



# ON THE MOVE

**Easter to Pentecost  
at Leesburg Presbyterian Church**

April 21, 2024

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# We Gather Together

**PRELUDE**

*A Walk in the Park*

Composer David G. Allen

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**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: Grace to you, and peace in the name of God our Maker and Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Grace to you, and peace. We give thanks to God for you!**

One: Together, we come to learn from the Spirit and each other.

**All: and to pass on what we have heard.**

One: We are one link in the chain, one ripple moving outward,

**All: embodying our faith to live in the way of God’s love.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #14**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have turned the world upside down, O God, bringing life out of death. Still you shake things up, disturbing our uneasy “peace” by showing us a more excellent way. Open us to your word that changes everything. Strengthen us by prayer, empower us by your Spirit, orient us by your truth, that we may confidently live lives worthy of your calling, changing the world with your love. Forgive us our sins and teach us how to extend grace to one another and to the earth you so love. Hear our prayers in this silence...

## God Blesses and Forgives Us

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**RESPONSE HYMN #240**     *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
*(Refraining 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 17:1-9                      (NT pg. 104-105)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**                      1 Thessalonians 1:1-10                      (NT pg. 158)

### 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 3).*

## We Respond in Faith

**SERMON**                      “Faith Becomes Known”                      *Rev. Katie Strednak Singer*

\*Please stand as you are comfortable

**\*HYMN #730**

*I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Let us give to God with joy and generosity.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Arr D. N. Johnson

**\*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**

**God, we pause to take stock of what is: this moment, this day, these gritudes. Bless our giving in the holy now, this time set apart for thanksgiving, that our gifts would be multiplied and used to your glory. 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 #15**

*All Creatures of our God and King!*

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sonatina in a Minor*

By Anton Benda, 1722-1795

\*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:** Nancy Thomas

**Ushers:** Sign up in the LPC Connect to volunteer.

**Live-streaming:** Edward Jahn

**Fellowship:** Laura Renauld (Earth Care Team)

**Flowers:** Earth Care Team

## Thank you, Godly Play Storyteller & Doorkeeper!

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 **participate in leading Godly Play**. Doorkeepers for Godly Play require minimal training, and you will get to experience a very special worship service filled with imagination and wonder, created just for kids age 4 through 3rd 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!

### **Not yet signed up for the LPC Connect weekly email?**

Reach out to [clerk@lpcva.com](mailto:clerk@lpcva.com) or [pastor@lpcva.com](mailto:pastor@lpcva.com) to sign up.

# Announcements & Opportunities



***Let's meet for brunch, fellowship, and a fun activity!***

The Evangelism and Membership Committee is hosting a brunch for the ladies of the church on **Saturday, April 27th** from **11am-1pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our committee will provide tableware and beverages. **Please RSVP by Sunday, April 21st.**

**Ways to sign up:**

- Go <https://tinyurl.com/RealmLWB> or use this QR Code:
- Contact Connie Niccolls at 571-246-1949
- Fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate during service.



Ladies, please circle and bring one dish (each dish needs to feed 6-8) from the categories below:

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pastries/Baked Goods</li><li>• Egg/Savory Casserole</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cut Fruit</li><li>• Finger Sandwiches</li></ul>
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## **Books, books, books!**

*“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” — Garrison Keillor*

The Mission and Witness Committee is collecting new and gently used books for children, teens, and adults staying at Loudoun Homeless Services. Residents will choose one book at the upcoming book fair and the remaining books will be placed in the shelter library. Please bring your book donations April 14-28 and place in the labeled boxes outside the church office and at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Alison Thompson or Judy Lucas.

## Youth Announcement

There is no Youth Group tonight. Come next week to help plan the Dessert Auction and Talent Show!

## DESSERT AUCTION & THE “TALENT & UN-TALENT SHOW”

May 5th—11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

presented by LPC youth; donations to go toward summer camp registration for LPC youth going to Montreat and Massanetta



# Children's Ministries

at Leesburg Presbyterian Church

### Child Care

is available for children birth through 5 years. You may drop your child(ren) off before or during the 10 am worship service. Our professional caregivers are Miss Juli and Miss Chloe. The child care room is located in the preschool wing.

### Godly Play

is offered for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Children worship with their families in the sanctuary until they are led to the Godly Play room after *Time with the Younger Church*. During Godly Play, children experience, praise, and worship God in a sacred space created just for them.

