

A lit candle sits on a small, light-colored circular base. The candle is lit, with a bright yellow flame. The background is dark and textured, resembling a charcoal or oil painting. A circular glow emanates from the flame, and within this glow, the word "Hope" is written multiple times in a circular arrangement, appearing to be illuminated by the light of the candle. The overall mood is one of quiet contemplation and hope.

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**November 30, 2014**

**Leesburg Presbyterian Church**

When the church bell is rung, let us be silent for worship.

*\*Please stand if able*

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PRELUDE

*Freu dich sehr*

Gerald Near

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT SONG # 92

*"While We are Waiting, Come"*

WAITING

While we are waiting, come, While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

**Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.**

Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near;

**The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

**\*HYMN # 88**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*  
*(vv. 1,2,3 & 7)*

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; Instead, we lash out—against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. *(time for silent, personal confession)* Amen.

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

**\*RESPONSE # 93**

*"Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

TRURO

Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to thee here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

## **\*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** Amy and Brandon Elledge present their son, Barrett, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (11:00 am– see next page)

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pat Kropp

## **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible, pp.50-51

## **ANTHEM**

*Every Valley*

John Ness Beck  
Jeremy Palmer, tenor

## **SERMON**

Rev. James F. Cubie

## **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**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Richard Purvis

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **\*HYMN # 97**

*"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

ABERYSTWYTH

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J. S. Bach

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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **ASSISTING:**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgists:

Frank Gasperini

Ben Franklin

Ushers:

Trish & Jeff Fraker

Nancy Vanzandt & David Parsons

Acolytes:

Cara Martino & Tommy Seifart

Flowers:

Given by Joan Elliott

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# 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 his parents, Amy and Brandon. Give them wisdom and patience to guide their child in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church. Let his family life be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer and governed by love.

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

## BLESSING

## TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

### Prelude – **Freu dich sehr**

Gerald Near (b. 1942) is one of today's most prominent composers of sacred choral and organ music. In the mid-1980s he became organist/choir master at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas. Near's works have been performed at the Sydney Opera House, Moscow's Tchaikovsky's Hall, England's Southern Cathedrals Festival and broadcast on the BBC and NPR. His spritely organ setting of "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (#87 in our pew hymnals) showcases our organ's flute stops. This Advent text comes from Isaiah 40: 1-5, the same source as the text of today's anthem. The hymn tune, while included in the Genevan Psalter of 1551, was based on a French folk song with a rather ribald text.

### Anthem -- **Every Valley**

The text comes from Isaiah 40: 4,5. Many of you are familiar with Handel's musical setting from *Messiah*, which begins with a tenor singing this text. The anthem is also sung by a tenor, but in a very different musical style. John Ness Beck (1930-1987), who was a celebrated writer of mid-century sacred music, wrote this as a choral anthem in 1976. It immediately became a best seller and remains one of the most performed Advent anthems across America; this arrangement for performance as a vocal solo is by Craig Courtney. *Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain made low...And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.*

### Offertory – **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

San Francisco based composer Richard Purvis (1913-1994) became a legend in his own time. Long associated with Grace Cathedral, he was one of the nation's chief improvisers, concert organists and theatre organists. Purvis served with distinction in WW II and even composed organ pieces while positioned in fox holes. The tune of this Advent hymn originated in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as a French folk tune from the region of Picardy, and the text comes from the fourth century Liturgy of St. James: *Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand* (#347 in our pew hymnals).

### Postlude -- **Nun komm, der Heiland Heiland**

J. S. Bach's short Advent organ composition is based on a medieval Latin plainsong melody that first appeared in the 12<sup>th</sup>-century (*Savior of the Heathen Come* -- #102 in our pew hymnals). The text comes from the pen of Saint Ambrose (340-397), Bishop of Milan, who introduced hymnody from the East into the church of the West. Ambrose was the author of several hymns which survive even today, including the *Te Deum* text, an early hymn of praise still in use by Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans. I am often struck by the manner in which such venerable music and texts link us directly to our Christian forefathers, who have been singing *Savior of the Heathen, Come* for nearly 1,700 years.

### 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 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.

**The Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles** will have their pot luck Holiday Dinner Party at the home of Faye Vance Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 pm. In lieu of a gift exchange, we are donating money that would ordinarily go towards a gift to a charity of our choosing. Come with a dish to share and a charity in mind. We will car pool on the east side of the church at 5:35 p.m. Contact Faye Vance at 540-338-5103 or Shirley Pearson at 703-777-7425. All women are invited to attend.

**Sunday, November 30, 2014**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00 am

Adult Education 9:45 am

Youth Group resumes January 4

**Wednesday, December 3—Deacons 7:30pm**

Emma/Ruth Circles 6:30 pm

**Thursday, December 4—Choir 7:30**

**Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6—Youth Group “Lock-In”**

**LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**



*People Look East! A Study of Advent Hymns*

Adult Education 9:45 am

November 30-December 21

Mary Louise Bringle, a well-known hymn composer, reminds us that hymns have histories: they were written by particular people, often in response to particular circumstances in the writers' lives. More than this, hymns teach history. By paying attention to their back stories, we learn of joys and struggles that have occupied our ancestors in the faith from biblical times to our own. So come, learn about these hymns and have your Advent spiritually enriched!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LED BY OUR PASTORS**  
***Making Sense of the Bible with short video presentations by***  
***Adam Hamilton***  
**Will resume after the holidays**

**Winterhaven Stand Down Event/Coat Drive**—LPC is sponsoring a **coat drive** in support of the 2015 Winterhaven Stand Down Event for Homeless Veterans. LPC volunteers will collect your donations of men's winter clothing (sizes L and above) following both services from Sunday, December 7, 2014 to Sunday, January 11, 2015. Gently used winter coats must be drycleaned beforehand and donated with dry cleaning bag and receipt attached. New coats and thermal underwear with store tags attached are also welcome, in addition to your monetary contributions in any amount, cash or check only, please. Volunteers are needed to work at Winterhaven on Saturday, January 24, from 7am to 3pm, distributing coats, boots, duffel bags, blankets, comfort kits, and other items. If interested, please contact Reverend James Cubie.



**HOLIDAY COALITION**  
**GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE TODAY.**

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**Grocery Gift Cards Needed:** A recent article “Loudoun Interfaith Relief Fears Shortage of Holiday Food Supplies “ has spurred the Mission & Witness Committee to answer their call for assistance. Our congregation has supported LIR for many years with budgeted financial gifts and our ongoing “Loaves & Fishes” monthly food drive, **Right now a huge need is \$10 grocery gift cards to be included in Holiday food baskets.** If you would like to donate \$10 or more to LIR, please make the check payable to LPC and note in the MEMO LINE: “Loudoun Interfaith Relief”. You may drop the donation at the Church Office or into the Offering Basket during worship. You may also donate online at [www.interfaithrelief.org](http://www.interfaithrelief.org).

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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  
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Dennis Welsh

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Sofia Spivey  
Krista Ritsema

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William Marsh  
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