

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

1804



February 1, 2015

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Meinem Jesum lass ich nicht

J. G. Walther

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

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord

Amen. We praise the Lord!

*HYMN # 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered at this Table, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin. Then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray.
(silence is kept)

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*TIME WITH CHILDREN** (11:00 am)**THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (11:00am) *Laud We the Name* Johann Kuhnau***DOXOLOGY*****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 4: 1-7 Bible, p. 180**SERMON** Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons**HYMN # 310** *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* ST. THOMAS
(verses 1-3)**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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Christ's food in our souls,
Our food shared like His.
Christ's life in our hands,
Our lives shaped my His.
Christ's love in our hearts,
Our love warmed through His.
Christ's peace on our path,
Our path following His.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation**TODAY'S MUSIC****Prelude -- Meinem Jesum lass ich nicht**

German composer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) was a contemporary of J. S. Bach. In fact, they were cousins. As the city organist of the Stadtkirche in Weimar, Walther wrote more than 130 organ preludes based on Lutheran hymn tunes. Today's organ prelude is from his set of variations based on a hymn tune with a text written by Christian Keymann in 1658. It expresses an idea close to the gospels -- that Christians do not want to let go of Jesus, just as Keymann's own parents had not wished to lose their other son, a 12-year-old boy; the text then advances the thought of being united with Jesus after death.

Anthem – Laud We the Name

This chorus comes from a church cantata written in 1720 by Johann Kuhnau, a German lawyer, composer and theologian based in Leipzig as Kantor of the Thomaskirche. His immediate successor was none other than J. S. Bach. The text is by Erdman Neumeister (1671-1756), a German pastor, writer and theologian who specialized in texts for church cantatas. *Praise we the name of God most holy with a mighty anthem. Let His be the honor and thanks.*

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.

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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Chris Folk	Chuck Rodgers
Ushers:	Linda & Bob Duffey	Evelyn Rollison & Nancy Blaine
Acolytes:		Jackson & Calvin Sweeney

Sunday, February 1, 2015

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

LOAVES & FISHES

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Congregational Meeting

Chili Cook-Off

Youth Group 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 4 - Emma/Ruth Circles 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 5 - Choir 7:30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY, 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.

Adult Faith Formation Class

**Pope Francis: Who He Is and What
His Papacy Is About!**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Carl Hemmer, former Jesuit
priest**

February 8 and 15

9:45 – 10:40 am Sunday mornings

Location: TBA (depending on size of class attendance!)

Feb. 8 – St. Francis and the Papacy

Who he is. Where he comes from. What he faces as
Pope.

Feb. 15 – St. Francis, the Jesuit!

How his Jesuit DNA impacts his Papacy

Needed: A FLAT-SCREEN TV

If anyone is upgrading from a smaller to a larger flat-screen TV, the church could use your hand-me-down.

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.

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

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.

The Emma Clemens and Ruth Circles will meet in the Memorial Lounge on February 4th at 7:30 p.m. Our lesson (5) will be led by Meredith Moore. Please read 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:10 dealing with the Reconciliation of Paul and the Whole Creation. All women of the church, regardless of age, are invited to join us. We can be a lively group! For more information contact Shirley Pearson 703-77-7425.

Circle One will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. All women are invited to join us for bible study and lively discussion. Our lesson, "The Aroma of God Among Us" focuses on 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 and 6:14-7:1. How can we and do we make God's presence visible in the world? If schools are closed due to snow on the 12th, we will not meet until March.

LPC Book Club, Friday, February 13 9:30 a.m. Book Club continues our monthly meetings on second Fridays at 9:30 am. Please contact Jennifer Marsh (jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com). February's selection is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. March's book is *Third Son: A Novel* by Julie Wu.

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges Do you recycle your ink/toner cartridges from your home computer? If so, keep it up. If not, donate them to the church. Just drop them on the desk in the front office and we'll take care of the rest. The church receives \$2 credit per cartridge we recycle and will use the proceeds for office supplies.

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2016

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Linda Rawlett
Wynne Rodgers
Cameron Spivey

2017

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Kim Hovda
Jim Ruddell
Sheryl Tompkins

DEACONS

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Dennis Welsh

Rebecca Caprio
Joan Elliott
Sofia Spivey
Krista Ritsema

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