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# First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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## THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE Cathy Bullock

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

^The River is Here
^How Great is Our God
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Carson Brown, Lay Leader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Most Patient God,

we recognize how much we need You for life itself.

But how often we have behaved

as if we did not know or even care about You?

How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?

How often have we tried to dominate others

even as You stand with them?

How often have we participated in the desolation of Your creation

by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters?

Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.

All Loving God, we want to be among those whom You seek.

Shower Your mercy upon us.

Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Carson Brown, Lay Leader

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, Gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

**ADVENTURE TIME** 

**ANTHEM** 

As the Deer



Rev. Leek

Dick Krase

Chancel Choir

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Rev. Leek & Beth Malak, Clerk

Lynn Rabens by transfer from Bayshore Gardens Community Church, Bradenton, FL Blest Be the Tie that Binds – Hymn #286 (verse 1) Sufficient Grace & Congregation

^APOSTLES CREED

John & Dotty Ramsay, Lay Leaders & Congregation

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: 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 hence 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

Rev. Leek Sufficient Grace

Offertory – Living Hope

**^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. **Praver of Dedication** 

John & Dotty Ramsay, Lay Leaders

Carson Brown, Lay Leader

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

The 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

John & Dotty Ramsay, Lay Leaders

Exodus 19: 1-6; 1 John 4: 7-21

#### **SERMON**

"Accepting the Reality of the Call"

Rev. RI Leek

#### **^HYMN OF RESPONSE**

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love – Hymn #284 Sufficient Grace & Congregation

BENEDICTION Rev. Leek

#### **^RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

**Sufficient Grace & Congregation** 

May the God of Hope Go With Us

POSTLUDE Cathy Bullock

Please stand, if able.

Carson Brown is a recipient of the Gifford Scholarship offered at our church. He is a student online at Fuller Theological Seminar, currently living in Ft. Myers, FL. He hopes to move to CA soon to continue his study in person. He is the Pastoral Resident, First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, FL and the Immediate Past Moderator, Peace River Presbytery. Please welcome Carson for connecting and joining First Presbyterian of Leesburg in his journey and call.

## This Week

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

TOPS (Weight Loss) Support Group, 9 am., Fellowship Hall Sufficient Grace Practice – 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Church Office Chancel Choir Practice – 3:30 p.m., Choir Room Joyful Ringers Practice – 5 p.m., Choir Room

## Monday, May 6, 2024

Men's Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, S. Hwy 27 and SR48, Leesburg, 7:30 a.m., no reservations needed.

Faith Seekers Bible Study for Women, final series lesson, Conference Room, 6:30 p.m. Trisha Leek and Becca Redding, Leaders.

# Wednesday, May 8, 2024

PW Ruth Circle Bible Study and Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., BYOLunch, Betty Ransom and Susan Sapp, Leaders, Study: You Are Never Alone by Max Lucado.

# Thursday, May 9, 2024

PW Rebecca Circle Bible Study and Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., Parlor, Marie Davids, Leader, Study: How Great is Our God by Louie Giolio.

<u>Friday, May 10, 2024</u> – Joining Hands in Food Ministry, food distribution, 8:30 a.m., Volunteers welcome and needed.