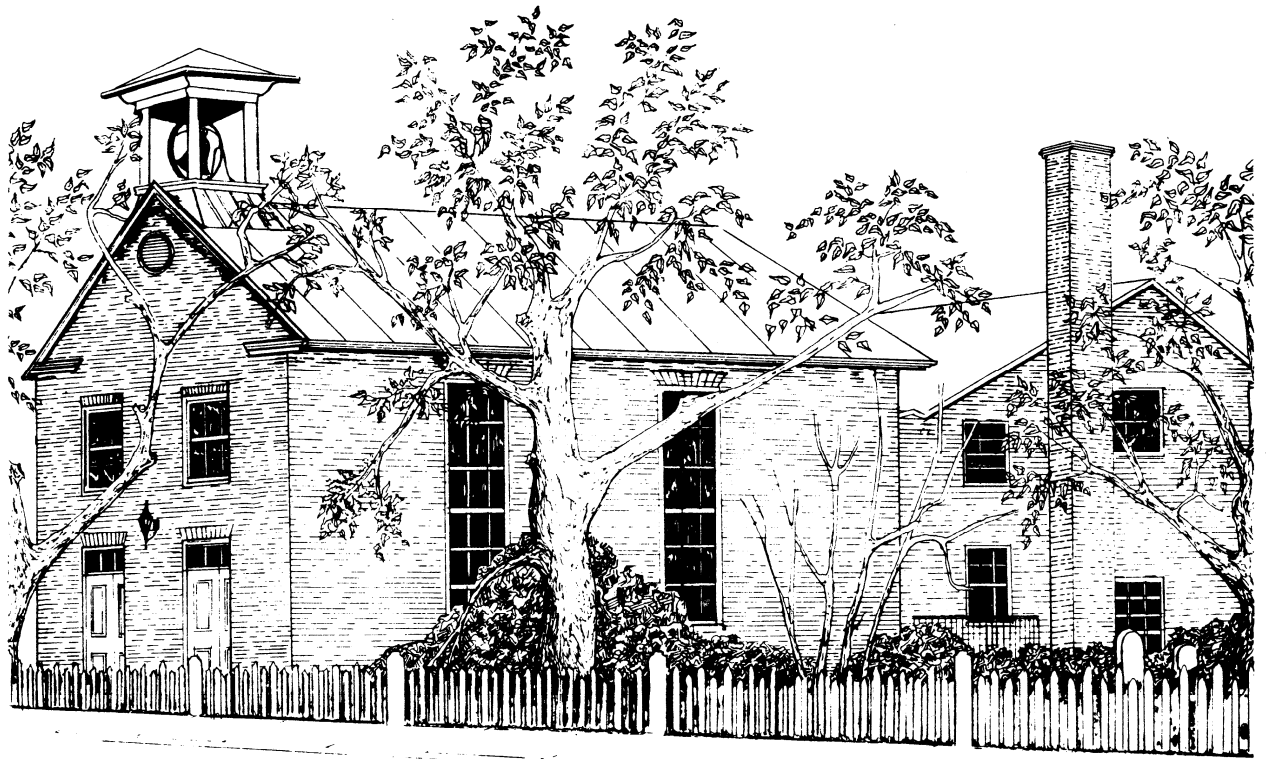


LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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September 15, 2013

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

17th 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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

*HYMN

I'll Fly Away

MADRID

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away**

**I'll fly away, Oh Glory! I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away**

**I'll fly away, Oh Glory! I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away**

**I'll fly away, Oh Glory! I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!**

**I'll fly away, Oh Glory! I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, forgive us your wayward people.

We are skilled at doing our own thing at the expense of
Doing the thing you would have us do.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God;
And put a new and right spirit within us.**

In the folly of our hearts

We live as though there is no God.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Put a new and right spirit within us.**

We forget all you have done for us,
And make false idols to be our gods.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God;
Put a new and right spirit within us.**

We ask and trust all this in the name of Jesus, who is our Friend and our Savior.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All ours sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

*PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 1-10

pew bible p. 78

MUSIC

When We All Get to Heaven

Crystal Lewis

(Congregation sings refrain only)

When we all get to heaven,

What a day of rejoicing it will be.

When we all see Jesus,

We'll sing and shout the victory.

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER *Down in the River to Pray*

Allison Kraus

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear, the starry crown
Good lord, show me the way

Oh brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear, the starry crown
Good lord, show me the way

Oh sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear, the starry crown
Good lord, show me the way

Oh children let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh children let's go down,
Down in the river to pray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Banjo Medley

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Caribbean Traditional

Hal--le, Hal--le, Hal—le---lu----jah!

Hal--le, Hal--le, Hal—le---lu----jah!

Hal--le, Hal--le, Hal—le---lu----jah !

