

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2014

*A Service of Dedication of Glory to God for the Glory of God*

Prelude: “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Gordon Young  
(Hymn 641—Choir will sing verses 1 and 5)

Invocation

\*Call to Worship Psalms 96 and 98, composite

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**People: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Leader: Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands, let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

**People: Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.**

Leader: With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

**People: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

\*Hymn: #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Dear and glorious God, it gladdens your heart when your people sing. And it is you who puts a new song in our mouths. Yet too often we do not sing it. Instead we repeat the same old songs, songs without melody, songs of anger and spite and fear. Lord, forgive us. Teach us a new song. Teach us a song of grace. Amen.**

Hymn: #418, (v. 1 only)

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

\*Hymn: #447 (sing twice)

Anthem: “In the Midst of New Dimensions” Hymn #315 Rush

--Chancel Choir, with the congregation joining on v.5. If, after the first two verses, you would like to join on the refrain, please do!

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer, with sung response, 1<sup>st</sup> verse, Hymn #471  
Children’s Sermon (Children may then leave for God’s Place, 10:30 service)

Scripture: Nehemiah 12:27; Psalm 40:1-3; Acts 16:25; Colossians 3:16

Sermon: **A NEW SONG**

\*Hymn: #462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Litany of Dedication—after each section, the 1<sup>st</sup> line of Hymn #643 is sung.

God of gifts, God of grace, we come before you now to dedicate our new hymnal. Scripture tells us that with gratitude in our hearts, we are to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to you. With this hymnal, so we shall, and Lord we thank you for this gift.

*Congregation: “Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.”*

We thank you, Lord, for the minds and hearts who made this hymnal, for the poets whose words will feed our minds, for the musicians whose music will stir our hearts, for all who weaved the book together, according to the pattern of your acts of grace and our acts of worship.

*Congregation: “Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.”*

We thank you, Lord, for those whose hearts were stirred to grace us with these hymnals. May we in our singing show our gratitude to them.

*Congregation: “Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.”*

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of music itself. For it is in music we hear your word. It is in music that we glorify you. It is in songs cherished for many years that we are connected with our past. It is in new songs that we are awakened to the future. It is in the songs of people of faith from all corners of your world that we are reminded that we are one in Christ.

*Congregation: “Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.”*

Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, help us ever to be grateful for the gift of this hymnal. Let its songs lift us up in our faith, bring us together to be one across any differences. May these songs help clothe us with love, bring us peace, and make us strong so that we may go out to bring grace to this troubled world. May we truly sing in harmony, all to the glory of God. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn: #5 "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Offering of Tithes and Gifts (Please sign and pass the Friendship Book)

Offertory: Hymn #661 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Solo: Paula Hughes; the congregation is invited to join on the refrain

\*Doxology, Hymn #609

\*Hymn: #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (please be seated)

Postlude: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"(arr. J. Carter) Hymn #853

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

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. Skip Brackbill

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

10:30 – Mike Hartmann & Charlene Boas

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Jacob C. Brackbill  
Given by the family

A special bouquet of flowers at the altar is in celebration of the birthday of Dianne Yuninger, today, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, given with love and great appreciation by Lois and Darwin

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Dorothy Buckwalter  
47 Black Horse Rd.  
Paradise, PA 17562

**TODAY:**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

**MONDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

**THURSDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Work Day

**NEXT SUNDAY: World Wide Communion**

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 – Janet Huffman

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$3,845.00

In order to meet the approved budget for 2014, we need to receive an average of \$4,363.00 each week in offering.

**THIS SATURDAY** Trustees have scheduled Fall Work Day; we could use everyone's help!

**Trustees** are looking for someone interested in being our Outdoor Sexton – if interested please contact George Shue 717-687-7240.

**TODAY is the last day for the Building and Facilities Fund special offering.** This collection will be used for repairs and replacement of roof and inside water damage. Please give as you can to help preserve our church.

**Paradise Area Crop Hunger Walk**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Paradise Area Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014. Registration begins here at Leacock Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. with the walk starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Crop Hunger Walk will be held across America and is sponsored by Church World Services. It is promoted by the local churches in our area. The goal of the Crop Hunger Walk is to stamp out hunger throughout the world, in our nation, and here in the Paradise area.

Walkers and bike riders are invited to do the 3-mile or the 5-mile route through our beautiful farm country. Gather your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, church groups, and join us in raising money to stop Hunger. If you are not able to walk, you can help by sponsoring our walkers. Donations by check are to be made payable to Church World Services.

Mission Committee

**The Factory Ministries** is hosting a half-day Bridges Out of Poverty Training on Saturday, October 11 from 8 - 12 at The Factory Youth Center, 3293 Lincoln Hwy E., Paradise. Registration cost is \$25 and includes Breakfast and book. To register please call [717-687-9594](tel:717-687-9594) or register online at [www.thefactoryministries.com](http://www.thefactoryministries.com)