

# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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

**October 12, 2014**

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

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

**Order of Worship for the 18th 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**

Jim Donlon, soloist

**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**

**Lord you have welcomed us, saying,**

"I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

**Lord you have promised us,**

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

**Lord, you have blessed us, saying,**

"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

**Lord, you have humbled us, saying,**

"I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

**\*HYMN**

*"How Great is Our God"*

TOMLIN, REEVES &  
CASH

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

**(Chorus)** How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

**Chorus**

You're the name above all Names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: how great is our God! (2xs)

**Chorus (2xs)**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord reigns! **Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you?** *(silence)*  
The Lord reigns! **Worthy God, have we raised your name in praise?** *(silence)*  
The Lord reigns! **Sovereign God, have we executed justice?** *(silence)*  
The Lord reigns! **We bow before you, holy God. Forgive us. Cleanse us.  
Free us. In the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

#### \*RESPONSE

*"You are My All in All"*

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

**(WOMEN)** Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

**(MEN)** Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

**(ALL)**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### TIME WITH CHILDREN—COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES

Erin Burnside, Megan Helge, and Jackson Sweeney

**SONG OF PREPARATION***“Ancient Words”*

DESHAVO

Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home

**(Chorus)** Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me and changing you  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world  
They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

**(Chorus—2xs)****THE SCRIPTURE LESSON****Exodus 33: 12-23****SERMON***“The Backside of God”*

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

Hymnal pg. 35

**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 OFFERING****OFFERTORY***“You are Holy”*

IMODEN &amp; RHOTON

Acoustic Ensemble

**\*DOXOLOGY****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We trust you, Lord, God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen**

**\*HYMN # 438***“Rock of Ages”*

TOPLADY

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Acoustic Ensemble

## **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.

**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.

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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Brenda Bengtson	Chris Folk
Ushers:	Sheryl Tompkins	Kim and Jason Hovda
Acolytes:		Forrest Rhodes & Cara Martino
Flowers:	Given in honor of Bennett Lutz's 8th birthday with love from his parents, Scott and Nicole and his brother Grant	

**Sunday, October 12, 2014**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Youth Group 5:30pm

**Monday, October 13— Office Closed**

**Thursday, October 16—Ladies' Night Out 6-8pm**

- **Choir 7:30pm**

**LPC LADIES' NIGHT OUT**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 6:00—8:00 PM**

**PALIO'S ON MARKET STREET**

**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.

**Believing and Belonging** Friends, visitors and new members are invited to an informal lunch and conversation about membership in Leesburg Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, October 19 after 11:00 worship**. We will 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. Children are welcome! Thanks for your RSVP! We need to know how many care-givers to provide (and food to order!) 703-777-4163, [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org) or [revdeb@lpcva.org](mailto:revdeb@lpcva.org)

**Volunteers are needed** for the November 2, Grace to Go mission. Workers will meet at Deli South from 1:30-3:30 to prepare a healthy meal. You may volunteer by signing the G2G Bulletin Board in the Church hallway or by emailing [fraker1@verizon.net](mailto:fraker1@verizon.net).

**The November Back Pew deadline** is fast approaching. Please send your articles in to the church office no later than 9:30am Friday, October 17.



**Additional Singers Invited for Bach Christmas Cantata  
Sunday December 14**

Our choir will present Bach's Cantata #142 "Uns ist ein Kind geboren" (Unto Us a Child Is Born) during morning worship services on December 14. We will be accompanied by a small chamber orchestra, so this is a special opportunity to those in our church to glorify the birth of Jesus our Savior through dedicated music making!

There are many singers in our congregation who cannot make a regular weekly commitment to choir but would be interested in a short-term commitment to sing with the choir for this special occasion. What is required? Singers need to be able to read music at a rudimentary level and attend four rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 PM (November 13, 20 and December 4, 11). The three cantata choruses will be rehearsed first thing on Thursday evening; some new singers may want to stay to rehearse the other Christmas music for the season and others will want to leave. If you need childcare, please let us know. Our pastor has said she will recruit childcare for these four rehearsals. I look forward to visiting with any potential singers and to share my excitement about Bach's Christmas Cantata and the small chamber orchestra that will accompany us. Or you can e-mail me at [terrysisk@aol.com](mailto:terrysisk@aol.com).



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Guess Who's Coming to Appetizers?**  
**Saturday, November 8 6-8PM**  
**An unforgettable night of delicious food,**  
**stimulating**  
**conversation and lots of fun!**  
**Sign ups will begin next week**

**Take Them A Meal** If you would like to welcome Elizabeth Mallin into God's family at LPC by signing up to take a meal to the Mallin family, please go to <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=HPNX9420&welcome=1> The password is 6736. Or you can contact Denise in the church office and she will sign you up.

**Thank you** to all who donated to Loaves & Fishes and the Peace & Global Witness Offering last Sunday. We collected over 200 pounds of food and \$1053.00 to promote peaceful solutions to community conflict.

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**The Church office will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13**

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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

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

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CHURCH STAFF

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Music Director  
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