

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



January 4, 2015

*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 Moon, Guest Organist

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

*HYMN # 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. *(time for silent, personal confession)* **Amen.**

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE # 134

"Joy to the World"
(verse 4)

ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES (11:00am)

Chayton Maddox Rhodes, Maggie Weikel, Natesh Walker Vemuri, Ryan Philip Colavita, Sean Mason Martino, Henry Jarrett Joyce, Paulina Grace Cubie, Brendan Cowen

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, We give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become members of the same body, and heirs in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pew Bible, p 2

SERMON

"What Star is this? Star Stories of 2014"

Evelyn Rollison, Frank Gasperini, Brenda Bengtson, Susan Jane Stack

ANTHEM

"I'll Find a Way"

Gray/Gullahorn
Paul Ritsema, Soloist

At the end of this run-down tenement hall
Is the room of a girl I know
She cowers behind all the dead bolt locks
Afraid of the outside world
So how should I come to the one I love?
I will find a way

Many thieves and collectors have used that door
But they only brought her shame
So she won't even open it anymore
Still I will find a way

I could call out her name with love through the walls
But condemnation is all she hears
I could bust down the door and take her into my arms
But she might die from the fear

So how should I come to the one I love?
I will find a way, I will find a way
How should I come to the one I love?
I will find a way

No hiding place ever kept her safe
So she hides inside herself
Now to reach her heart the only way
Is to hide in there as well
I will hide in there as well

She gave up on love waiting for a change
But a change is coming soon -
how could she not love the helpless babe
Who is waking in her womb?

I found way, I found a way...

She'll know I am coming before I am here
When she hangs her head she'll see me there
And then when I come she won't run away
All the beauty and joy will return to her face
And what of the loneliness? Now it is gone
Lost in the bond of a mother and son
Every sin that she suffered at the hands of men
Every single disgrace will be washed clean again
I will love her completely and when I am grown
I will carry her out of that tenement home
I am doing a new thing and soon you will see
I am coming among you and my name shall be
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

When you receive the bread, please wait until the pastor leads us to partake of it together. You are invited to partake of the cup as you are individually ready. The separately wrapped slice on each plate is gluten free.

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.

***HYMN # 152**

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

**PUER NOBIS
NASCITUR**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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.

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

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Brenda Bengtson	Keith Markel
Ushers:	Linda & Bob Duffey	Evelyn Rollison & Nancy Blaine
Acolytes:		Tommy Seifart & Charlie Joyce
Flowers		

Sunday, January 4, 2015
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK
LOAVES & FISHES COLLECTION TODAY

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Youth Group resumes today 5:30pm

Monday, January 5— Mission & Witness Cmt 7:00pm

Thursday, January 8 - Circle One 10:00 am

Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, January 9- Book Club 9:30 am

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.

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.

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

Thank you for your overwhelming response to Loudoun Interfaith Relief's call for grocery gift cards during this Christmas season. We collected \$ 1565.00 in grocery cards and contributions. Once again, LPC folks have been exceedingly generous.

Pledge Envelopes

For those who have requested pledge envelopes—They can be picked up in the front pew of the sanctuary

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BRING IN COATS

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.

Friends, visitors and new members
of Leesburg Presbyterian Church
are warmly invited to

LUNCH & CONVERSATION about **BELIEVING & BELONGING**

after worship, January 25
12:00 noon – 2:00 PM

We'll have lunch and informal conversation about our congregation,
your interest in church membership, questions about the church,
its Presbyterian heritage,
and what becoming a member means.

The Session will meet with any who are ready to join
and receive them into church membership.

Children are welcome! After lunch the children can enjoy play-time with
supervision.

Thanks for your RSVP! We need to know how many care-givers to provide (and
food to order!)

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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

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Administrator
Prayer Chain
Business Manager
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