

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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February 23, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Vaughan Williams

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please start the friendship register by signing it and passing it to your neighbor.

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 #753

*Make Me a Channel
of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 119:33-36, 38, 41

Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I will observe them to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who love you.

Let your steadfast love come to me, O God, your salvation according to your promise. With gratitude we join our hearts in worship.

***HYMN #15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In hope and expectation we gather to hear your word, offer ourselves in prayer, and sing your praise. We come bearing the burdens of life, sometimes struggling with great difficulties, sometimes with weariness, sometimes with fear. And yet, we come trusting that there is a word for us, and this is a place of respite and encouragement. Forgive us when we see only the bleak and fail to stand on your promises. Forgive us when we adopt the ways of the world and not the mandates of your law of love. Grant that we may be renewed in our faith that our difficulties are borne with more fortitude, our bereavements endured with more hope, our work done with more honesty, and our relationships lived with more fidelity and kindness. Give us strength and courage to live as your faithful people. In Jesus' name we pray.

(silence is kept)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00) *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* arr. Burkhardt

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 pew bible p. 106

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:38-48 pew bible p. 5

SERMON "Refresher Course 101" Rev. Suzanne Rudiselle

***HYMN #203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* *CHEREPONI*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Song 13* Willan

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community where all your people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. Amen.

***HYMN 730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* GRANDE ISLE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* J. S. Bach

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Liturgists: Tom Gurney Kim Hovda
Ushers: Babe and Kevin McGuire Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons
Acolytes: Sara Koochagian and Calvin Sweeney
Flowers: Provided by Florence O'Hey in memory of her son, Timothy's, birthday.

Sunday, February 23, 2014
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Tue.	February 25	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Board
		7:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed.	February 26	7:00 p.m.	Choir

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.

We welcome **Rev. Suzanne Rudiselle** to the pulpit today. She is a minister of the Presbyterian Church USA and The United Church of Christ, and has served churches in New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia, and on the staff of Princeton Theological Seminary. Her grown children live in New York and Pennsylvania and her grandson is studying in Scotland. Suzanne and her husband Maurice live in Reston.

Believing and Belonging Friends, visitors and new members are invited to lunch and conversation about membership in Leesburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 9 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.

In Our Prayers we remember: Kim Vigil, 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.

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.

Please keep our Cuba Mission Team in your prayers until their arrival home on Monday, February 24th. The team includes five members of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, two PC(USA) Mission office workers, Nick Kuhn from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church and the following members from Leesburg Presbyterian Church: Brenda Bengtson, Kathy Brown, Wayne Helge, Esther Herbert, Debbie Parsons, Shirley Pearson, Chuck Rodgers and Wynne Rodgers. They appreciate your support!

2014 Flower Chart There is a new flower chart hanging outside the office. If you would like to provide flowers during 2014, please sign up for a date. Please email Memorial or honorary dedications for the bulletin by the Tuesday before your date.

LPC's next **Grace to Go Mission** opportunity will be Sunday, March 2. Volunteers meet from 1:30-3:30 at Deli South to prepare dinners to be distributed in the community. You may volunteer by signing the G2G sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or just email the Frakers at fraker1@verizon.net.

The Back Pew Volunteers are needed to help prepare the newsletter for mailing on Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 am. No experience necessary.

Today's service music:

Prelude: **Rhosymedre**

This 1909 composition comes from the organ collection "Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes" by English composer Ralph (pronounced "Rafe") Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). In 1938 Arnold Foster published an orchestra arrangement that has become more famous than the original for organ. Although Vaughan Williams wrote the music for 22 hymns found in our new pew hymnals, the hymn tune Rhosymedre was written by John David Edwards, a 19th-century Welsh Anglican priest, who named it after the village of Rhosymedre in Wales, where he was vicar until his death in 1885.

Gathering song: **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

This text is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, although no evidence of it exists prior to 1912, when it appeared in a French publication. The tune was written by John Sebastian Temple in 1963, reflecting the changes in musical style following Vatican II. Born in 1928 in South Africa, writer and musician Temple also lived in Italy, England and India. When he moved to the U.S., he entered the Franciscan Order. The wordless descant sung by our choir at verse 4 was written by Martin Neary (b. 1940) especially for the funeral of Princess Diana in 1997. Neary was organist and choirmaster at Westminster Abbey from 1988-1999.

Choral anthem: **From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

Michigan-based composer Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957) is an esteemed writer of sacred organ, choral and handbell music. Burkhardt's choral setting of a text by English theologian and hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674-1748), known as the "Father of English Hymnody," is in a contemporary irregular meter, but the middle section quotes the hymn tune Duke Street verbatim. Presbyterian composer John Warrington Hatton (1710-1793) lived on Duke Street in the village of Windle (Lancashire, England), hence the tune's name. *I have rewritten the accompaniment and expanded the choral parts to best suit our unique organ and choristers.* – Terry Sisk

Offertory: **Choral Prelude on Song 13**

From the organ volume "Six Choral Preludes," Canadian composer Healey Willan (1880-1968) was best known for his large body of sacred music. The hymn tune Song 13, which refers to the hymn number in *Hymnes and Songs of the Church* (1623), was written by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), who was the leading English composer and organist of his day. When he died at age 41, he was the organist at the Chapel Royal. Text: *Holy Ghost, with light divine, shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away, turn the darkness into day.* This same melody is used for a setting of Psalm 125 at #848 in our pew hymnals.

Postlude: **Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten** (BWV 642)

This short organ piece is contained in the *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book) by J. S. Bach (1685-1750). The joyful, somewhat aggressive tone reflects the text of the German chorale, which recommends an intuitive, spiritual approach to life rather than seeking to get one's own way. Text translation: *If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give the strength, whatever betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that naught can move.*

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 2nd
12:00 pm

The Session has scheduled a congregational meeting to be held immediately after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, March 2, 2014. The congregation will meet at noon to vote on extending a call to a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Christian Formation.

ELDERS

2014

Chris Folk
Randy Jackson
Steve Potter
Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
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2016

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