

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



July 20, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Wilbur Held

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**

In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

In the light of this day we praise your name.

Through the abundance of your steadfast love

You have gathered us into your house..

In the holiness of your presence,

We bow down to worship and adore you.

***HYMN # 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, like children long-indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met.

Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we find our place in your purpose. (silence is kept for personal confession) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #475**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (verse 3)

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy course above.*

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Allegro (Sonata in D-major)

Baldassare Galuppi

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your harvest. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield your fruit, and grow in grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

arr. Martin How

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13: 31-35

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

HYMN # 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

The Service of Commission of Stephen Ministers

Rebecca Caprio, Florence O' Hey, Beth Shockley

Leaders: Wayne Reynolds, Lou Legard and Pete Ross

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times.

The care you will receive is confidential and free.

HYMN # 697

"Take My Life" (vs 1,2,5,6)

HENDON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G-minor

Johann Tobias Krebs

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Jim Barnes

Ushers: Don and Linda Gibson

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

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.

ELDERS

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
Keith Markel

2016

Todd Joyce
Linda Rawlett
Wynne Rodgers
Cameron Spivey

2017

Wayne Helge
Kim Hovda
Jim Ruddell
Sheryl Tompkins

DEACONS

Kristin Moats
Florence O'Hey
Sharon Schmidt
Dennis Welsh

Rebecca Caprio
Joan Elliott
Sofia Spivey
Krista Ritsema

Christian Hoff
William Marsh
Susan Sutter
Stuart Weikel

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor
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Prayer Chain
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