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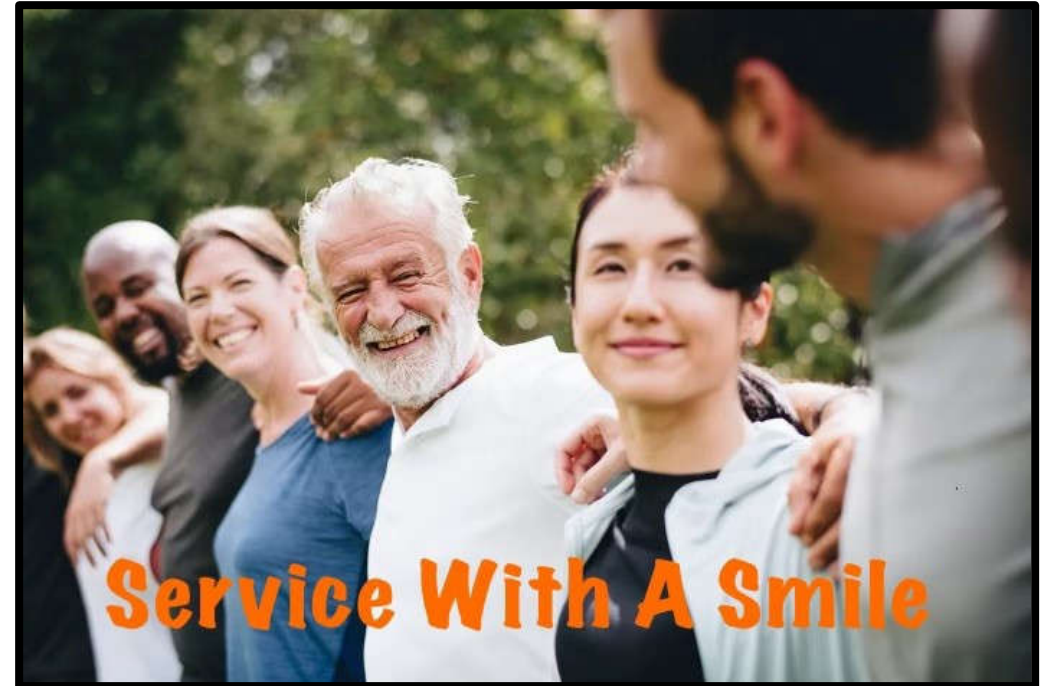
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# First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, January 14, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Disciples Making Disciples



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# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. RJ Leek

## **PRELUDE** – Jesus Paid It All

Cathy Bullock

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*How Majestic Is Your Name

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

\*Shine Jesus Shine

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Come Just As You Are

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Responsive)

Ellen & Carson Miller, Lay Leaders

Jesus says:

“The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand,  
repent and believe the Gospel.”

**O come, let us return unto our God,  
who will have mercy and will abundantly pardon.**

Let us pray.

**Most holy God,**

**we admit to You and each other  
that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age,  
that we find it hard to recognize who we are,  
where we came from, or where we are going.**

**We easily become caught up in selfishness,  
seduced by cynicism, waylaid by glittering consumerism,  
and led by the nose along the highways and byways,  
created by powerful, vested interests.**

**Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly,  
and seek You more diligently.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Ellen & Carson Miller, Lay Leaders

**Fellow travelers on the road to Easter,  
always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God  
than we could ever exhaust.**

**Receive from God, through the grace of Christ,  
the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Leek

## **ADVENTURE TIME**

Becca Redding

## **ANTHEM**

Hymn of Promise

Chancel Choir

# ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

### **Offertory**

I Will Run to You

Sufficient Grace

### **\*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**

Ellen & Carson Miller, Lay Leaders

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Leek

Heavenly God,

As we gather today, united in spirit and purpose, we lift our hearts in prayer for our world. During the challenges and uncertainties that surround us, we come together as a congregation, seeking Your guidance, grace, and healing touch.

**Lord, we acknowledge the complexities of the world we live in—the struggles, conflicts, and divisions that often overshadow the beauty of Your creation. We ask for Your mercy and compassion to envelop our global community, that the bonds of love may transcend the barriers that separate us.**

As a congregation, we pray for the leaders of nations, communities, and organizations. Grant them wisdom to make decisions that prioritize justice, peace, and the well-being of all people. May they be instruments of Your divine plan, working towards a world where compassion and understanding prevail.

**We pray for those who are suffering—the hungry, the sick, the oppressed, and the marginalized. May our congregation be inspired to be a source of comfort, aid, and support, reaching out to those in need with love and generosity.**

**(Worship service order continues on the bulletin insert.)**

Guide us, Lord, in our individual and collective efforts to make a positive impact. Open our eyes to opportunities where we can be instruments of Your peace and agents of change. Let our actions reflect the values of love, justice, and mercy that You have taught us.

**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**

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1 Corinthians 7:29-31 & Mark 1: 14-20

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Rev. RJ Leek

“Life is Not A Tik Tok Video”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind – Hymn #427 (verses 1, 2 & 3)

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

The Longer I Serve Him – Hymn #518

**POSTLUDE**

Cathy Bullock

\*Please stand, where able.



*2024 Worship Theme*

**Give Radically  
Serve Radically**

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Monday, January 15, 2024 – Martin Luther King’s Birthday

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Session Meeting, Church Office, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

TOPS (Weight Loss) Support Group, 9 am.

Sufficient Grace Practice – 9:45 a.m.

Staff Meeting, 11 a.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – 3:30 p.m.

Joyful Ringers Practice – 5 p.m.



Monday, January 22, 2024 – Gifford Scholarship Committee, Church Office, 9 a.m.

Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), Valentine’s Day

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Holy Week begins

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter Theme is “Hope Renewed: The Power of Easter”

**Interested?** Embark on an exhilarating journey this Easter! Join our dynamic **adult drama and/or stick ministry group**. Bring biblical narratives to life. Unleash your acting prowess, forge meaningful connections, and create an unforgettable Easter experience. All talents welcome! Enlist today for an extraordinary celebration! Please contact pastor RJ if you would like to participate.

**Winners of the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest:** Anna Miller, Youth Winner; Beth Malak, Most Creative; Jim and Helga Therkildsen, Overall Winners

**A new springtime Women’s Bible Study:** February – May 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. The teachers are Trisha Leek and Becca Redding. Watch for details.

**Ark Encounter:** Lamers Tour & Travel, Wildwood, FL, is offering a 4 day/3-night round-trip motorcoach transportation trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creative Museum in KY, March 17- March 20, 2024. For more information, go to [www.GoLamers.com](http://www.GoLamers.com) (ARCR8) or call Susan at the office, 352 787 5687.

**Have you seen it?** Pastor RJ has a weekly message for you on Facebook! Check it out!