

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able.*

THE PRELUDE

Jehovah Jireh

arr. Fischer

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

INTROIT

Come and Fill

The Taize Community

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Happy are those who find delight in God's presence.

God is always nearer than our next breath.

We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Let us sing our praise and gratitude to our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

***HYMN 461**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful Giver and Preserver of life,

We thank you for your never-ending care for us.

You have always met our needs, you have never let us down.

Yet our confidence in you has wavered; we have tried to take care of our own selves, rather than trust that you will watch carefully over us wherever you may lead us.

Forgive our lack of faith, and by your Spirit enable us to believe that your promises are indeed dependable and thus to take our lives on them.

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

TEACHER DEDICATION

***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.

ANTHEM *In Your House, O Lord* arr. Stevens

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON II Samuel 7: 1-14 Pew Bible Pg.281

SERMON “God Is Here!” Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

HYMN 379 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

OUR TIME FOR PRAYER 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.

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY No 593** Marsh
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen....**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND DEDICATION: We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Amen.**

Sunday, September 20, 2009

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	Sept. 20	8:30a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	
Wed.	Sept. 23	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	MANNA
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
Fri.	Sept. 25	9:00 a.m.	MA's Group

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 to you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. The Session meets after each service on the First Sunday of the month to receive new members at the front of the sanctuary. 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.

Children and Balcony Pews!!—If you have small children with you in worship, please do not sit in the front row of the balcony! Help us keep the children safe by choosing another pew for all children under the age of ten.

In Our Prayers we remember: Mary Elizabeth Williams, Kim Vigil, Carol Sweet, Nannette Grimes, Ginny Boerlin, and Anne Greene. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

Prayer Chain: *Prayer requests* are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please contact Fran Wingardner (540-882-4847) or email prayer@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

Pew Postcards—If you wish to send a note to a member of our congregation, please write your message on the white postcard and put it in the offering plate. The office will address it and mail it out for you.

Church School Teacher Dedication Today—The following people have graciously volunteered to teach Church School this year: Heidi Renner & Jon Gayek, Senior High; Julie Barnes & Todd Morris, Middle School; Tricia Lockwood, Heather & Michael McGuinness, Grades 4-5; Laura Herring, Caroline Milne & Margaret Schear, Grades 2-3; Jennifer Lovelace & Kathy McAlpine, Grades K-1; Holly Rhodes, Renate Neely & Julie Koochagian, Preschool. The Adult teachers are Dana Huntley, Ben Franklin, Nancy Vanzandt, Betty Lowenbach and Debbie Parsons.

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children—8:30 a.m. **Worship**—Children from birth through age 3 are welcome in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Two certified child-care attendants staff the room from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. **9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages**—There are classes for age three through youth and adults. Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. **11:00 a.m. Worship**—Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Share-the-Care follows the *Time with Children*, ages 3 through Kindergarten are escorted to the classroom downstairs. Adult and youth volunteers staff this program. A suggested lesson plan is sent to the volunteers prior to their volunteer Sunday. If you are able to assist in this program, please contact Karen Werner at the church. Children in first grade and older are invited to stay in worship with their families or to participate in Children's Choir. There are age appropriate worship bulletins available. Just ask an usher for your bulletin.

Youth Group Tonight! Come for a Parent/Teen potluck dinner, games and Fall planning tonight at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MANNA OUR FALL FELLOWSHIP DINNERS WILL RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY! Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. On the menu this week: **Salad Bar style dinner (including meat options)**. Following supper, Pastor Debbie will lead adults in a discussion from 6:45-7:15 while Karen Werner, our Interim Director of Christian Education, will lead our children (age 4 and older) in a special program. Childcare will be provided in the nursery for those age 3 and under. As always no RSVP is required. Our Deacons provide all the food, but if you're able, a small contribution of \$4 per adult, \$2 per child (max \$10 per family) is always appreciated! Manna is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the folks you sit next to on Sunday mornings. Come join us, a good time is had by all! See you then!

Windy Hill Community Clothing Drive for children—The clothing drive for children returning to school has been quite a success. Clothing of all kinds, gently used and some new were donated so that youngsters heading to school will look and feel great. Thanks to all who contributed these so dearly-needed articles.

Children's Choir Begins Today! Kindergarten-5th grade children are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which practices the second, third and fourth Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service after the Children's Message. Director Wendy Bourloukas will be at the door to escort children upstairs. The children will learn songs to sing in the worship service and also begin practice for the Christmas musical! No Children's Choir on **First Sunday** of the month so children can participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Peacemaking Offering—October 4, 2009—October 4th will be a busy and very special day for Leesburg Presbyterian Church. The day is World Communion Sunday; it is also the day that churches receive this PCUSA special offering. This year we are reminded that "Justice and Peace shall kiss each other" Augustine in his commentary on Psalm 85 said, "Do justice and you shall have PEACE" and "Martin Luther King wrote, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension, but it is the presence of justice." And finally, take some time to do some additional reading. Psalm 85:9-14. *New American Bible*, and you will see how much a part you have in helping to assure peace. It has been said, it is important to do things right, but it is more important to do the right things.

This special offering, The Peacemaking Offering, serves in our own neighborhoods, in our country and around the world. Twenty five percent of this offering remains for local use. There are increasing numbers of hungry people/families in Loudoun, who rarely get a hot meal. M&W committee would like to designate LPC's 25% to the local Salvation Army. This organization has put together a hot "meals on wheels" which will take hot dinners into the community. It is the beginning of a churches and agencies working together with the Salvation Army to send a canteen with prepared meals to sites in Leesburg and Sterling. The gift of our support from this special offering will make a big difference.

Please take a moment to read the bulletin inserts, beginning with "In Our Own Backyard. There are offering envelopes in the pews and in the October Newsletter for your use. Let us pass on the Lord's Peace. If you wish to know more about PCUSA's special offerings, go to www.pcusa.org

Upgrading Your Digital Camera? The Membership & Evangelism Committee is in search of a digital camera for the church. The camera will be housed in the office where it will be readily available to document the life of our congregation. For example, the camera will be used to take pictures of new members, youth activities, commissioning of mission trip volunteers, and special events such as Christmas dinner and children's choir performances. If you have a digital camera that you are willing to donate, please call Denise in the church office at 703-777-4163.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Led by the pastor and Wed. morning "wise women"

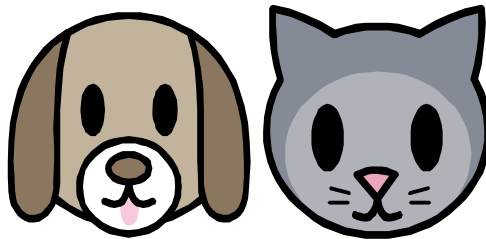
Neglected Voices
Biblical Spirituality in the Margins

We will explore the lives of lesser-known biblical figures who have much to teach people today about the importance of faithfulness in all places and times. By seeing how God's grace is present in the lives of biblical "unknowns," we become open to the possibilities in our own lives and the lives of others.

Study Book: \$10.00

Blessing of the Pets

A Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for our
pets and our relationship
with them.



October 4, 2009

4:00 pm – 4:30 PM

Front Lawn of Leesburg Presbyterian Church

Special doggie/cat treats baked by LPC youth will be given to all pet attendees and also sold.

Proceeds will go to Loudoun County Animal Shelter.

*HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Father

Sweet

POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the Worship Services.
All are welcome!*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

ASSISTING TODAY: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Brenda Bengtson

Ushers: Kathy & Brad Brown

Fellowship: Sharon & Stuart Brown

11:00 a.m.

Ben Franklin

Steve & Audrey Potter &
Family

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