

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds – Hymn #286 (verses 1 & 2)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

**POSTLUDE**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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# First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY**

Rev. RJ Leek

## **PRELUDE**

The Lord is My Light

Howard Fowler

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*I Will Call Upon the Lord

\*Shout to the North

I Love You, Lord

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

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

For ignoring the vision

breathed by the living Spirit

churning deep within our souls;

**Lord have mercy,**

**Lord have mercy,**

**have mercy upon us.**

For refusing to look at the vision

alive within those

who look or act or sound different from us;

**Christ have mercy,**

**Christ have mercy,**

**have mercy upon us.**

For choosing familiarity, ease, and comfort

rather than risking the opportunities

afforded in the vision

**Lord have mercy,**

**Lord have mercy,**

**have mercy upon us.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

God has said if we are faithful and confess our sins,

God will be faithful and forgive our sins.

This day we are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Leek

\*Please stand if able.

## **ADVENTURE TIME**

Rev. Leek

## **ANTHEM**

All That I Am

Chancel Choir

## **APOSTLES CREED**

Susan Sapp, 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**

Seek Ye First

Carole Makus & Howard Fowler, 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**

Susan Sapp, 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**

Genesis 50: 15-21; Romans 13: 1-12

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Take Responsibility"

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

Rev. RJ Leek

## **First Pres Church Events**

### **Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Class #2 for Confirmation, Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.

Lego Club, Basement, Adults, teens & children welcome, 5 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

Session Meeting, Office, 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

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.

## **Fruitland Park Elementary School**

has reached out and asked if our church would help with snacks for the students.

Their requests:

\*Oreos (small snack packs)

\*Chips (small individual bags)

\*Crackers (cheese crackers, no peanut butter)

Please do not give candy and peanut type snacks.

The collection boxes are in the church lobby.

## **It's the new Lego Club!**

Who: Adults (retired engineers?), teens and children (9 years and up)

What: Build a mechanical LEGO robot

When: **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

Where: Church basement (end of the annex, then downstairs)

How: With the leaders, Jim Gordon and Trisha Leek

This is a new ministry and outreach. It is a great time for kids and parents or grandparents to "play" with something they can both enjoy. There is no grade, it is just to have fun, make your own challenge and see what you can do. Like all LEGO products, the only limit is your imagination.

## **Cross Wall**

We could still use a few more crosses to decorate the church lobby, if you would like to donate. We have a total of 9 crosses thus far (and wonderful stories behind them).

### **Prayer needs**

Jeff Smith, Liz and Milt Levy, Mina Kirkland, Trisha Leek,  
Inge and Earl Lemon, Ed Dunmire, and Nancy Brammer

### **Pastor's Bible Quiz**

How many kings did Daniel, the prophet, serve or live under?

Email him with your answer.

His email is on the back of the bulletin.

### **History of the Apostles' Creed**

Although not written by apostles, The Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches. It has been adapted over the centuries, however, and has remained in its present form since the eighth century.

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