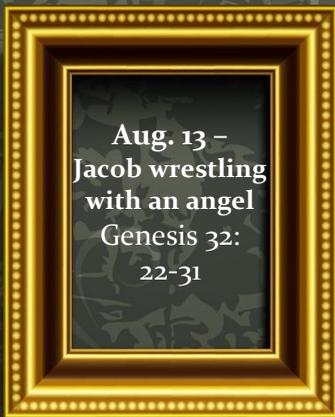
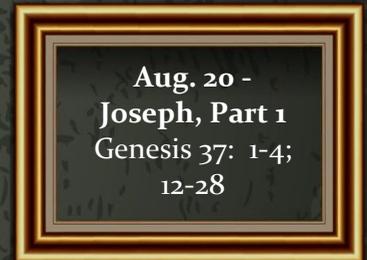
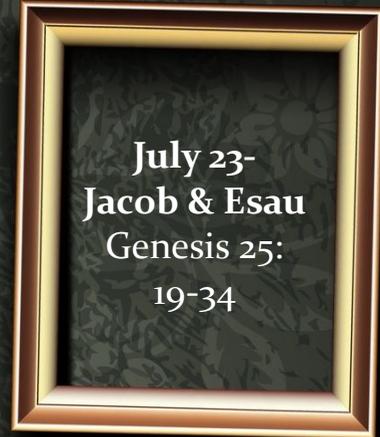
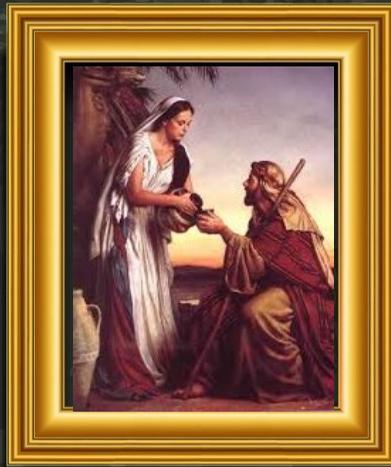


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Genesis 24: 34-38; 42-49;  
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*\*Please stand if able*

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**THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**PRELUDE**

*Spiritoso - Andante*  
*from Sonatina in C, Op. 36 #1*

Muzio Clementi  
Mitchell Palmer, piano

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We rise this day in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**We lift up our hands, our hearts, and our songs  
To praise you, O God.**

Whether the day is bright or gloomy

**You are our light.**

Receive our morning worship, Holy Triune God!

**\*HYMN # 20**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Our heavenly Father, thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us. We have done wrong things and not done all the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. *(time for silent confession)***

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE # 443**

“There is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Chorus:**

***Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.***

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
hope for sinners slain.

**Chorus**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Children will remain seated with their parents to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism, and will be dismissed to Godly Play after the baptism.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** The Session presents Harper Emerson, daughter of Rebecca Stack and Conte Bolden, for the Sacrament of Baptism. (see next page for liturgy)

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Genesis 24: 34-38; 42-49; 58-67

**SERMON**

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

**VOLUNTARY**

*Hope Sky*

Geff Garnhart

Margie Lang-Garnhart, violin, and Geff Garnhart, piano

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

arr. Garnhart

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Here are the gifts that you have given us, O God, to build up your will in this community and in the world. Bless us with wisdom and with courage to use this offering to spread the good news of your salvation. In the name of the triune God, we pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**\*HYMN # 539**

*"We Will Go Out with Joy"*

Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God.

**All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God.**

**Refrain:**

*Alleluia! We will go out with joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Leader: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
sing a new song of joy.

**All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)**

Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God.

**All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
we will go out with God. (Refrain)**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

He has shown you, O Mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

*After worship, please join us outside  
for Front Lawn Fellowship  
Hosted by Deacon Sonja Withrow and the Loudoun East Parish*

### **TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC**

We welcome three guest musicians to today's worship service.

**Mitchell Palmer**, a rising eighth grader at Trailside Middle School in Ashburn, has studied piano for seven years. The two movements of the Clementi sonatina he is playing today were written in 1797, just seven years before our sanctuary was built. Italian-born British composer Clementi had a strong influence on Beethoven, and the late Russian pianist Vladimir Horowitz championed Clementi's keyboard compositions. A little-known fact is that Mitchell often rings the steeple bell at the start of LPC worship services.

**Geff Garnhart** and **Margie Lang-Garnhart** grew up in childhood homes filled with music. As a child, Geff studied piano with his mother, making it "his own" as he approached his teen years, a time when he began composing, enjoying improvisation and performing in jazz, classical, and contemporary music groups. Today, alongside his career in IT, he continues to enjoy performing with the local band "Frayed Knots," playing in several churches and for various special events. Margie, afforded the chance to begin formal music lessons at the age of eight, chose the violin, ultimately heading to Manhattan School of Music for two years after high school. Leaving the conservatory and professional classical world behind, she practices clinical social work professionally but continues to enjoy playing violin with others – in churches, with the local indie group "Drumfish," and alongside her husband, just for the fun of it. Geff and Margie make their home in Leesburg. "Hope Sky" is one of Geff's original compositions, and our offertory is the duo's arrangement of hymn #688 in our pew hymnals.

# 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, Becky and Conte. 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, Harper. 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.**

## BLESSING

### **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 9:45 am to 11:15pm for infants through 3 year olds.** Miss Pat and Miss Juli 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 10:20am to 11:00pm, for children age 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Children in Sunday School**

**Our Sunday School is taking a break for the summer.**

**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.

**Prayer Chain** Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please e-mail [prayer@lpcva.org](mailto:prayer@lpcva.org) if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

**Youth Group** Youth Group will take a summer break and resume in September.

Our Youth Group is for 7th-12th graders. Each Sunday night at 5:30 pm we have games, food, a short study or devotion, and end with a time of prayer. If you are new to Youth Group and would like a calendar of Youth Group events, please contact Pastor James: [revjames@lpcva.org](mailto:revjames@lpcva.org)

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

**Tuesday, July 18 - SIGNS OF HOPE AND COURAGE AND FAITH IN AFRICA - Dinner 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, July 20 - Summer Reading & Discussion Groups 10am & 7pm**

**SIGNS OF HOPE AND COURAGE AND FAITH IN AFRICA**

**Dinner with Missionaries Charles & Melissa Johnson**

**Tuesday, July 18 \* 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**

You are invited to join members of the Mission and Witness Committee and Rev. Debbie Parsons at a dinner for missionaries Charles and Melissa Johnson. Soon after their first visit with us in February 2016, Charles and Melissa departed for Zambia where they have been working to improve the lives of farmers, seminary students and their families. They are taking a sabbatical to tell the story of their progress to congregations throughout the United States. They are engaging and dedicated, and we hope you come meet them!

**SIGN UP OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TODAY!**

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**ASSISTING:**

10:00 am

**Liturgists:**

Stu Brown

**Ushers:**

Kathy & Brad Brown

**Flowers:**

The flowers are placed in honor of Harper Emerson Stack-Bolden, her parents Rebecca Bartlett Stack and Conte Bolden, and in memory of her great grandparents Sue Johnson and Arthur Bartlett Kellogg and Otis Skidmore and Oliver Jones Stack.

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