

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Donald Busarow

Invocation

Leader: This is our truth—we are a broken people.

People: Lord, open our hearts that we may know this.

Leader: This is grace—that the Lord wills to heal us.

People: Lord, help us to be willing to be healed.

Leader: This is worship—that we walk humbly with our God.

People: Lord, make us a humble people.

Hymn: #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you love us and you want us to love ourselves so that we may love our neighbor. But we are hurt. Then, we feel fear. And in our fear we forget how to love. We build ourselves up, by tearing others down. We see the wrong of others and miss the wrong we do. Then, we do not know we need healing. Then, we do not know how we need you. Grant us the courage to know our sin. Raise us to light and life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (Hymn#654, see insert)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Lead On, O King Eternal" Smart/Hunnicutt
Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Joel 2:21-29 (p.799)

Hymn: #794 "O Savior, in This Quiet Place" (vs. 1-4)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14 (p.76)

Sermon: **Winners and Losers**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (p.17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robert Lau

*Doxology (page 606)

Hymn: #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Benediction:

Choral Response: "Go With Us, Lord" (see insert)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Our Hope For Years to Come" John Rasley

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of James and Betty Smith
Given by David & Karen Smith Homsher Family

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.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) Bob & Margy Hershey
Next Sunday, October 30 –Emily Birch & Linda Erickson

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Chad Ankney

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship Paradise |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | PW Bible Study |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal |

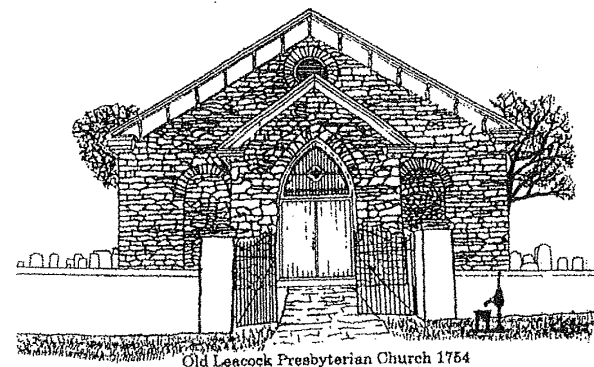
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Community Meal** is set for this coming Thursday, October 27th, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for items needed for the meal and also for helpers to make the meal, serve the meal, and to help clean up the meal. Please feel free to sign up for as little or as much as you feel you can do. The Mission Committee deeply appreciates all your contributions and help. Without YOU this meal would not happen.

Bakers needed for the Ware Presbyterian Village Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale & Holiday Bazaar on November 4 & 5. Donations of baked goods can be delivered to the Ware Health Center front desk on Thursday, November 3 between 1-6 p.m. or by 9 a.m. on Friday or Saturday November 4 & 5.

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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