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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

August 20, 2023 10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE Carole Makus, Piano

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rock of Ages

*How Can I Keep From Singing?

I Am Yours (with Take My Life)

Sufficient Grace & Congregation
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

 $God\ of\ Endless\ Mercy, we\ have\ often\ been\ swallowed\ up\ by\ our\ greed\ and\ selfishness,$

desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us.

We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making,

polluting Your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.

We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence,

sending missiles instead of accepting refugees, ignoring Your commandments.

Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of Your glory.

Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need Your salvation.

Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

Friends, our help is in the name of the Lord $\,$

who has heard our plea and answered our confession with absolution.

In Christ's name, I announce to you that our sins are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Becca Redding

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Rev. Leek

Gary Butler – by transfer from North Lake Presbyterian Church, Lady Lake, FL

Mary Jane Gagnon – by reaffirmation of faith

Mary Clemans - by transfer from Wekiva Presbyterian Church, Longwood, FL

Ron Harrison – by transfer St. Thomas Aguinas, St. Cloud, FL

Stacy Harrison - by reaffirmation of faith

HYMN #286 - Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1)

Congregation

ADVENTURE TIME

ANTHEM

Meditation on a Scottish Melody

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Rev. Leek
If With All Your Hearts Winds of Spirit

*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

Becca Redding

Joyful Ringers

Rev. 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

Genesis 45: 1-15

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Rev. RJ Leek

"Forgiveness is Spiritual Food"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

*BENEDICTION Rev. Leek

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Go With Us, Lord

POSTLUDE Carole Makus, Piano

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

First Presbyterian Church August 20, 2023

Current prayer needs: Liz Levy, Trish Leek, Mina Kirkland, Dennis Beckham, Earl Lemon, Inskeep family, school children, school teachers and people affected by Maui fire.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

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

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Chancel Choir Practice, 3:30-4:45 p.m. (new time)

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Chancel Choir Practice, 8:45 a.m. – 9:40 a.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.

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



Four (4) Crosses donated thus far!

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.

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

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