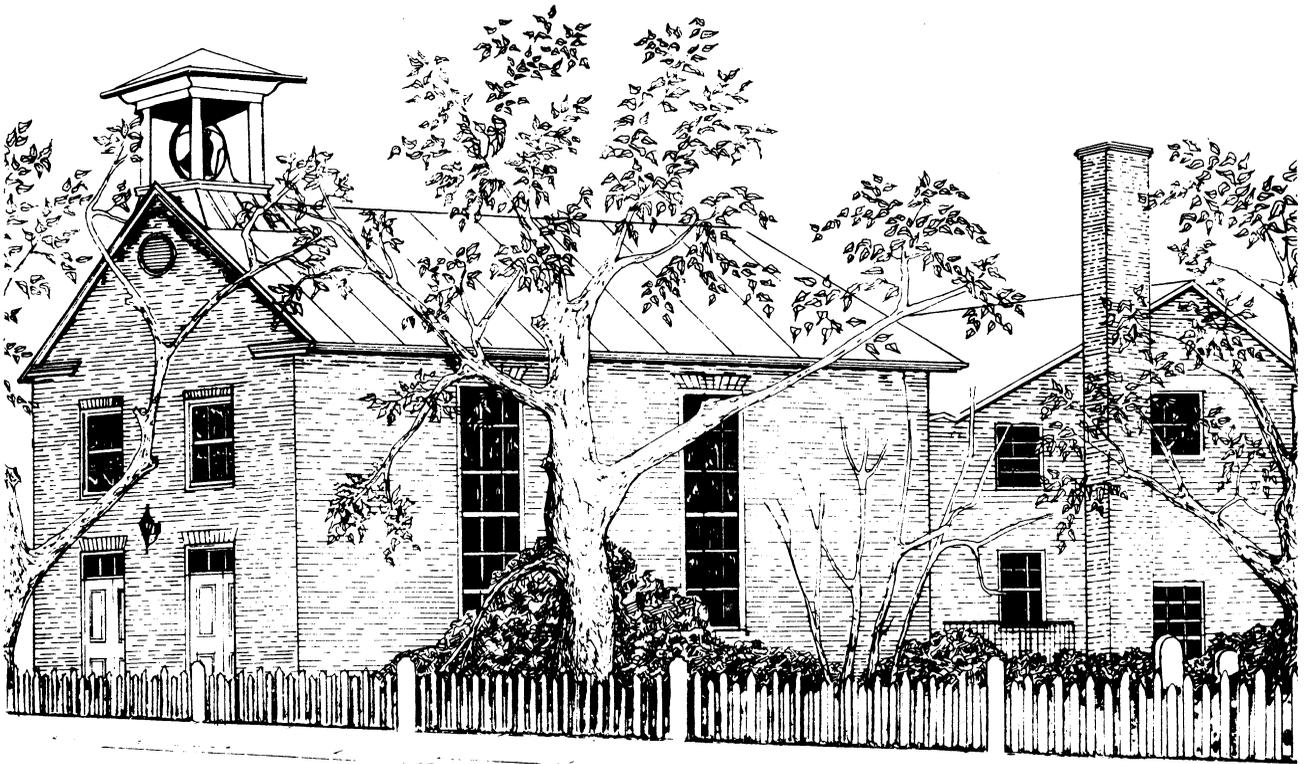


LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



December 28, 2014

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

1st Sunday After Christmas

11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

"What is this Lovely Fragrance"

arr. Paul Manz

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, and the sound of melody.

With the trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be lifted up ye everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up ye everlasting doors and the king of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*HYMN # 132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Oh Lord we come before you this morning in thanksgiving for the gracious gift of your son and the new creation he is making for all mankind. We are reminded this season that while you are recreating the glory of your creation we continue in many of our old ways and do not recognize nor take advantage of the new beginnings you are offering to us. We continue to stain your creation with the sins of our selfishness; we abandon our neighbor or pass her by because our narrow vision does not permit us to see her. Oh Lord, expand our focus from ourselves to all men and woman, open our hearts and give us teachable spirits that we may rejoice in giving to others the love you have given to us. *(silence is kept for personal prayer and confession)* Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish
Beth Hood & Sophia Galek

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pastorale (Gigue)

J.S. Bach

DOXOLOGY #606

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return this portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. Amen.

***HYMN # 119**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Pew Bible p. 640

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1: 1-5, 14

Pew Bible p.91

SERMON: Christmas Gifts: A New Creation, A New Adam, A New Hope

Elder Dr. John Sawyer

***HYMN # 123**

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

CAROL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Von Himmel Hoch

arr. Paul Manz

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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:

Liturgist: Elder Dr. William H. Sawyer
Ushers: Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons
Acolytes: Calvin & Jackson Sweeney

Sunday, December 28, 2014
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 11:00 am
Youth Group resumes January 4

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.

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. ***Our regular Sunday evening program is taking its annual Christmas break and will resume on January 4, 2015.***

**The 2015 Flower Calendar is now up outside the church office.
Please sign up to provide flowers in the coming year.**



**LOAVES & FISHES
COLLECTION
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

Our Liturgist today. John's brother Bill Sawyer joins us again as liturgist this Sunday as he has done in the past. Bill is a ruling elder in the Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Bill's presence with us today and in the past reflects his abiding faith and active service in the church.

Sharing Epiphany Star Stories of 2014 on Sunday, January 4th!

Would you be willing to share a story of how the "star word" you chose on Epiphany Sunday in January 2013 became a meaningful guide to you or an "epiphany" of God's grace in your life?

If you are uncomfortable with speaking, Pastor James or Pastor Debbie could read it aloud for you during worship on January 4th.

If so, please talk with, call, or e-mail Pastor Debbie!!

Circle One will meet on Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Our lesson is "Reconciliation and the Whole Creation" 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10 which explores the concept of "new creation". We welcome all women to join our daytime bible study circle in "Reconciling Paul" in contemporary times.

Winterhaven Stand Down Event/Coat Drive—LPC volunteers will collect your donations of men's winter clothing (sizes L & above) following both services until Sunday, January 11, 2015. Gently-used winter coats must be dry-cleaned beforehand and donated with dry-cleaning bag and receipt attached. New coats and thermal underwear with store tags attached are also welcome. Monetary contributions can be made by check or cash. If you would like to make an offering via check, please include 'Winterhaven' in the memo line. If you make an offering using cash, please be sure to include your name on the envelope. 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.

The Church Office will be closed
December 31 & January 1.
The office will be open
December 29 & 30, January 2
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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2014

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Doug Sweeney

2015

Trish Fraker
Frank Gasperini
Tom Gurney
Keith Markel

2016

Todd Joyce
Linda Rawlett
Wynne Rodgers
Cameron Spivey

DEACONS

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Tom Chase
Babe McGuire
Nancy Vanzandt

Kristin Moats
Florence O'Hey
Sharon Schmidt
Dennis Welsh

Rebecca Caprio
Joan Elliott
Sofia Spivey

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