



ON THE MOVE

Easter to Pentecost
at Leesburg Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

207 W. MARKET ST. - WWW.LPCVA.COM

We Gather Together

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*The church bell is receiving some needed attention at this time, so listen for the singing bowl today as we begin worship.

PRELUDE

When the Saints

Arranged by Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrating the grace we receive from God, let us “pass the peace” of Christ together greeting one another, saying:

“Peace be with you!” “And also, with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You call us to join your way of resurrection,

All: you lift our eyes and raise our hearts,

One: you transform our minds and renew our spirits.

All: Bring us once again into awareness of your presence,

One: that we may offer you our worship, and be nourished for your kingdom’s work.

All: Amen!

***OPENING HYMN #475** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Please stand as you are comfortable

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of resurrection and new life, make us new, we pray. Forgive us for our resistance to your re-creation. Forgive us for the moments when we care more about our past than we do about your future. Draw us once again into new life — life that lifts up where the world tramples down, life that brings together where the world separates, life that overcomes even the worst the world can do. Breathe your life into us, that we in turn may live as your Body, for your glory. Hear our prayers in this silence...

God Blesses and Forgives Us

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE HYMN #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
(Refrain x2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18:1-4 (NT pg. 105)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NT pg. 127)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Note for parents: Children are invited to join the Nursery today (for ages birth—4) or come to Godly Play (ages 4– grade 4).

SERMON “Not With Eloquent Wisdom” *Rev. Katie Strednak Singer*

*Please stand as you are comfortable

We Respond in Faith

***HYMN #293**

Loving Spirit

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Praise Forever

By G. F. Handel, 1685-1759

***DOXOLOGY #606**

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING DEDICATION

All: Living Christ, you call us to follow you in proclaiming the good news of new life to the world. As we commit these gifts to your service, set us free from all that prevents us from loving you fully, just as you have loved us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN #39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ballade

By Burgmuller, 19th century

*Please stand as you are comfortable

Parts of this morning's liturgy have been adapted from Teri Peterson, with permission.

Thank you, Worship Leaders, for volunteering to lead us today!

Liturgist: Judy Lucas

Ushers: Charles Medland

Live-streaming: Edward Jahn

Fellowship: Laura Renauld (Earth Care Team)

Godly Play Storyteller: Laura

Doorkeeper: Julie

We welcome your interest in leading and serving, to the glory of God!

Sign up to serve through the weekly “LPC Connect” email to serve as liturgist, usher, acolyte, or to provide flowers for a worship service or coffee and cookies for the congregation following worship.

Reach out to the Christian Education Committee to be trained to **in assisting with Godly Play**. Doorkeepers for Godly Play require a background check and some light training, and you will get to experience a very special worship service filled with imagination and wonder, created just for kids age 4 through 4th grade.

Nursery care is available on the first floor of the education wing, and can be accessed through the preschool entrance door outside. Parents are welcome to come and go throughout worship as needed. God put the wiggle in children and we welcome little ones to worship with us throughout our time in the sanctuary too! Changing table available in the restroom at the top of the stairs just beyond the front of the sanctuary.

Not yet signed up for the LPC Connect weekly email?

Reach out to clerk@lpcva.com or pastor@lpcva.com to sign up.

Announcements & Opportunities

The LPC Preschool and Earth Care Team’s composting initiative has been featured on the PC(USA)’s national website through an article at Presbyterian Mission! Check out the link in this week’s LPC Connect email, or visit our website at www.lpcva.com

Youth Announcement

Youth Group will be held from 4:30 to 6 tonight! Come to help plan the 5/5 Dessert Auction & “Talent & Un-Talent Show”!

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April Session commendations:

Join the LPC Session in saying “thank you” to:

- John Niccolls for managing new lock procedures and being generally helpful
- Laura Renauld and the Earth Care Team for solving the compost conundrum
- Paul Ritsema for his thoughtful leadership of the Personnel Committee
- Every volunteer who has come in to help staff the LPC office!

LPC is hiring! You can help:

Do you know someone who is passionate about providing a nurturing environment for young ones? Leesburg Presbyterian Church seeks a caring individual to fill a childcare position during our Sunday worship service from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

As a valued member of our team, you will have the opportunity to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for children while their parents participate in worship. Responsibilities include engaging children in age-appropriate activities and ensuring their safety and well-being.

This is a paid position, and we are also looking to compile a list of substitutes who can step in as needed. If you have a heart for children and are interested in either the regular childcare position or serving as a substitute, we encourage you to apply.

To apply or for more information, please send an email to LPCVACareers@gmail.com to request a copy of the application. Thank you for considering joining our church community in this important role!

All Church Book Read - *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Patricia Tull

Group Conversations Continue This Week

- The Earth Care Team invites you to join a discussion designed to delve into creation-care practices for our daily lives and eco-theology within scripture.
- Sundays with Eric Forsbergh, April 21 to May 26, from 11:15-12:15 in the Meeting Room
- Wednesdays with Laura Herring, April 24 to May 29, from 10:00-11:00AM in the Parlor/Lounge

Get Outside!

Submitted by Earth Care Team member Juli Barnes

Save the date for the Big Sit at Algonkian Regional Park on **May 11**. The Big Sit could be described as an all-day tailgate party for birders of all ages and skill levels. If you're new to birding, this is a great way to get started. Birders are friendly folks who are always glad to share their knowledge. So, bring your binoculars and drop by anytime between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm. For more information, go to <https://loudounwildlife.org/event/big-sit-algonkian/>

LPC is an Earth Care Congregation. As a faith community, we are dedicated to integrating environmental practices and thinking into our worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Find out more on our new website!

*Kathy Brown and Laura Renauld, Earth Care Team Co-Chairs
We meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7-8PM. Join us!*

Vacation Bible School



**Register
Today**
and tell your
friends!

June 28-30

Friday 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided

Saturday 9:00-2:00, bring a packed lunch

Sunday 10:00am during the worship
service with a brunch &
service project to follow



Your Offering Empowers Our Ministry Together

Thank you! Supported by your time, your talents, and your financial support, Leesburg Presbyterian Church continues its mission to gather, welcome, and nurture a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ's name.



You can give easily and securely through Realm, LPC's giving platform, by visiting our website:

<https://www.lpcva.com/give>

Thank you for your faithful support of God's work in and through Leesburg Presbyterian Church! Your support impacts and changes lives.

The Talent & Un-Talent Show

+ DESSERT
AUCTION!

SUNDAY

May
5th

JOY
KAZOOS
LAUGHTER



If you missed the April 14th "Believing and Belonging" lunch for newcomers to LPC but want to learn more about how to get involved, what Presbyterians believe, and more, join us on Sunday, April 28th following worship for...

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Ready to become an official member of Leesburg Presbyterian Church, or curious about what membership means? Join us! 11:15-12:45 pm in the parlor (1st floor)