

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Jim Donlon, guitar

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.

***GATHERING SONG # 388**

"Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart, and with all your soul,

And with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Love your neighbors as yourself,

With all your heart, and with all your soul,

And with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Do this and you will live!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN # 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, and yet we fail to honor you with our actions; in fact, they belittle your love for us. Too often we do not defend the weak and the forgotten. We deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. (silence is kept for personal confession) Amen.

WORDS 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

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Selected passages from The Book of James

MESSAGES: MISSION MATTERS!

(Hymn refrain between messages "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" #700)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of light, we praise you for the wonder and glory of this world and the many blessings we have received. Still, at times the darkness is like a night and it feels you have hidden your face from your people. The most vulnerable and innocent among us seem to be hemmed in by violence and conflict. This week we realized that no place is safe—not home, not a 2,000-mile trek through rainforests and deserts, not 30,000 feet up. Yet, we profess that you know all things, count the hair on our heads, and know our rising and our sitting. How can this be?

God we are saddened by the news reports of people taken too soon from this world and we shake our head with disbelief when we see the bodies of children carrying the ravages of war. It seems as though the only ones in the crosshairs of violence are those with no power, little to gain, and much to lose. They pay with the thing you hold most precious, the very breath you breathed into our lungs. May your Spirit of peace and wisdom descend on the Middle East. May the words and actions of Abram haunt the leaders of Palestine and Israel. May they rescue one another, become great nations, and bless all peoples on earth. Protect the innocent and send prophets among them and their leaders to find a just resolution.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

Wars rage on the ground, the sea, and in the air in the Ukraine, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, and many other places. Families mourn the loss of loved ones and are robbed of hope for a future for their children. Help us see the painful reality that conflict zones cannot be contained. Comfort the grieving and burden the rest of us with this senseless loss of life. Open the way for aid agencies and those offering relief, give them courage and resources to ease the immediate suffering they encounter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

Walk with children fleeing homes terrorized by gang violence, crushing poverty, and drug wars. We know they carry a singular hope, to have abundant life that you have promised us. The journey is fraught with danger and uncertainty. Hold them in your arms and nurture the hope planted in them by their families and your Spirit and do not allow it to be crushed by hatred and racism.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

God grant us the grace and courage to work for all these things that we pray. Help turn sadness into righteous anger and action. May we know your ways, and beat our weapons of destruction into instruments of reconciliation and creation. It is an honor to be agents of your peace so that this world will know and confess your name.

In the name of the one who taught us to pray:

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

In the Highways

Maybelle Carter

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank you, God: you are our soil, our food, our water, our sun, everything we need to grow. We offer these gifts to you asking for your direction, as we work each day so that our kingdom of light becomes more and more of a reality in this world. Amen

***HYMN # 853**

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

***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 at the 9:30am service 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 before worship or after the *Time with the Children* during worship.

GODLY PLAY is offered at the 9:30am service, 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.

Today's Music

Offertory – In the Highways

Born Maybelle Addington in Copper Creek, near Nickelsville in southwest Virginia, Maybelle (1909-1978) married into the Carter family at age sixteen. She brought a fine pedigree to the Carters, as the Addington family of Virginia was descended from British Prime Minister Henry Addington, First Viscount Sidmouth. Shortly after marrying, she moved to Tennessee with her husband and in-laws to audition for a country music producer. Achieving early success in the 1920s, the Carter family became one of the first commercial country music ensembles. Maybelle played the guitar, autoharp and banjo, creating a unique sound for their gospel and country music group. She was widely respected and loved by the Grand Ole Opry community of the early 1950s, when she became known as "Mother Maybelle" (the mother-in-law of Johnny Cash and mother of June Carter). The Carter Family was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1970 and were given the moniker "The First Family of Country Music." In 1988, the Carter Family was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame and received an award for the song "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Today's offertory, "In the Highways" (1939) was again popularized when used in the film, "Brother Where Art Thou?"

*In the highways, in the hedges, I'll be somewhere working for my Lord.
If He calls me, I will answer. I'll be somewhere working for my Lord.*

Our acoustic ensemble for today's worship is led by Jim Donlon, who is joined by Wayne Helge, Nicole Morgenthau, Heidi Renner, Wynne Rodgers and Terry Sisk.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Rev. James Cubie
Ushers: Nancy Vanzandt and David Parsons
Flowers: Given by Kathy and Brad Brown in honor of their 38th anniversary

Sunday, July 27, 2014
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK
Worship 9:30am

Men's Ministry - Save the Date! Thursday, August 28th, at 7:00pm, the men of Leesburg Presbyterian will watch the Frederick Keys play the Salem Red Sox. This will be a great way to celebrate the end of the Summer, and the beginning of a season for men to come together in fellowship. More information to follow. Contact Pastor James if you are interested in attending at revjames@lpcva.org.

Scholarships—The Endowment Committee will again be offering scholarships to college students for the 2014-2015 school year. Monies for these scholarships are made available through church trusts. Applications are available outside the church office and must be returned **no later than August 1st**. Please contact Betty Lowenbach at below@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Calling All Acolytes! If you are going into grades 4 through 8, you are eligible to serve as an acolyte at LPC! Applications are in the church office. Please fill one out and turn it in no later than Thursday, September 17. There will be an instructional meeting after the 11:00am service on Sunday, September 29. Lunch will be provided. Apply now!

Substitute Teachers Needed! Are you interested in serving as a substitute teacher for Church School beginning in the Fall? Please contact Pastor James (revjames@lpcva.org) if you would like more information, or want to sign up.

Community Table of Loudoun—LPC has joined the Community Table of Loudoun and will host a dinner in conjunction with our neighboring United Methodist Church. We will serve a sit-down dinner to those not as fortunate as we are. The Community Table of Loudoun's goal is to offer these suppers at 3 areas of Loudoun County. We will be the Leesburg area location.

The dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm. All groups at LPC will be able to participate—Sunday School, Youth etc. And we hope that everyone in the congregation will donate something to help make this a glorious event. Our goal is that, between the two churches, 150 people will be served. Stay tuned for more information on how YOU can volunteer.

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

ELDERS

2015

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2016

Todd Joyce
Linda Rawlett
Wynne Rodgers
Cameron Spivey

2017

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Jim Ruddell
Sheryl Tompkins

DEACONS

Kristin Moats
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Dennis Welsh

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