

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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February 8, 2015

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

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan

J. P. Kellner

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**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told to you since the beginning?

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

***HYMN # 4**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

GROSSER GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. (silence is kept for personal confession)

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE # 39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (verse 3)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

Blessings all mine with ten thousands beside.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00 am)

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:21-31 Bible, p. 668

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 1: 29-39 Bible, p. 35

SERMON Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

HYMN (11:00am) *"On Eagle's Wings"* JONCAS

(Choir sings verses, congregation sings chorus)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Eagle's Wings" in G major. The score is written on a single treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo and dynamics are marked as *mf*. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of music with the lyrics "And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn." The second system contains the second line of music with the lyrics "make you to shine - like the sun, and hold you in - the - palm (of his) of his hand." The score includes various chords such as A7, D, Em, G, A, Bm, F#m, and D. There are also performance markings like "to Verses last time To Coda" and a Coda symbol.

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 *Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott* J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 547 *"Go My Children, With My Blessing"* AR HYDY NOS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude - **Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan**

Johann Peter Kellner (1705-1772) was a German organist, composer and teacher who knew both Bach and Handel. He played an important role in the dissemination of Bach's keyboard works by making copies of manuscripts. Although Kellner's organ works generally lean toward the late Baroque style, this setting of a Lutheran hymn achieves a later Rococo texture. Text translation: *God's deeds are excellently done; He is my light and my life.*

Anthem – **With a Voice of Singing**

Englishman Dr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958) was organist and Director of Music at London's St. Martin in-the-Fields when he wrote this perennially favorite anthem for organ and chorus. It has never gone out of print since first published in 1923 for use at the annual festival of the Rochester Diocesan Church Choirs Association (Kent, England – not New York!). Among Shaw's many accomplishments was co-founding the Royal College of Church Music. *With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

Offertory: **Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott** (BWV 721)

German Baroque composer J. S. Bach (1685-1750) wrote some of the world's most enduring organ works, and this chorale prelude is one of Bach's most strikingly simple arrangements. The hymn tune sings in the soprano above an unwavering texture of repeated chords in the other voices. Within this simplicity, however, is an atmosphere of profundity. In Bach's day a chorale prelude was used to introduce a congregational hymn by reminding worshipers of the melody and the key in which it was to be sung. Partial text translation: *Have mercy, Lord, my sins forgive.*

Postlude: **Psalm XIX**

Venetian Baroque composer Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) combined several careers – law, music, public service and literature. He wrote operas, oratorios, cantatas, symphonies, sonatas and keyboard works. Remembered chiefly for his sacred music, this setting of Psalm 19 (*The heavens declare the glory of God*) was originally written for brass ensemble for worship at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy; it lives on today as an exuberant and popular organ postlude for wedding ceremonies. Marcello created a major scandal when he secretly married his singing student, a commoner. It was illegal at the time for a nobleman to marry a commoner, and his wife was thus unable to inherit his estate upon her husband's death from tuberculosis; she had to live on financial assistance from Benedetto's brother, Alessandro, also a noted composer.

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.

Sunday, February 8, 2015

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Youth Group 5:30pm

Tuesday, February 10 - Worship Cmt 7:00 pm

CE Cmt 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 11 - Deacons 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 12 - Circle One 10:00 am

- Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, February 13 - Book Club 9:30 am

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgists: Sally Nathan

Keith Markel

Ushers: J.B. Sandefur & Charles Medland

Kim & Jason Hovda

Acolytes:

Bailey Vigel & Erin Burnside

TAKE THEM A MEAL—Thanks to your generous response, the Vigil family has meals scheduled until February 11. However, the need for meals will go beyond then, as Kim continues her treatment. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal, please go to *Takethemameal.com*. The recipient's name is

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.

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.

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.

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Join us to kick off the
Season of Lent

Deacons are hosting a pancake supper

Wednesday, February 18th

6:00- 6:45 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

following in Fellowship Hall

6:45 - 7:30 pm

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
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Dennis Welsh

Rebecca Caprio
Joan Elliott
Sofia Spivey
Krista Ritsema

Christian Hoff
William Marsh
Susan Sutter
Stuart Weikel

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