

# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Stories Along the Path to the Promised Land**

**September 21, 2014**

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

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**Order of Worship for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost      8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.**

*\*Please stand if able*

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**PRELUDE**

*Arioso*

J. S. Bach

**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—Psalm 105: 1-6**

O Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**Tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

**Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Seek the Lord and his strength;

**Seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

**His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

**Children of Abraham, his chosen ones.**

**\*HYMN # 16**

*"O That I Had a Thousand Voices"*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, so soon do we grow weary and fearful and mistrusting on our journey. We forget to be grateful for the day at hand, for the provision for the day that sustains us, for the assistance from fellow travelers. Forgive our whining and our grumbling. Create in us believing, trusting, and joyful hearts. Help us to share your gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can with energy and commitment follow your lead into the future. In Jesus' name we pray. (*silence is kept for personal confession*)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE # 634**

*“To God be the Glory”*

*To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**— *Children will remain with their families to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism. Afterward, Infants—3 year olds may be accompanied to the nursery by a parent; 4 yrs—3rd grade may follow the Acolytes to Godly Play.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (11:00am— see next page)

*Timothy and Caroline O’Neill present their daughter, Lauren, for the Sacrament of Baptism.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 16: 2-15

Pew Bible pp. 62-63

**ANTHEM**

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

arr. Jody Lindh

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Matthew 20: 1-16

Pew Bible pp. 21-22

**SERMON**

“Grumbling in the Wilderness”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

**HYMN # 702**

*“Christ Beside Me”*

BUNESSAN

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Voluntary in E-flat Major*

Jacques Lemmens

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here.**

**Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 65**

*“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”*

CWM RHONDDA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*

J. S. Bach

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**COME, BE BAPTIZED** (congregation sings refrain)

**Come, be baptized in the name of the Father.**

**Come, be baptized in the name of the Son.**

**Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit.**

**Come, be baptized in love.**

### PRESENTATION

### PROFESSION OF FAITH AND COVENANTAL PROMISES

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

### THE BAPTISM

### WELCOME

#### THE COMMUNITY'S PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND PARENTS

**God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed this day as we have come together making covenant promises. We pray for parents Timothy and Caroline. Give them wisdom and patience to guide their child in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church. Let their family life be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer and governed by love.**

**We pray for your child, Lauren. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. Bring her to confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and be his faithful disciple to her life's end; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### BLESSING

## TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

### **Prelude – Arioso**

German baroque composer, organist and violinist J. S. Bach (1685-1750) is considered by many to be among the top composers of all time. He was not an innovator, but capped the baroque era with a mastery that was unequaled. His well-known "Arioso," with its captivating melody, was used by Bach in two instances: as the opening movement for a cantata (no. 156) and as the middle movement of his harpsichord concerto in F-minor. This arrangement for organ solo is by Willard Nevins.

### **Anthem – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee – arr. Jody Lindh**

Our choral anthem is based on a hymn tune (#816 in our pew hymnals) written by twenty-year-old Georg Neumark in 1641. Based on Psalm 55:22, the seven stanza German text expresses praise and thanksgiving for finding employment after many weeks of penury following a robbery. This is a rare instance in which both a hymn text and melody were composed by the same person. As well, the tune is in a minor key, unusual for a composition that expresses joy and praise. This same hymn melody serves as the basis for our service postlude. Lutheran church musician Jody Lindh spent most of his career at University Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, prior to his retirement last year. He is a nationally known organist, conductor and composer.

### **Offertory – Voluntary in E-flat Major**

Nineteenth-century Belgian organist and composer Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881) scored this organ composition in five parts: four in the hands and the fifth for the feet. It has an astonishingly complex harmonic scheme and requires a smooth legato touch from beginning to end. Lemmens studied and concertized in Germany and France, making a major splash among musicologists, audiences and students in Paris. Among his famous students was French composer and organist Charles-Marie Widor.

### **Postlude -- Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten**

J. S. Bach planned an instruction book for organists illustrating various styles and techniques for writing preludes based on hymn tunes. Arranged according to the liturgical year, this venerable Organbüchlein (little organ book) contains only 46 of the planned 164 entries that was to span the entire liturgical year. They are masterpieces in miniature, in most instances stating the hymn melody only once through. In Bach's day each service hymn was preceded by an organ solo that served as an introduction, thus establishing the key and reminding the congregation of the particular tune that was being used for the text. Today's choral anthem was based on this same hymn tune.

