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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

August 13, 2023 10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE Carole Makus, Piano

Holy, Holy, Holy

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Blessed Be Your Name

*Lord, Reign In Me

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

God of Hospitality and Wonder,

You welcome us to a table that invites those who are different than us.

This invitation has made us uncomfortable, unsettled, and defensive.

Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples' perspectives.

Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status quo.

Our defensiveness comes from a belief that our image of You is the only one that matters.

Help us to surrender ourselves to the abundance of Your invitation.

Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness.

Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the oppressed, and feed the hungry.

Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to Your Gospel

that we might better embody the Beloved Community You call us to be.

In the Wild and Wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

Friends, we are ALL invited to this table.

I am here to announce to you

that whatever you think disqualifies you from God's love

has been washed away by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

I announce to you that our sins have been forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Becca Redding

ADVENTURE TIME Becca Redding

ANTHEM Julie Williams

I Am

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Rev. Leek
Praise Him, Praise Him Carole Makus & Cathy Bullock, Piano Duet

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

Rev. Leek

Rev. RI Leek

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Our 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.

THE SCRIPTURES

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

Matthew 15: 10-20

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Spiritual Nutrition"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior - Hymn #340 (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Leek

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Go With Us, Lord

POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

WELCOME FIGURE (HURCH WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Carole Makus, Piano

First Presbyterian Church August 13, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Session Meeting, Church Office, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m. Joyful Ringers Practice, Choir Room, 5 p.m.

Monday, September 4, 2023, is Labor Day.

<u>Invite-A-Friend-Sunday, September 10, 2023</u>, to come to church at 10 a.m. September 10th is also Grandparents Day.



2ndTuesday@First fellowship dinner, <u>Tuesday, September 12, 2023</u>, 5 p.m. (time is earlier this fall). Watch for sign up in church lobby. Pastor RJ will share his recent experiences and travel to NV.

Chancel Choir practice returns soon after the summer break. Keep watch for information.

If you are interested in joining as a member of First Pres, please let the pastor know.



Decorating the church lobby

There are plans to move the fireplace from the lobby and to decorate that wall area with a variety of crosses. The crosses should be no bigger than 18 inches wide X 24 inches long. Multiple smaller sizes and shapes and designs are suggested and welcome. Pastor RJ will review the choices. Is there a story behind the cross you donate? Here is a nice example of the decor at GraceWay Church. Contact Susan at the church office, 352 787 5687.

Gift bags for guests are available in the church lobby. Ask an usher for assistance.

Lap quilts are available in the church lobby if you are cool. Ask an usher for assistance.



Here's another tip from Danny Licata, FPCL Media Specialist

97% of people in the US never keep their cell phone more than 3 feet away from them in a 24-hour period.

So . . . share the word!

How to do Google reviews step by step?

First, log in to your Google account.

Search on Google for the business you want to review.

Click on the number of reviews that shows in blue text.

Click write a review in the top right - hand corner.

