

24th Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: Voluntary on “A Mighty Fortress” Gordon Young

Invocation

Leader: Be still!

People: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Leader: Be still and know .

People: We come to discern the Word that can set us free.

Leader: Be still and know that God is . . .

People: Our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.
Let us worship God

Hymn: #275 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the Covenant: we have known your hopes for us, and disappointed every one of them; we have heard your words of faithfulness, and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes.

Forgive us, Covenant God. Silence every blustering word, so we may hear your mercy; still every feeble attempt to justify ourselves, so we may be made right with you; melt every frozen heart, so we might be drenched in your river of joy. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you. (Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (Hymn#654, see insert)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Rain Down” John Carter
Chancel Choir (see insert)

Children’s Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:1-16 (p.12)

Hymn: #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Second Scripture Reading: John 8:31-36 (p.95)

Sermon: Denying the Sovereignty of God

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith – (from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1992, PCUSA)
(Unison) In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church....In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth praying “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

The Peace

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “Priere a Notre Dame” Leon Boellmann

*Doxology (page 606)

Hymn:#610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Benediction:

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

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude “Ein Feste Berg” Johann Pachelbel

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.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) Emily Birch & Linda Erickson
Next Sunday, November 6 – David Homsher & Darwin Eshleman

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Charles, Kathy & Kristen Ankney

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Paradise
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Randolph T. Riggs in the pulpit this morning. Randy, is a native Californian, served for 41 years in four different churches as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He came to Lancaster in June of 1996 to be the Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Downtown, Lancaster. He retired in July, 2012 after 16 years at the church. In retirement, he serves Lancaster Theological Seminary as Director of Presbyterian Studies and Community Engagement Liaison and at the Samaritan Counseling Center as a Consultant in Preaching and Ministry. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Lancaster County Council of Churches where he received the Mentzer Award for Excellence in Ecumenical Cooperation.

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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session calls the annual Congregational meeting for Sunday November 13, following the 9:30am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2017 and elect new officers for 2017. A few copies of the budget are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you take one, please bring it back for the meeting. Digital copies may be requested by emailing the church office:

leacock.secretary@gmail.com.

Our next **Community Meal** is Thursday, November 10th from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. This will be our Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is welcome to come, eat and fellowship with your church family and the community. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

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