

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 6, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Bist du bei mir

Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Beloved of God, the winter is past,

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come.

Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

*HYMN # 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul tells us that the only one who stands in judgement over us is God. God brings hidden things to light and makes public our true hearts. We come, then, to confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's mercy to forgive and to restore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, you are our judge, for you alone know us fully. You know the sins we hide from others: the unkind thought, the unspoken word of grace, the helping hand not offered. You alone know how we harbor jealousies and resentments; hoard resources for ourselves; and hold onto prejudices, judging others. Forgive us, we pray; bring us into your marvelous light so that we live before others as you intend. We seek your tender mercy, for you also love us as a mother loves her little child. In your Son's name we pray (silence is kept for personal confession) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake. The good news of the gospel is this: in Jesus we are forgiven and made new. We are held with love in God's hands. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE # 581**

Gloria Patri

CREATOREX

*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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Allegro from Harpsichord Sonata #7

Thomas Arne

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings we also commit ourselves and our gifts so that we might bless the lives of others with your goodness and your hope. In Jesus' name, Amen

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Pew Bible, pp. 11-12

SERMON

“Come....A Mutual Invitation”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

ANTHEM

Kum Ba Ya

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & CONSECRATION

Prayer Refrain # 851

*Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
For Jesus will never say no.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*When you receive the bread, please wait until the pastor leads us to partake of it together.
You are invited to partake of the cup as you are individually ready. The separately wrapped slice on each plate is gluten free.*

HYMN # 518

Your Only Son

Lamb Of God

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in the singing)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN # 628** *Praise, I will Praise You, Lord* JE LOUERA L'ETERNEL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in G, Op. 7 #9* John Stanley

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Sally Nathan
Ushers: Nancy Blaine and Bud Elliott

Sunday, July 6, 2014

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Worship 9:30am

Loaves and Fishes Collection TODAY

Thursday, July 10 Movie Meet ups

Friday, July 11 Book Club 9:30am

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude – **Bist du bei mir**

Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749) was a German Baroque composer who was a colleague of J. S. Bach. While in Leipzig, Stölzel played in the Collegium Musicum, which was conducted by Bach. Loosely translated as "If you are close to me," this beloved aria is from one of Stölzel's operas. Because it was written down personally by Bach's second wife, Anna Magdalena, as a keyboard piece, for hundreds of years it was falsely attributed to Bach himself. Unfortunately, most of Stölzel's hundreds of musical manuscripts are lost, because he sold them to cover medical expenses later in life; the purchasers used the pages to repair leaky roofs, holes in walls or left them in attics to be eaten by rodents or destroyed by mildew. But I digress. This well-known vocal piece is here transcribed for organ solo by Dale Wood.

Anthem – **Kum Ba Ya**

This spiritual song is a simple appeal for God to come and help those in need. The words and music first appeared in print during the 1920s, but the origins are much older. On the barrier islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia, former slaves who spoke Gullah sang "Kum Ba Ya" (Gullah for "Come By Here"). Musicologists have found that the song predates even the Gullah speakers, who likely changed the words of an older song from Africa. Whatever. Sung the world over, this song became a mainstay of church and scouting camps during the 1930s. Professional singers took it up during the folk revival in the U.S. during the 1950s and 1960s, when notable recordings were made by Joan Baez (1962), the Weavers (1959) and Pete Seeger (1958).

Offertory -- **Allegro from Harpsichord Sonata #7**

Thomas Arne (1710-1778) was an English keyboardist and composer who wrote chiefly for the theatre. Because he was baptized a Catholic (the faith of his mother), he wrote no music for the Church of England. However, he wrote many patriotic songs, most notably "Rule, Britannia!" and popular ditties, such as "A Hunting We Will Go." Unfortunately, his personal traits prevented any hope of popularity; nobody liked him. He was bossy, argumentative, tight with money, litigious and sexually unfaithful. He treated his sister and wife badly and was sued when he fell behind in alimony payments. However, he wrote some nice music. Our offertory is his most famous keyboard piece, part of a series of harpsichord sonatas written for his son to perform. This movement has also become quite popular in a transcription for flute solo. Trivia: Arne was a contemporary of John Stanley, the composer of today's postlude.

Postlude – **Voluntary in G, Op. 7 #9**

English composer and organist John Stanley (1712-1786) suffered a domestic accident at age two that left him nearly blind; he had tripped while playing with a china washbowl, and a shard penetrated his eye. Nevertheless, he was a precocious musician who took his first job as church organist at age eleven; at the age of seventeen he became the youngest person ever to obtain the BMus degree at Oxford University. So brilliant was his organ and harpsichord playing that none other than Handel sought out his performances.

SUMMER CHOIR

We invite children, teens and adults of all ages to join our Summer Choir on **July 6, 13 and 20**. Please come to the choir loft at 9:00am to rehearse our anthem. You and your family members may leave the choir loft at the conclusion of the anthem.

July 6: Kum Ba Ya

July 13: Sing Hosanna

July 20: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Please invite your friends, neighbors and families to join us. Questions? Contact Terry Sisk at 703-389-1978.

LPC BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY, JULY 11 at 9:30am

July is poetry month! Bring a favorite poem to share.

Whitman, Frost, Angelou, Dickinson, Seuss? New members are always welcome; and feel free to invite any college students who are home for the summer.



Scholarships—The Endowment Committee will again be offering scholarships to college students for the 2014-2015 school year. Monies for these scholarships are made available through church trusts. Applications are available outside the church office and must be returned **no later than August 1st**. Please contact Betty Lowenbach at below@verizon.net if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATES!
SUMMER MOVIE MEET-UPS
JULY 10th AND AUGUST 14th

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.

NURSERY CARE is provided at the 9:30am service for infants through 3 year olds. Miss Pat and Miss Angie are our professional caregivers. Children can be dropped off in the Nursery, located at the east end of the first floor of the Education Wing. We ask that only parents drop off their children before worship or after the *Time with the Children* during worship.

GODLY PLAY is offered at the 9:30am service, for children age 4 to 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to Godly Play immediately after the *Time with the Children*. Godly Play provides age appropriate worship for children, which helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities, and prayer. Our acolytes will escort children to Godly Play.

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges Do you recycle your ink/toner cartridges from your home computer? If so, keep it up. If not, donate them to the church. Just drop them on the desk in the front office and we'll take care of the rest. The church receives \$2 credit per cartridge we recycle and will use the proceeds for office supplies.

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.

VBS - Registration is closed. "Workshop of Wonders" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. We will begin Sunday evening July 20th and end on Thursday evening, July 24th. Any questions? Contact James Cubie at revjames@lpcva.org.

The Back Pew The deadline for submission to the August issue of LPC's monthly newsletter, *The Back Pew*, is Monday, July 14. Please email articles to office@lpcva.org.

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