Hallelujah! Halle—lujah!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We rejoice and give you thanks for all those times when the lost have been found with mercy and love. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,
Stand-ing on the promises of God!**

**Stand-ing, stand-ing, Stand-ing on the promis-es of God my Savior,
Stand-ing, stand-ing...I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Stand-ing on the promises of God!**

**Stand-ing, stand-ing, Stand-ing on the promis-es of God my Savior,
Stand-ing, stand-ing...I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.**

**Standing on the promises I now can see,
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me,
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Stand-ing on the promises of God!**

**Stand-ing, stand-ing, Stand-ing on the promis-es of God my Savior,
Stand-ing, stand-ing...I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Stand-ing on the promises of God!**

**Stand-ing, stand-ing, Stand-ing on the promis-es of God my Savior,
Stand-ing, stand-ing...I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30

11:00

Liturgist

Jim Barnes

Pam Poisson

Ushers:

Linda and Bob Duffey

Bud and Joan Elliott

Musicians:

Kim Vigil, voice; Sarah Vasile, bass; Garret Goldstein, guitar;

Carmen Garcia, fiddle; Jim Barnes, mandolin; Wayne Helge, guitar

Sunday, September 15, 2013
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	September 15	12:00 p.m.	Believing and Belonging
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	September 16	11:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Stitchers
Tues.	September 17	7:00 p.m.	Youngins Planning Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	September 18	7:30 p.m.	Choir

Children in 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 possible.

Infants to 3 year olds – are cared for by two professional caregivers, Miss Pat and Miss Bonnie, in the nursery on the first floor of the education wing from 8:15 to 12:15. *Only parents* can drop off children at the nursery in order to communicate with providers. Drop off can happen before worship, after Time with Children message, or at any other time during the worship service. Ushers or the acolyte will be happy to show parents where the nursery is located.

4 year olds to 3rd grade – are invited to participate in *Godly Play* after the children's message. *Godly Play* provides age appropriate worship for children that helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities and prayer. If children decide not to enter the *Godly Play* room, or are too young or too old for the designated age range, they will be accompanied by the acolyte back to the sanctuary and reunited with their parents.

4th grade and up – remain in the sanctuary to participate in the worship service.

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.

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

Acoustic Sunday Worship Once a month, our worship music is led by Eric Nanz, a graduate of James Madison University and instructor of guitar at Catoctin School of Music. 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.

Sunday Morning Adult Education We have two stimulating study series scheduled for the fall: *The Reformation and How It Came to America*, through October 6, taught by Dana Huntley; *Introduction to the Prophets*, October 20 - November 10, taught by John Sawyer

In Our Prayers we remember: Kathleen Franz, 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.

Calling All Acolytes! If you are going into grades 4 thru 8 YOU are eligible to become an acolyte at LPC! Please pick up an application outside the church office, fill it out and turn it in no later than September 19. There will be an instructional meeting after the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 22. Lunch will be provided. Apply now!!!

The Back Pew The deadline for submission to the October issue of LPC's monthly newsletter, *The Back Pew*, is Monday, September 16. Please email articles to office@lpcva.org. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the newsletter for mailing on Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30 am. No experience necessary.

The New Hymnbooks Are Coming. . . .

We expect the arrival of the new Presbyterian hymnbook, *Glory to God*, in just a few weeks, at the end of September or the first of October. The Session has endorsed **THE HYMNAL DONATION PROJECT** where members can designate one of the new hymnals in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one whose name(s) will be written on a name plate placed on the inside cover of the new hymnal. The requested donation is \$20 and **special pink envelopes are in the pews** for your participation. Be sure to clearly write and correctly spell the name of the honoree on the envelope and circle the appropriate designation, "in honor of" or "in memory of."

There will be a hymnal dedication during worship on a Sunday in November.

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Habitat for Humanity Inter-faith Build October 19th and November 2nd
Leesburg Presbyterian Church has been invited to participate in a wonderful local mission project: the building of a house in the village of St. Louis near Middleburg with local folks representing a variety of faiths - Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian. We've had good response so far and have room for a few more volunteers. All skill levels are needed and Habitat site managers are happy to train you. You can work one day or both. Interested? Tell Pastor Debbie, call Kathi Stone at (703) 777-7194, call or email the church office at (703) 777-4163, office@lpcva.org

School Supplies Last Sunday, a box filled with school supplies was given to Mr. Tim Martino, the principal of the Frederick Douglass Elementary School. At the same time, information sheets listing the various supplies were available. The box will be available again today for additional supplies. Thanks to all for the generous giving of these supplies, it is making a big difference for many youngsters!

The next **LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING** is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th and **interfaith Relief has requested canned items.**

ELDERS

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
Keith Markel

2016

Todd Joyce
Linda Rawlett
Wynne Rodgers
Cameron Spivey

DEACONS

Glenna Bingham
Tom Chase
Babe McGuire
Nancy Vanzandt

Kristin Moats
Florence O'Hey
Sharon Schmidt
Dennis Welsh

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