

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

**Please stand if able.*

THE PRELUDE

Three Festive Carols

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kindergarten & First Grade

INTROIT

Dona Nobis Pacem

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wonder of wonders—the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Wonder of wonders—calf and lion together shall be led by a little child.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—cow and bear, lion and ox shall share their dinner in peace.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Wonder of wonders—the nursing baby will play with the serpent, and a child will sit unharmed by the venomous snake.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—the Messiah shall judge for the world's poor, for the meek, the lowly, and the little of the earth.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

This is how you shall know the Messiah—by a spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and fear of God.

Wonder beyond wonders, grace upon grace, joy at the heart of joy.

***HYMN 11**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You came, O God, in Jesus in great humility. We confess that we are slow to walk humbly with him on the paths of our lives. We pray for your transformation. Because Jesus is the way, we ask you to direct our walk to keep us from stumbling. Because he is the truth, guard us from turning toward what is false and wrong. Because he promises life abundant, protect us from the poverty of poor choices. And because he came to fulfill all your promises, forgive us of the promises we have broken, and strengthen us to keep trust with all our promises.

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

Amen.

Sunday, December 6, 2009

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	Dec. 6	8:30a.m.	Worship
		9:30 a.m.	Alternative Giving Faire
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00p.m.	Alternative Giving Faire
		12:15 p.m.	Fellowship
		5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tues.	Dec. 8	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.	Dec. 9	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	Dec. 10	10:00 a.m.	Circle I Brunch
Fri.	Dec. 11	9:00 p.m.	MA's Group
		9:30 a.m.	Book Club

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: Dale Wallace, Emily Costello, Corinne Hovda, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Kim Vigil, 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.

Congregational Meeting called for December 13, 2009 after the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of holding the annual meeting of the corporation.

Come to the Alternative Giving Christmas Faire TODAY and next Sunday: December 6th & 13th: 9:30am-11:00am & 12n-1pm—You will be able to “shop” for gifts & make donations for several different organizations. Come to the Fellowship Hall on the above dates after both worship services. Have some refreshments, listen to the holiday music and get in the Christmas spirit! Browse through our selection of world-wide handcrafts from SERRV available for sale on the day of the Faire. There will be “Shopping Lists” available on the day of the Faire to help you select organizations for charitable donations in lieu of gifts for your family, friends, teachers and coworkers. Questions may be directed to Kathy Brown or Pat Kropp.

Youth Group—The Youth will meet at 5:30 pm this evening for a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Donita Petersen. After dinner they will take a stroll downtown to the Lightfoot for dessert. Please bring \$5.00 for dessert. We will return by 7:15 pm.

The Angel Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall with angel ornaments on it. Please help us to fulfill the dreams of these children. Choose an ornament. It will describe the child you will be buying for—sizes, age, name and “wants.” Purchase a gift(s) for this child, and return the gift to the tree UNWRAPPED and marked with the Angel # ___ on each gift by December 11th.

Our Annual Living Nativity will be on display Sunday, December 20. We will have three presentations of story and song, on the front lawn beginning at 6pm, then 6:30pm and 7pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to be a part of the Nativity. We need **3 Marys, 3 Josephs, 6 shepherds and 9 wisemen!!!** You will join our sheep and donkey as we portray the birth of Jesus in the manger.

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children—Beginning on December 6, our SHARE-THE-CARE program on Sunday mornings, during the 11am worship service, will be expanded to include our first graders. Children age birth through age 3 will be invited to stay in Noah’s Ark nursery with our care givers, Bonnie and Patricia. Following the Time with Children, ages 4 through grade one will be escorted to their classroom downstairs. A suggested lesson plan is provided, in advance, to the volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry to young children, please call Karen Werner to select your Sunday. 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.

Children’s Choir — 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.

Stewardship Update for 2010 Pledges: \$267,711

2009 Pledge Amount: **\$310,388**

Difference: **\$ 42,677**

We are hopeful that our members and friends will consider making a 2010 pledge and that we can meet the challenge grant of \$10,000.

Remember, every dollar pledged over 2009 will be matched by an anonymous giver up to \$10,000.

The LPC Book Club will meet this Friday, December 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jennifer Marsh. All are welcome to attend. The reading selection is: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Please contact Jennifer Marsh with questions (703-779-0042).

