

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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November 9, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

Order of Worship for the 22nd 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

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein

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**

Choose this day whom you will serve.

We will serve the Lord, and worship God alone.

Do not hide these things from your children.

We will proclaim to coming generations the wonders God has done.

***HYMN # 619**

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. *(time for silent, personal confession)* Amen.

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE # 581**

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00am) *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 Wendy Hendrickson presents her daughter, Evie, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (11:00 am– see next page)

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Todd Joyce

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

arr. U. S. Moore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Pew Bible, pp. 215-216

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

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

Alla Breve

J.F.K. Fischer

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in our coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN # 63**

"The Lord is God"

AZMON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Gordon Jacob

****Please wait to leave your pews until the Acolyte has carried the Light outside the sanctuary and into the world!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

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—"JESUS LOVES ME"

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 her mother, Whitney. Give her wisdom and patience to guide her child in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church. Let her family life be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer and governed by love.

We pray for your child, Evie. 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 – **Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein** (BWV 734)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750), the great German baroque organist, composer and fiddler, is regarded by musicologists as one of the greatest composers of all time. Renowned as a concert organist, Bach composed a keyboard setting of this Lutheran chorale in the form of a trio -- three single-note lines are happily sounding simultaneously, with the melody played by the pedals. Text translation: *Now Rejoice, Dear Christians All.*

Offertory – **Alla Breve**

J. K. F. Fischer (1658-1746) was an obscure German Baroque composer who was much admired by J. S. Bach, who “borrowed” some of Fischer’s themes for several of his own compositions. As well, Bach based his renowned Well-Tempered Clavier, which consists of 24 preludes and fugues in all major and minor keys, on Fischer’s earlier set of 20 preludes and fugues in 19 keys. Unlike Bach’s landmark use of organ pedals, the organ works of Fischer have only “optional” pedal parts, although your organist will today play the bass line on the pedals (lest you dock my pay). The exquisite harmonies of this piece reflect the French influence that Fischer introduced to German music. *Note:* The term “alla breve” refers to cut time, in which the musical pulse is a half note instead of a quarter note.

Anthem – **We Shall Walk Through the Valley**

The origins of this song are disputed. It is often listed as a spiritual, but many sources name A. T. Hatter as the composer of both melody and words. Spirituals arose from singing by slaves while performing field work, and most of them had texts with religious themes. Whatever its source, this serene tune is set to a text that paraphrases Psalm 23. In 1977, African-American composer Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) crafted this choral arrangement that has been performed and recorded countless times. Ms. Moore was the first graduate of Nashville’s Fisk University to be awarded a scholarship to Juilliard (NYC).

Postlude – **Epilogue**

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984) was a London born composer, organist, orchestrator and arranger who taught at the Royal College of Music for more than forty years. When captured as a prisoner of war during WWI, he formed a prison band and wrote and arranged music for it. His style was more conservative than most of his contemporaries, so his works fell out of fashion when the avant-garde came to the forefront in the 1960s. Now that the mid-century avant-garde style has lapsed into disfavor, Jacob’s “easier-on-the-ears” compositions are popular once more. Go figure.



Christmas Cantata: To Us a Child Is Born

The centerpiece of our December 14 morning worship services will be the Bach/Kuhnau cantata "Uns is ein Kind geboren" presented by our choristers, vocal soloists and a chamber orchestra. Please note the altered service times of 9:30 and 11:15 for worship through music of the Christmas season: congregational carols, choral anthems and instrumental music.



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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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| ASSISTING: | <u>8:30 a.m.</u> | <u>11:00 a.m.</u> |
| Liturgists: | John Burgess | Cameron Spivey |
| Ushers: | Brad Brown & JB Sandefur | Chryslie Cultice & David Parsons |
| Acolytes: | | Charlie Joyce & Erin Burnside |

Sunday, November 9, 2014

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00 am

Adult Education 9:45 am

Youth Group 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 12 —Deacons 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 13 - Circle One 10:00 am

- Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, November 14—Book Club 9:30 am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LED BY OUR PASTORS

***Making Sense of the Bible with short video presentations by
Adam Hamilton
A Six-Week Series***

Making Sense of the New Testament- November 9

Making Sense about the Nature of Scripture – November 16

The Bible and Science- November 23

Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues – November 30

Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships – December 7

Circle One will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 10:00a.m. We welcome all women to join us for bible study. Our lesson is ***Covenants and God's Enduring Faithfulness*** (2 Corinthians 3:1-4:6), exploring Paul's reference to "old and new covenants" and how they influence our understanding of different faith traditions.



The Holiday Coalition Christmas Giving Tree is now set up in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Choose one or more ornaments. A guide for what to give the person on your ornament will be posted on the wall next to the tree and several lists will be in the window sill next to the tree. Feel free to take one. All gifts must be under the tree by **Sunday, November 30th.** Please do not wrap the gifts.

We need USHERS! Our immediate need is for one more usher for the **second** Sunday of each month at the 8:30am service and two to serve at the 11:00am service. If you would like to join this important ministry, please talk to Pastor Debbie or contact the church

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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

CHURCH STAFF

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