



Leesburg Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2013

1st Sunday After Christmas

11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

He Is Born

arr. Robert Lau

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.

CHORAL INTROIT *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the Lyre, with the Lyre and the sound of melody.

With the trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

***HYMN #143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Oh Lord forgive us. You have called us to a life in your world for stewardship, for caring and meaningful relationships with one another, and for worship.

Instead we have not heeded your direction and we have gone our own ways.

We worship other gods: success and mammon. We distort our vocation for stewardship into the will for power. We distort our calling to beautiful, healing and creative many-sided human relationships into opportunities for our own advancement at the expense of others. Father give us the power to hear your voice, and the true desire to do your will for us.

(silence is kept for personal prayer and confession)

Amen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE 581** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX
DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering.
Amen.

***HYMN #113** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 24:15-19 pew bible p. 143
Micah 5:2 pew bible p. 865

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 pew bible p. 2

ANTHEM *What Shepherds Lately Knelt* Handel

SERMON "The Journey" Elder Dr. John Sawyer

***HYMN #151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN
Let us recess singing with joy this great hymn by Charles Wesley and arranged to the music of Felix Mendelssohn. The words are printed on the next page.

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

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh for us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

ASSISTING:

Liturgist: Elder Dr. William H. Sawyer

Ushers: Trish and Jeff Fraker

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.

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.

In Our Prayers we remember: Kim Vigil, 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.

Elder Dr. William H. Sawyer We are pleased have John Sawyer's twin brother, Bill, join us as liturgist today. Bill is visiting us from Wayne Presbyterian Church (USA). John and Bill grew up in Wayne Presbyterian Church and were active members in the youth group where they met Jane Wendell now John's wife, Jane. Bill teaches Physics at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Bill lives in Chadds Ford, Pa. Welcome Bill.

Loaves and Fishes Offering for 2013 Well, what a great way to share food with those who experience hunger daily. This year from January thru December, Leesburg Presbyterian Church sent 1951 pounds of food to Interfaith Relief. Let me say that again, 1,951 lbs. It was almost a ton!! Awesome! We will begin the next Loaves and Fishes on Sunday, January 5th 2014. As Jesus shared bread with us, let us do the same with others. Thanks to all of you, Loaves and Fishes was quite a success.

Believing and Belonging Friends, visitors and new members are invited to lunch and conversation about membership in Leesburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 12 after 11:00 worship. We'll discuss our congregation, your interest in church membership, questions about the church, its Presbyterian heritage, and what becoming a member means. The Session will meet with any who are ready to join and receive them into church membership.

English as a Second Language Would you like to assist people from other countries learn to speak and write English? The ESL program at Leesburg United Methodist Church is supported by more than 35 volunteers from LUMC, LPC and the Leesburg or Loudoun County communities. The instructional program is delivered in fall and spring sessions that are 10 weeks long. Classes during each session are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm. Spring classes run from January 28 to April 3rd. If you would you like to assist people from other countries learn to speak and write English, please contact Leesburg United Methodist Church 703-777-2056, Wayne Reynolds 703-777-4793, or Kristyn Camacho 571-436-6341. No prior teaching experience is needed and training is available.

Star Stories?

Last January on Epiphany Sunday, those in worship received a star with a particular word on it. I challenged you to be open to how God would be present to you in the word that you received. It could have been a word you needed to hear and it made sense when you received this particular word star. Or it could have been a word that you had no idea how it could illuminate anything about your life.



I'm looking for at least 3 persons who would be willing to share their "star stories" with the congregation during worship on Epiphany Sunday, January 5th. Think about it, pray about it, and let me know.

Debbie

ELDERS

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
Keith Markel

2016

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Linda Rawlett
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