



The Transfiguration, Duccio, 1308-11

Leesburg Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2015
The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Plein Jeu (Kyrie)

François Couperin

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

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God Speaks; This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*HYMN # 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(silence is kept for personal confession)

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE # 581

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00 am)

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 9:2-9 Bible, p. 44

ANTHEM *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* arr. Biggs

SERMON Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

HYMN # 137 *He Came Down* HE CAME DOWN

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 *Adagio (Violin Sonata #5)* Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

HYMN # 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Agincourt Hymn* John Dunstable

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgists:	Jim Ruddell	John Burgess
Ushers:	Kathy & Brad Brown	Bud & Joan Elliott
Acolytes:		Megan Helge
Flowers:	Given by Evelyn Rollison in memory of Stanley Rollison	

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: **Plein Jeu (Kyrie)**

This *Kyrie* movement from *Messe pour les convents* (1689) by French Baroque composer François Couperin (1668-1733) is titled *Plein Jeu*, a reference to which organ stops to use. At the age of seventeen Couperin inherited the position of organist at the Church of St. Gervais (built 1497-1620, Paris) from his father, and at age 21 François wrote two organ masses, his first published organ works. At the time French organists played in alternation with singing priests during all five of the mass sections, and this movement served as a grand introduction to the singing of the *Kyrie* at the start of the Catholic mass. In 2003 it was your organist's privilege to play this piece on the famous Clicquot organ (1601) for which it was composed, still in its original condition and location in Paris at St. Gervais, which hosted and housed members of the Couperin musical dynasty for two hundred years.

Anthem: **O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair**

This anonymous 15th-century Latin hymn text was written for the Feast of Transfiguration. It was translated into English by British musicologist John Mason Neale in 1851, a specialist in early Latin hymns. In five strains the hymn text tells the entire story of the transfiguration of Christ, who becomes radiant on the mountaintop and called "Son" by the voice of God in the presence of Moses, Elijah and three Apostles. The organ introduction and interludes are based on an arrangement of John Dunstable's *Agincourt Hymn* (1415) by celebrated British-American concert organist E. Power Biggs (see today's postlude notes).

Offertory: **Adagio from Violin Sonata #5**

Although born in Germany, Baroque composer Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759) lived in Italy before settling in England in 1712. When he became a naturalized British subject in 1727, he Anglicized his name to George Frideric Handel. At first known primarily as a composer of Italian operas, he abandoned that genre with the success of *Messiah* and subsequent English language oratorios. Nearly blind at the end of his life, he died a highly respected and very rich man (his bank was the Bank of England, which still retains the particulars of his accounts). The pipe organ is an ideal instrument for transcriptions of works originally written for other instruments, and this serene violin sonata movement is a fine example.

Postlude: **Agincourt Hymn**

One epitaph of Englishman John Dunstable (1370-1453) describes him as "an astrologer, a mathematician, a musician, and what not." Some musicologists call him the first English contrapuntalist. He was in the service of the Chapel Royal when he wrote this martial hymn that celebrated the victory of Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt in France on St. Crispin's Day, October 25, 1415. Noted British-born organist E. Power Biggs (1906-1977) emigrated to the U.S. while in his mid-twenties, settling in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he lived for the rest of his life. His organ solo arrangement of Dunstable's hymn was prepared for his weekly radio program from Harvard's Busch-Reisinger Museum. This broadcast series lasted from 1942 to 1958.

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.

This morning, our Youth are attending worship at Alfred Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. There will be no Youth Group meeting tonight.

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.

Sunday, February 15, 2015
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Youth Group at Alfred Baptist Church, Alexandria

No Youth Group Meeting tonight

Monday, February 16 - Mission & Witness Cmt 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 17 - Session 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 18 - Pancake Supper 6:00 pm

- Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 pm

- Choir 7:30 pm

TAKE THEM A MEAL— If you would like to sign up to provide a meal for the Vigil family, please go to *Takethemameal.com*. The recipient's name is Vigil and the password is 4871.

Wanted: Director of Business Affairs Position. National Capital Presbytery, Rockville, MD National Capital Presbytery seeks a full time Director of Business Affairs with strong financial skills and judgment who sees their work here as a calling to help the greater church. Requirements: 1) Demonstrated sound judgment about church financial and business decisions; 2) experience with risk analysis, forecasting, strategy, real estate transactions, budgeting, contracts, negotiation, and engaging outside financial and legal counsel; 3) technical financial skills to support business analysis and investment decisions; 4) strong communications skills and an ability to communicate complex financial matters to both corporate and non-financial groups; 5) sensitivity to a church context, decision making structures and spiritual focus; 6) spiritual maturity and ability to work collaboratively in teams; 7) bachelor's degree or equivalent. For more info see thepresbytery.org. To apply send resume and references to david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

***The Back Pew* Newsletter Deadline—Friday, February 20. Please have your submissions into the church office before noon that day.**

Missing something from your kitchen? There are various platters, plates, cake carriers etc on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Take a look today and claim what's yours! Any items remaining will be donated.



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
Childcare available during the service

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, MARCH 10

AUSTIN COLLEGE

A PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE IN SHERMAN, TEXAS

A CAPELLA CHOIR CONCERT

7:30 PM

SANCTUARY OF LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW TIME— Monday Morning Stitchers—The LPC Needlework group will meet February 27th, 11:00am-1:00pm at the home of Jane Asbaugh. Betsy Morgan of willinghands@reagan.com will teaching us how to put her projects together after we have stitched them. Check her out online and see what fantastic things she designs! She is internationally known and lives in Lovettsville! You will be amazed at her beautiful designs! Even if you don't stitch, this will make you want to learn, If anyone new is interested in joining, please contact Jane Ashbaugh at 703-403-0215



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

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Have Courage! Do Not Fear!
Lenten Sermon Series

During this season of Lent, we will be exploring how we can respond as people of faith to the different fears we face in the daily living of our lives. We will examine what courage looks like in the midst of fearfulness on the five Sundays of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday.

Sunday, February 22 – *What Are We Afraid Of?* Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday, March 1 – *The Fear of Failing God & Everyone Else*
Matthew 9: 1-8

Sunday, March 8 – *The Fear of What Tomorrow Will or Will Not Bring*
Matthew 6: 25-34

Sunday, March 15 – *The Fear of Not Mattering* Matthew 10: 26-31

Sunday, March 22 – *The Fear of the End of Life* John 14

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