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgists:

Jim Ruddell

Randy Jackson

Ushers:

Linda & Bob Duffey

Susan Sutter & David Parsons

Acolytes:

Isabelle Marsh & Charlie Joyce

Flowers:

Given in memory of Ethel Amos

### **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 from 8:15am to 12:15pm 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.

**GODLY PLAY** is offered from 11:20am to 12:00pm, for children age 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

***At the 8:30am and 11:00 am services, we ask children who are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above to remain in the sanctuary to participate in worship.***

### **Children in Church School**

**Church School** is offered between our two services of worship from 9:45am to 10:45am for children age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Church School takes place in the Education Wing, and is led by members and parents, who serve our children and their families in this vital ministry. We have three classes: Preschool meets downstairs in Rm. 4, Kindergarten-2nd grade meet upstairs in Rm. 3, and 3rd-5th grade meet upstairs in Rm. 2.

**Youth Group** is held every Sunday evening, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, from 5:30 to 7:15pm. Our Youth Group is for 7th-12th graders. Each night we have games, food, a short study or devotion, and end with a game of choice. If you would like a calendar of Youth Group events, please contact Pastor James: [revjames@lpcva.org](mailto:revjames@lpcva.org). Laura Herring, Wes Rhodes, and Pastor James are the adult leadership, and our meals are provided by Youth Group parents.

### **The 2nd Annual Loudoun Chorale Hymn Sing**

**Come! Sing the Great Hymns of the Faith with the Loudoun Chorale!**

**When: Sunday, September 21st 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.**

**Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 W. Market Street, Leesburg Church**

Singers and hymn lovers. Join the 60-voice Loudoun Chorale at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for an afternoon of 4-part singing of great hymns of the faith. Raise your voice with ours on “Be Thou My Vision,” “O Worship the King,” “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name,” and many more favorites.

**Sunday, September 21, 2014**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am  
Adult Education 9:45am & Middlers Group 9:45am  
Youth Group 5:30pm

**Tues., September 23 - 5:30 pm Community Table of Loudon**

**Thurs., September 25 - 1pm-7pm Open House & Youth  
Fundraiser at Pastor Debbie's**

**7:30 pm Choir**

**7:30 pm—Thursday Night Football**

**Are You Ready For Some Football?** LPC Men are invited to Christian Hoff's home on Thursday, September 25 at 7:30pm for barbecue, and football. Bring your choice of beverage and \$10—stay as long as you like and spend time getting to know each other. Contact Rev. James at [revjames@lpcva.org](mailto:revjames@lpcva.org) for more information.



**Flowers** There are still openings in the fall schedule for church flowers. The following dates are open: November 2, 23, & 30. Sign up is outside the church office. Thank you!

**The Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles** will meet Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. Our study will be lesson two, *God's Call to Serve*. Please read Exodus 2:11-4:17. Betty Lowenbach will lead the lesson. All women of the church are invited to join us. Contact Shirley Pearson for more information.

**Peace & Global Witness Offering—Sunday, October 5.**



The Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly the Peacemaking Offering) enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by helping to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. Please give generously—25% of all gifts is kept by the congregation for local programs that support and encourage programs that promote peace and community well-

**Loaves and Fishes Update**—Our September offering was an incredible 387 pounds of non-perishable food! All was gratefully received by Interfaith Relief and distributed to the many families that were waiting in line to receive food for their families. The next offering is **Sunday, October 5**—let's try to reach a full TON!

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

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**ELDERS**

**2015**

Trish Fraker  
Frank Gasperini  
Keith Markel

**2016**

Todd Joyce  
Linda Rawlett  
Wynne Rodgers  
Cameron Spivey

**2017**

Wayne Helge  
Kim Hovda  
Jim Ruddell  
Sheryl Tompkins

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Florence O'Hey  
Sharon Schmidt  
Dennis Welsh

Rebecca Caprio  
Joan Elliott  
Sofia Spivey  
Krista Ritsema

Christian Hoff  
William Marsh  
Susan Sutter  
Stuart Weikel

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