

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



Stories Along the Path to the Promised Land

September 28, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Order of Worship for the 14th 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*

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A-minor

Maurice Greene

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**

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound.

The night shows God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation and declare God's glory!

***HYMN # 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great deliverer, you brought us out of captivity to sin, death, and evil on the Cross—you rescued us from this house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to this house, and cleanse us from sins which we hide from ourselves. Lord, we ask all these things because we know you are a gracious God, who is quick to forgive and eager to restore. (silence is kept for personal confession) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE # 610**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vv. 1 & 2)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumph of God's grace.*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health and peace!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Pew Bible pp. 66-67

ANTHEM *Sing for Joy* Henry Purcell

SERMON Rev. James F. Cubie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Piate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of deliverance, we offer these—our gifts— to your church, that we may witness more faithfully, rejoice more fully, and serve with greater strength and presence, in the place and time you have given to us. Amen.

*HYMN # 546 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Leoni's Yigdal* Isador Freed

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	John Sawyer	Linda Rawlett
Ushers:	Babe & Kevin McGuire	Evelyn Rollison & Nancy Vanzandt
Acolytes:		Bailey Vigil & Tommy Seifart
Flowers:	Given by the Stone Family in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary	

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Our service prelude, anthem and offertory are all written by English composers.

Prelude – **Voluntary in A-minor**

English baroque composer and organist Maurice Greene (1695-1775) held an important post as organist at London's Chapel Royal, located within St. James's Palace. The Chapel Royal is a body of singers, organists and conductors who serve the spiritual needs of the sovereign. Greene previously served as organist and master of the choristers at St. Paul's Cathedral and went on to earn a music professorship at Cambridge University. Today's prelude comes from a volume of twelve organ voluntaries, each with a slow introduction followed by a more spritely second movement.

Choral Anthem – **Sing for Joy**

Henry Purcell (1659-1695) wrote this choral anthem to be part of Queen Mary's Birthday Ode, a collection of music to be used for celebrating the monarch's natal day in 1694. The text is based on Psalm 100:1-3, and this set of compositions contains some of Purcell's most important, magnificent and elaborate music. Purcell is considered one of the greatest English composers, and no other native-born composer approached his talent and musicianship until Edward Elgar. Henry was simultaneously organist at the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey, and although he died at age 36, he lived long enough to write the music used for the funeral of Queen Mary. The same music was used for his own funeral, when he was honored by being buried adjacent to the organ in Westminster Abbey.

Offertory – **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.

Postlude – **Leoni's Yigdal**

Isador Freed (1900-1960) was a Jewish composer born in Belarus. However, when he was but three years old his family emigrated to the U.S. and settled in Philadelphia, where his father came to own a music store. Isador graduated from the Curtis Institute and went on to become music professor at Temple University. He was both a secular and sacred composer with a deep interest in Jewish liturgical music. Since today is the midpoint between the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (and your organist is a 26-year veteran of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston), it is appropriate to program an organ composition based on the 17th century hymn tune, Leoni's Yigdal (#49 in our pew hymnals). The Yigdal is a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith concerning the nature of God. Yigdal is a Hebrew word that means "magnify", and the canticle begins, "O Magnify the Living God." The melody's use of the Oriental chromatic scale gives it a defined "Jewish" sound. This tune was used by the cantor Myer Lyon at the Great Synagogue of London, where it was heard by the itinerant Methodist minister Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), who adapted it for the English Christian hymn "*The God of Abraham Praise*." Trivia: Cantor Myer Lyon's stage name was Michael Leoni, the source of the hymn tune's name.

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 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.

At the 8:30am and 11:00 am services, we ask children who are in 4th 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 5th 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. Laura Herring, Wes Rhodes, and Pastor James are the adult leadership, and our meals are provided by Youth Group parents.

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.

Sunday, September 28, 2014
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday, October 1—Emma/Ruth Circles 7:30pm

Thursday, October 2—Choir 7:30pm

Saturday, October 4—LIFT Fall Fellowship—12-2pm



Flowers There is ONE opening left in the fall schedule for church flowers: November 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.

Circle One will meet on Thursday, October 9, at 10:00a.m. in the church library. All women are welcome to join us for bible study. Our lesson is "Paul in the Context of Ancient Corinth" (2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4). This year's study focuses on Paul's letter to the Corinthians as we work our way toward apostleship in the 21st century.

Dear Mission & Witness Committee,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to Harper Park's Backpack Buddies program. I can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate your continued support for this much needed program. This past school year, you helped us provide 1350 meals to our Harper students!

We ended the year serving 30 children weekly. I am guessing we will be serving as many, if not a few more, students in the coming year!

Thank you so very much. We are blessed by your support and will use the funds judiciously as we purchase the needed food and beverages for the program.

Warmest regards,

Marcy Maher, Harper Park BPB

LIFT Fall Fellowship—Saturday, October 4 12-2:00pm at the Home of Kathy & Brad Brown. Hot dogs and burgers, s'mores, basketball, tether-ball and the always popular corn-hole box. Bring a side or dessert to share, but most of all, come ready to spend time making new friends, and strengthening existing friendships. RSVP by Monday, September 29, You can RSVP on the Evite that went out on Facebook or email Pastor James at revjames@lpcva.org

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-being.



**LOAVES AND FISHES
NEXT COLLECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

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.

Mailing list Interested in receiving a weekly reminder of all things LPC? Wondering where your copy of *The Back Pew* is? Has your address, phone number, or email address changed? Please call or email the office so we are up to date. 703-777-4163, office@lpcva.org.

**COMING SOON
LPC LADIES' NIGHT OUT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 6:00—8:00 PM
PALIO'S ON MARKET STREET**

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