



The Season of Lent
Have Courage! Do Not Fear!

Leesburg Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2105

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

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata #1

Felix Mendelssohn

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.

GATHERING SONG # 406

"Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*From Psalm 25*)

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions. God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

We put our trust in God.

The God of salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;

We put our trust in God.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path;

We put our trust in God.

***HYMN # 32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our Creator,
Your kindness has brought us
the gift of a new morning.
Help us to leave yesterday,
and not to covet tomorrow
But to accept the uniqueness of today. **(Silence)**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Ich ruf’ zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

J.S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 819

“Be Still my Soul”

FINLANDIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Liturgists:

Jim Barnes

Ben Franklin

Ushers:

Babe & Kevin McGuire

David Parsons & Nancy Vanzandt

Acolytes:

Isabelle Marsh & Cara Martino

Flowers:

Given to the glory of God by Kathy & Brad Brown

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: Adagio from Organ Sonata #1

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) wrote conservative music of the early Romantic period, and his six organ sonatas (1845) are landmarks of organ literature. Although Mendelssohn was the grandson of the great Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, Felix's father denounced the family's Jewish heritage; thus Felix was baptized into the Lutheran Church. Like Mozart, Mendelssohn suffered a tragically early death. Felix was largely responsible for the revival of interest in the music of J. S. Bach, which had fallen out of favor. In tribute to Bach, Mendelssohn's organ sonatas are not in sonata form, but are collections of pieces grouped into suites. Today's prelude is the second of four movements that form Mendelssohn's first organ sonata.

Anthem: God So Loved the World

English composer Sir John Stainer (1840-1901) wrote an oratorio called *The Crucifixion* (1887) that contains one of the world's most commonly performed choral anthems, *God So Loved the World*. The *Crucifixion* was written for four-part choir and organ, but its popularity has resulted in an orchestrated version in recent years. The text of today's anthem comes straight from the King James version of John 3:16. Stainer, who was a professor of music at Oxford and organist at London's St. Paul's Cathedral, set standards of organ performance and choral training that are still influential today. Two of his choral anthems were performed at the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902.

Offertory: Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

This short trio (1717) is found in J. S. Bach's collection titled *The Little Organ Book* (*Orgelbüchlein*), which was used for instruction in composing various treatments of hymn melodies to serve as introductions to congregational hymns. The pedal line consists of constant eighth notes, and the middle voice is an unbroken string of sixteenth notes; the florid melody is ornamented in typical Baroque fashion. Text: *I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, to hear my lamentation. Bestow thy grace upon me so that I do not despair, and give me the right faith to live for Thee, to be useful to my neighbor, and to keep thy word properly.*

Postlude: Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was an Aristocratic Italian composer, writer, advocate, magistrate, and teacher who pursued music as a sideline. He was a member of a noble family whose father wanted him to study law, and Benedetto obliged, combining careers in law and public service with music. Most notably he served the Venetian Republic as a magistrate and later as chief financial officer and district governor of two other cities. Today's postlude is an instrumental arrangement of one of his choral and chamber orchestra settings of the first 50 Psalms intended for Sunday worship at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Psalm 20's text is a plea for God to answer our call.

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 22, 2015
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday—Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am

Adult Education 9:45am

Youth Group 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 26 - Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, February 27—Mon. Morning Stitches Special Event 11:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY—LOAVES & FISHES

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.

NEW TIME– Monday Morning Stitches—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



**Leesburg Presbyterian Church will host
the Austin College A Capella Choir performance
on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary.**

We will be providing dinner for them at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in donating money for the main course, or offering to make green salads, fruit salad, or dessert (cookies, brownies, lemon bars...things to pick up with fingers!) please contact Nancy Vanzandt at 703-244-7603 or Granancy@verizon.net. Also looking for offers to set up, serve, and clean up!

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.

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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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