

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31 (p. 43)

GATHERING

Prelude: "There is None Like You"

Lenny LeBlanc

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls to us; the Lord calls to you and me.

People: God, grant us the courage to follow the Lord.

Leader: If we answer the call of the Lord, there will be a cost.

People: God, grant us the strength to follow the Lord.

Leader: Let us choose treasure in heaven and not of this world.

People: God, grant us grace as we follow the Lord.

*Hymn: #392 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Hall

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, there is no greater love than the love of Christ. For Jesus laid down his life for his friends; he laid down his life for us. Yet, we do not love one another as he commanded us to. Instead, we judge; we hold onto our angers; we turn away from our sisters and brothers. He gave his life, but we don't even give up the passing desires of our hearts. Forgive us, dear Lord, our brokenness. Help us to grow as your children. Help us to learn how to walk the way of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Mediation"

G.F. Handel, arr. Bridges

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Job 23:1-9, 16-17(p 446); Hebrews 4:12-16(p 206)

Sermon: **HOLDING FAST IN FAITH**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "The Potter's Hand"

Darlene Zschech

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Angel's Story

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

Doug Horley

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Sue Funk
10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Edna and George Mowery
Given by Nancy McGuigan and Phyllis Harsh King

We welcome Renee Mendenhall to our worship and thank her for her gift of music. A graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Penn State University, Renee teaches instrumental music at Twin Valley Intermediate School. She also has earned her Master's Degree from Northwestern University.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: John & Joy Koshuta
208 S. Belmont Rd.
Paradise, PA 17562

TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 p.m. Enfield Dr. Bible Study @ home of Arlene Brackbill
7:00 p.m. Trustee/Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY:

8:00 a.m. Work Day

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

11:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday Singles Group

1:00 p.m. CROP Walk

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

10:30 – Deb Beane & Lois Snader

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,197.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$63,816.67

While Rev. Birch is gone, Rev. Steve Getty will be available for Pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reach at 717-768-8343 or as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.

The October issue of *Presbyterians Today* is available free at the back of the sanctuary.

October 20th is Fall Work Day. The Trustees need your help as they plan what needs to be done around the church for Fall Work Day and begin their "Things to Do" list. If you see something that needs attention, please notify one of the Trustees, the secretary, or the minister. Or you may simply place a note in the Trustee mailbox.

CROP WALK... The 31st annual Paradise Area CROP Walk will be held next Sunday, Oct. 21st. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. The CROP walk is sponsored by Worldwide Services and seeks to end hunger in the world, in the nation and here in our community.

Twenty-five percent of the monies will be used locally. Participants are invited to do either a three or five mile route. Come join us as we seek to end hunger.

Open House for The Factory Youth Center: Come see our new home at the *Old* Paradise Elementary School, Tuesday evening, Oct. 16, from 6 - 8:00 p.m.

Harvest Home: We will again be collecting supplies for the residents of Ware Presbyterian Village in Oxford. Place your items in the baskets on the windowsills on Oct. 23 and 30. Some suggested items are tissues, Zip-lock bags, puzzles, puzzle books, stamps, personal size snacks, and new greeting cards.

The Factory Ministries is looking for 2 used washing machines in good condition. If you have one to donate please call 687-9594 ext. 108.

Bob Evans - that is the restaurant this month for dining out for the Organ Fund. The date is Saturday, October 27. You can go for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is an all day event. You will have to present the insert, so please take some from the Narthex and pass out to friends and family. Please make this a success as the others in the past. Thanks. Organ Committee

CONTACTING YOUR PASTOR

When I first came to this blessed congregation, I spoke of a sequence of ways to reach me when the need arose. Certainly, the office is open Tuesday through Friday in the morning.

But there may well come other times when you need to contact me. So, what I said then still holds.

First, try to call the church; we have started a policy of checking messages remotely each day after hours. If that doesn't work or if the matter is urgent, call my cell phone, I do check it regularly. And if all else fails and it is an emergency, call our home, Emily should know how to reach me. Life is uncertain and things do come up. I want you to know that I am there for you. (See article in hardcopy of newsletter or bulletin for telephone numbers)