

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Rev. Leek
Sufficient Grace & Congregation

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Rev. Leek

***BENEDICTION**

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***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

POSTLUDE – He Leadth Me

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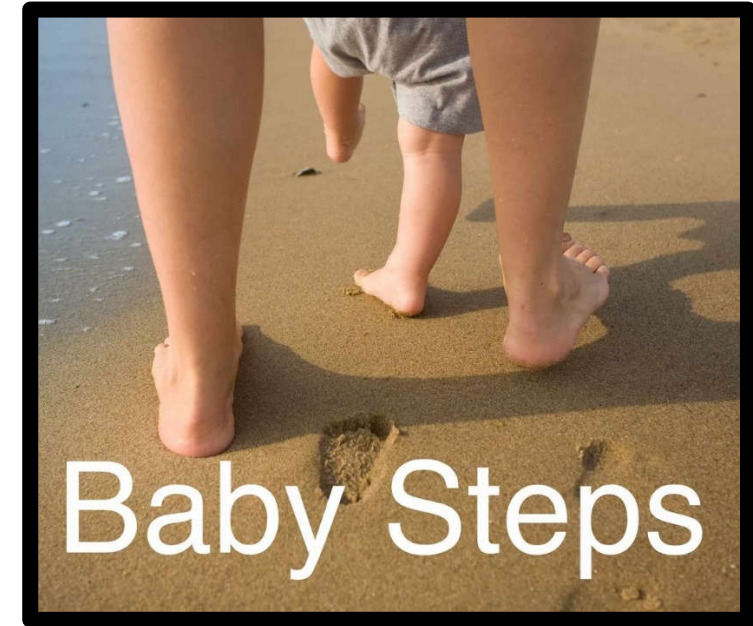
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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Disciples Making Disciples



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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Survey

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE – We Sing Alleluia

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The River is Here

*How Great is Our God

There is a Redeemer

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,

And we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,

And the beckoning power of sweet fruit,

And the vain promises of the world,

We need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because we see the broken before the whole,

And the half empty cups, and the unfinished task,

And the thirst in freedoms' quest.

We need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because we trust in what we can see.

And we are blinded by our prejudices.

And we do not know what we do not know.

We need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth.

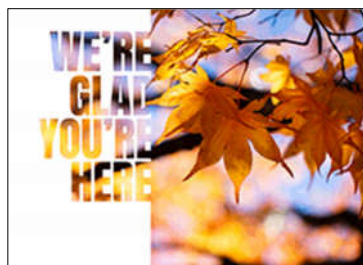
And our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded.

And our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,

We need you, God.

We need you, God.

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The changing of seasons is also a reminder that God's love

for the people of God never changes. Know that in

Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

***APOSTLES CREED**

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only

Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose

again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the

resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

Jesus Took the Cup

Chancel Choir

***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**

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

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

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

Psalm 78: 1-4; Matthew 21: 33-46

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

"Laziness Doesn't Pay Anything"

(*If able, please stand.)

(Turn to the back of the bulletin for continued worship order.)

First Pres Church Events

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Peace & Global Witness Offering (PCUSA) collected today
Class #4 for Confirmation, Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.

Monday, October 2, 2023

Men's Breakfast @ Perkins Restaurant, South Leesburg, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.
Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room, 3:30 p.m. (new time)
Joyful Ringers Practice, Choir Room, 5 p.m.

Save the Date

Lego Club, **Sunday, October 15, 2023, 5 p.m.**

*Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11 a.m.**,
Election of Officers*

Confirmands join church, **Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023**

*Group Church Outing to Epcot, **Saturday, November 4, 2023**
Meet at Space Ship Earth at 10:30 a.m.*

Octoberfest Car Show, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
Bring can donations, proceeds go to Joining Hands In Food Ministry
Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Daylight Saving Time Ends, **Sunday, November 5, 2023**
Fall back one hour*

Commitment Sunday, November 12, 2023

Make your pledge

*Potluck & Hymn Sing with Gloria Dei Church, **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5 p.m.***

Thanksgiving, **Thursday, November 23, 2023**

*Annual Christmas Concert, **Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4 p.m.***

Christmas Hand Bell Concert, **Sunday, December 17, 2023, 4 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Day

The Session is interested in hosting a Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner for the congregational members and several of their guests. The church would provide the turkey. Guests would be asked to sign up and bring a side dish. It's not a "for sure" thing yet. We are seeking your interest and a possible number of attendees. If you would be interested in this idea, please contact Betty Palmer (352-728-1351) or Deb Krase (352-430-1060).

Pastor's Bible Quiz

September 24 Question: What crop was Ruth harvesting in the Book of Ruth?

Answer: Corn

October 1 Question: Zephaniah prophesied during the days of what king?

What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. **This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!**

Last year, FPCL donated 48 boxes to this project. Can we do more this year? Pris Peterson (352-728-6319) and Donna Slack have volunteered to take a lead role. Wanna help? Boxes and instructions are available after church **TODAY**.



The Kingdom of God
will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits.

Matthew 21:43, ESV