

Lines from Leigh...

What a joy to worship and picnic with you all on Sunday! I was glad to meet so many of you. Some had already told me they were not able to be here for Rally Day, so I still look forward to meeting more of the congregation.

Sermon copies are available if you ask, or call the church office. Previously, several hard of hearing persons at my churches asked for them in advance, so they could follow along. Even though I do not promise to say things word for word, they could get the gist from the script.

My office hours will USUALLY be Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 - noon. It is still best to call ahead if you wish to come in to talk with me, since someone else may already have an appointment, or I may be visiting or attending a presbytery or pastors' meeting. Afternoons, I will be in and out, as well as working from home on my sermon!

For the first several weeks I want to share things with you about me/John. You may be interested to know that our home in Portsmouth, VA is in an evacuation area for hurricane Florence. John will be staying here for the time being! My son, Jordan, and his family live in Lynchburg, VA, so they are out of the storm's path, though they may get 15-30" of rain. He and his wife, Kristin, have 2 sons, Carter (5) and Caleb (3). John's two grown daughters, Gina and Jen, and their husbands live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and his son, Matt, lives in Brussels, Belgium and works for NATO.

Generally, I preach on a text from the lectionary, though there may be special occasions in the life of the church or society where I use other scriptures. Have other questions? Please ask me, message on the Facebook page (see below) or send me an e-mail at leighgillis@hotmail.com. If you are on Facebook, please find me by typing in "Pastor's Ponderings Page." I use this to communicate with church members (no private messages there, please) of the congregations I serve, rather than personal "friend-ing."

Praying God's blessings upon the mission and ministry of all of us as we move ahead in faith,

-Pastor Leigh

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:16 - 18