

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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January 11, 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

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 (Psalm 26, *The Message*)**

Bravo, GOD, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power.

Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him!

**God thunders across the waters, brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming
brightness—GOD, across the flood waters.**

GOD's thunder tympanic, GOD's thunder symphonic.

God's thunder smashes cedars, God topples the northern cedars.

The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

**Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which his power flows,
from which he rules the world.**

GOD makes his people strong. GOD gives his people peace.

***HYMN # 388**

"Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—our strengths and also our weaknesses, our goodness and also the darkness that obscures our goodness.

Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name (*time for silent, personal confession*) Amen.

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE # 368**

"We Fall Down"

WE FALL DOWN

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

***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 Brooke and Christopher Mallin present their daughter, Elizabeth, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (11:00 am— see next page)

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE

HYMN # 458

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THY WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11

Pew Bible pp. 34-35

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

"There Is a Redeemer"

Melody Green,
Acoustic Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY #591**

"Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

HYMN # 80

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

We pray for your child, Elizabeth. 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.

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:	Sally Nathan	Chuck Rodgers
Ushers:	J. B. Sandefur & Charles Medland	Linda & Don Gibson
Acolytes:		Cara Martino & Forrest Rhodes
Flowers:	Given by the Mallin Family in celebration of their daughter, Elizabeth's baptism	

Sunday, January 11, 2015

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am resumes today

Youth Group 5:30pm

Monday, January 12— Mission & Witness Cmt 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 13 - Worship Cmt 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 14 - Deacons 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 15 - Choir 7:30 pm

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.

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

Pledge Envelopes

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Leaders: Debbie Parsons & James Cubie

***Resumes today**

***Making Sense of the Bible with short video presentations by
Adam Hamilton***

Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues – January 11
Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships – January 18

Update your information for 2015 - Interested in receiving a weekly email reminder of all things LPC? Wondering where your copy of *The Back Pew* is? Has your address, phone number, or email address changed? Please call or email the office so we are up to date. 703-777-4163, office@lpcva.org.

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!)

703-777-4163 office@lpcva.org revdeb@lpcva.org

The deadline for the January/February *The Back Pew* is Friday, January 23.

Please send in your submissions to the church office by that date.

Preschool News: Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is underway! More information and registration forms can be found on the LPC website under the preschool tab or contact Director, Elaine Thiel at (703) 771-1461.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1

The Session has called a congregational meeting of Leesburg Presbyterian Church to be held after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, February 1, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to present the church's annual report, share information about the 2015 budget, and vote on changes in the terms of call for the Pastor and Associate Pastor.

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
Music Director
Nursery

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