### Craft Sunday

takes place one Sunday a month in the child care room. There is no Godly Play scheduled on Craft Sunday. Instead, children can craft with Miss Juli and Miss Chloe, or stay with their parents during the worship service.

Interested in learning more, email [staciemarkel@yahoo.com](mailto:staciemarkel@yahoo.com)

## Join us for a “Believing & Belonging” Lunch—April 28, 11:15—12:45pm.

Ready to become an official member of Leesburg Presbyterian Church, or curious about what membership means? YOU are invited to head upstairs in the education wing of the church to the “Meeting Room” after worship to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to become an official member of the church, and learn about ways to get integrated into community life and service opportunities in your new church home. Feel free to attend this time whether you are still exploring or ready to join! Pizza provided. RSVP to Pastor Katie.

## 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](mailto:LPCVACareers@gmail.com) to request a copy of the application. Thank you for considering joining our church community in this important role!

A colorful graphic for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The background is light blue with a central orange rectangle. The text is centered in the orange area. The graphic is decorated with illustrations of carrots, Easter eggs, and flowers. A white rabbit is visible on the left side.

**get HOPPIN' to  
the event of the summer: VBS!**

**“SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS,  
DISCOVER JESUS”**

**JUNE 28-30**  
Friday 5:30-7:30pm  
Saturday 9:00-2:00  
Sunday 10:00 during  
the worship service

**REGISTRATION CODE COMING SOON**  
<https://tinyurl.com/LPCVBS2024>  
For more information: [staciemarkel@yahoo.com](mailto:staciemarkel@yahoo.com)



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

**Group Conversations Start 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



**See What SEAS has to Offer!**

The Loudoun Student Environmental Action Showcase (SEAS) is an annual event where individual students, green/eco-action teams, environmental clubs and youth groups are invited to inspire their community by sharing their work on reducing waste, conserving energy, conducting citizen science, improving water quality, preserving natural habitat and other sustainability-minded projects in their schools and communities. **SEAS 2024 will be held April 24, 2024 from 5-8 pm, at The Academies of Loudoun.**

*Submitted by Earth Care Team member Laura Renauld*

**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!

*Earth Care Team Co-Chairs: Kathy Brown and Laura Renauld*

*Monthly meetings – 2nd Tuesdays, 7pm – at LPC or on Zoom – All are welcome!*

**LPC has a new compost  
service provider!**



In celebration of Earth  
Day, the *Earth Care Team*  
is excited to announce  
that ALL of LPC's  
disposable plates, cups,  
and cutlery are now  
**COMPOSTABLE!**

# IS IT COMPOSTABLE?

**Collect at home -  
Drop off at LPC!**

## Yes

- fruit & vegetable scraps (including corncobs, nuts, pits, seeds)
- pasta, bread, cereal, rice
- popcorn
- beans
- egg shells
- meat (raw & cooked)
- bones
- seafood (meat & shells)
- dairy
- baking ingredients
- herbs & spices
- coffee grounds & filters
- tea bags
- paper towels & paper towel rolls
- pizza boxes
- flour and sugar bags
- paper plates (only 100% paper - no shiny coating)
- household plants (including soil)
- flowers & leaves
- cooking oils and food cooked in oils
- items labeled BPI Certified compostable or ASTM D6868 or D6400

## No

- PLASTIC or plastic coated
- styrofoam meat trays
- aluminium foil
- candles
- synthetic corks
- gum
- dental floss
- Q-tips
- dryer lint sheets
- disposable mop sheets
- vacuum cleaner bags
- diapers
- hair or pet fur
- cat litter
- pet waste
- dead animals (e.g. pets, roadkill, or caught)
- fireplace or BBQ ashes
- recyclable materials (clean paper, cardboard, glass)
- items labeled Biodegradable or Oxo- Biodegradable



### **We generally say "When in doubt, leave it out!"**

If it is an item that looks questionable, it is not acceptable unless it is labeled as BPI Certified Compostable. BPI stands for the "Biodegradable Products Institute," indicating it has been independently verified.



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**HAPPY EARTH DAY!**

*Highlights*



- **Recycling & Compost Initiatives**
- **Reusable Grocery Bag Distribution**
- **Annual Earth Care Fair**
- **All-Church Book Read**
- **Energy Efficiency Team**
- **Sacred Grounds Team**
- **Litter & River Cleanup**
- **Upcycle Art Projects**

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