

# LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



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

**October 19, 2014**

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

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

**Order of Worship for the 19th 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**

*Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

**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 90:1-6)**

Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**In you we come home— to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.**

**We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.**

**We dwell in you.**

**\*HYMN # 12**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

ST. DENIO

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. *(silence is kept)* Amen.**

**\*BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE # 441**

*"Hear the Good News of Salvation"*

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above,  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

**ANTHEM**                                    *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*                                    arr. David N. Johnson

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**                    Deuteronomy 34: 1-12                                    Pew Bible pp. 191-192

**SERMON**                                    *“On the Threshold”*                                    Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

### **\*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 Pilate, 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**

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.

### **PRAYER REFRAIN #466                    *“Come Fill Our Hearts”***

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

### **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                                    *Sarabande*                                    Edvard Grieg

### **\*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 # 687**                                    *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*                                    ST. ANNE

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                    *Carillon de Longpont*                                    Louis Vierne

## TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

### Prelude – **Berceuse**

Unfortunately, blind French organist and composer Louis Vierne (1870-1937) is known chiefly for the way he died. On June 2, 1937, he had just completed performing all the works on the printed program of his 1750th organ recital at the cathedral Notre-Dame de Paris, where he worked from 1900 until his death. As was the custom, he was to end the evening with improvisations on submitted themes. As his left foot hit the first note, he suddenly slumped over the keyboard and fell to the floor, dead from suffering a stroke. The organ bench from which he fell that fateful day is still displayed on the wall of Notre-Dame cathedral's organ loft. No lie. But I digress. His compositions were elegant and clean, eschewing the sentimentality and theatrical style of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century French composers such as César Franck. While Vierne's most famous organ composition is the popular Carillon de Westminster, today's prelude is a lullaby from a two volume set of organ works titled "*24 Pieces in Free Style*" (1914). The rocking motion of the left hand figure is illustrative of the title.

### Choral Anthem – **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

Texas native David N. Johnson (1922-1988) was an educator, composer, organist and staunch Republican. He wrote the processional for the 1971 wedding of Tricia Nixon, performed by a string orchestra in the White House rose garden. Most of his compositions were written for church use, and today's anthem (1967) is an arrangement of a traditional Irish hymn tune known as St. Columba, set to a text based on Psalm 23, penned by Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877).

### Offertory – **Sarabande**

Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) wrote a piano concerto known the world over, but two suites give the concerto a run for its money. While you'll hear "In the Hall of the Mountain King" (Peer Gynt Suite) frequently during the coming Halloween season, our offertory comes from his Holberg Suite, composed for piano solo in 1884 to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Norwegian playwright Ludvig Holberg. A Sarabande is an 18<sup>th</sup>-century slow dance movement in triple meter that has an accent on the second beat, a compositional form that reached the peak of popularity in the French court.

### Postlude – **Carillon de Longpont**

Our prelude and postlude are both composed by Louis Vierne, serving as bookends to today's service. Also from the two volume set of "*24 Pieces in Free Style*," this piece features a four-note pedal motif that mimics the sound of the set of bells that comprise the carillon of the chapel of the Château de Longpont in the Picardy region of northern France. Above the perpetuum mobile of the organ pedal theme, arresting detached chords ring out from the keyboards. So that our postlude ends on the same calendar day on which it begins, I have shortened its length considerably.

## 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**

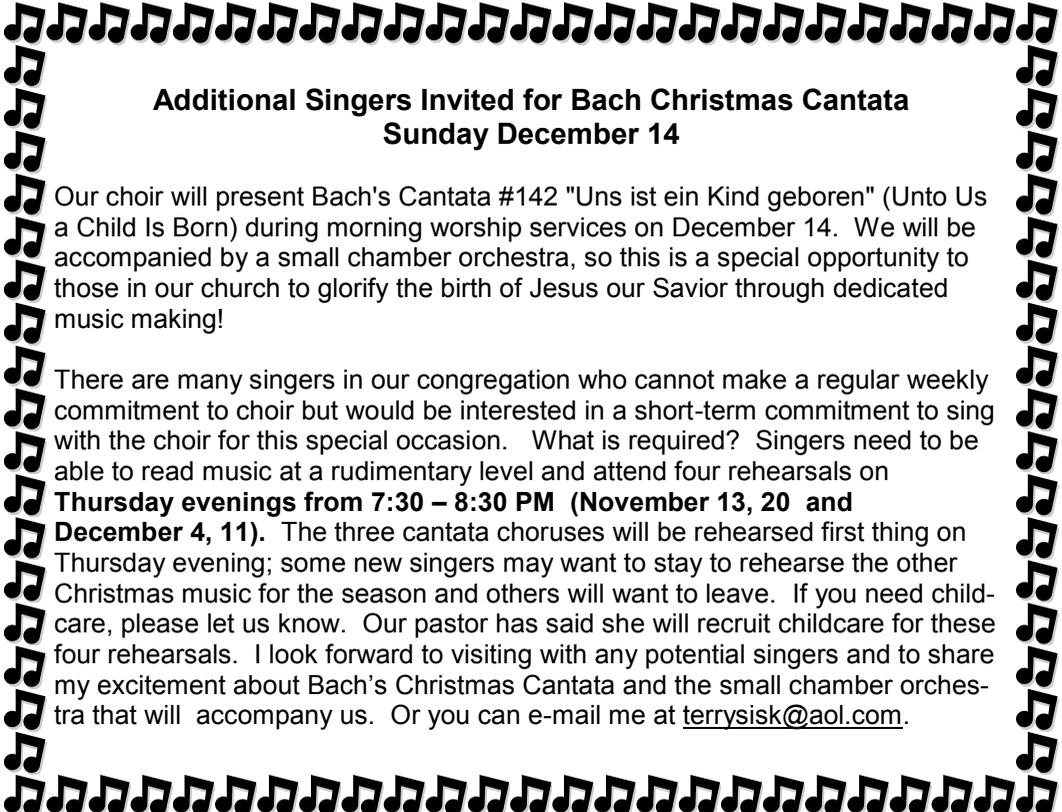
ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Sally Nathan	Frank Gasperini
Ushers:	Kathy & Brad Brown	David Parsons
Acolytes:		Isabelle Marsh & Tommy Seifart
Flowers:	Given by the Wright Family in memory of Lynn Wright's father, Patrick Clifford, her mother, Virginia Clifford and her sister, Karen Clifford Bartolomucci	

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

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

**BELIEIVING AND BELONGING**

**Tuesday, October 19— Session 7:30pm**  
**Thursday, October 23 - Choir 7:30pm**



**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).

## **All Saints Day Sunday, November 2**

In keeping with tradition, on Sunday, November 2, we will read aloud the names of loved ones who died during the previous 12 months. If you would like the name of a loved one or friend to be read aloud, please write it on the list outside the office or email it to [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org).

**Heads UP!** The Holiday Coalition Christmas Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 9th. All gifts must be under the tree by Sunday, November 30th, the first Sunday in Advent. More in the November Newsletter.

**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).

**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](mailto:office@lpcva.org).



**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!**  
**RSVP inserts are in your bulletin today.**

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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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