Today in Adult Sunday School—How do four favorite Advent hymns hold relevance to us today? Find out during this three part series, ***The Four Advent Hymns***. Series begins today at 9:30 in the parlor.

Church School Stewardship—In the spirit of giving, the church school children and youth are invited to join in our Biblical Food Offerings beginning next Sunday, November 8th. Non-perishable food items should be brought to the church school rooms where they will be collected and tallied. (All food donations are welcome, regardless of the week's theme.)

TODAY Joy to the World—Bring food that brings you JOY
Dec. 13 Silent Night—Bring cocoa mix, tea, instant coffee
Dec. 20 We Three Kings—Bring 3 gifts of food

The congregation is invited to join with the children and youth; food donations can be put in the box at the bottom of the Fellowship Hall steps. The donations will go to Interfaith Relief.

Christmas Joy Offering—December 20th 2009—“Be the Light”—We have heard and read how half of our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering provide for those who serve the church in many capacities, and who are dependent on the Board of Pensions and our offering for assistance. But did you know that the other half of the Joy Offering supports racial, ethnic schools and colleges. The funds provided through this same offering are an important and necessary part for many individuals hearing God's call to service. It helps them to discover how to make their own light shine. So two things to do, 1)listen to God's call to you and 2) let God's light shine through you. Take a moment to read about Will Chavez and how many different turns he took on his journey. Please support the Christmas Joy Offering! Envelopes have been sent to you in your copy of the newsletter for your convenience. Thank you.

Pray for our Mission Partners in the Middle East. During the month of December, we are requested to pray for our Mission Partners from the National Capitol Presbytery area who are serving our Lord in the Middle East. This week please add a word of prayer for our mission work in Palestine, Israel, Iraq and Lebanon."

Have you been thinking of joining a mission team in 2010 – perhaps for the first time?

Come to the Mission & Witness Committee's annual Alternative Christmas Faire to learn more about this year's Katrina RECOVERY Team Mission Trip to New Orleans on March 8-14, 2010. We will have a photo display table, sign-up sheets and experienced volunteers ready to talk with you about their experiences and how mission work can be life changing. You can sign up for email updates and get the travel details and work plans from our team leaders at Catocin Presbyterian Church in Waterford. You may also call Kathy Brown at LPC or Liz Horton at CPC @ (301) 349-2721 for more information.

Circle One will meet this Thursday for a time of study (some) and fellowship (even more) with a Christmas brunch at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring a breakfast dish and a smile to share as we enjoy this time together.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed to us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (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.

(Since it is the First Sunday of the month and The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, elementary aged children are to remain in worship with their parents. Younger children may be dismissed to Share the Care.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)—Lance & Tiffanie Greene present their daughter Makayla Anne for baptism.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (11:00) *What Shall We Bring Him?* Ann Yeager
Emily Bourloukas, soloist

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY No 592**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Thank you, God, for all the gifts you have given us. Most of all, we are grateful for the human child who became the embodiment of your Love. With our offerings, we worship the babe of Bethlehem and recommit ourselves as disciples of the man of Nazareth. May the ministry and mission of this church be true to our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Philippians 1:3-11* Pew Bible Pg.196

SERMON Rev. Deborah D. Parsons

ANTHEM *Light of Peace* Joel Raney

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's Creed** Page 14, Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall***LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****207 W. Market Street — Leesburg, Virginia 20176****Phone: 703-777-4163—www.LeesburgPresbyterian.org—Fax: 703-777-4666****Office Hours: Monday-9-3; Tuesday thru Thursday: 9-4; Friday-9-2****SUNDAY SCHEDULE****Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.****8:30 a.m.**

Liturgist: Frank Gasperini
Ushers: Linda & Bob Duffey
Fellowship: Mission & Witness

11:00 a.m.

Frank Gasperini
Evelyn Rollison & Nancy Blaine
Mission & Witness

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN today by Jane Wallace to the glory of God, in memory of her husband, Bill Wallace, and in gratitude for the many blessings that have been given to the Wallace family.

DEACON POINTS OF CONTACT: Our Deacons are always available to take calls regarding any concerns you may have — illnesses, deaths, personal circumstances, joys — just about anything.

ELDERS**2009**

Kathy Brown
Ben Franklin
Pat Kropp
Chris York

2010

Frank Gasperini
Donita Petersen
Chuck Rodgers
John Sawyer
Beth Shockley

2011

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William Marsh
Bill Wingardner

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