

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2016

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: Elegiac Prelude on 'Jerusalem' Charles Callahan  
(based on hymn #373 "O God of Peace")

*Invocation*

Leader: Hear the hard news—

**People: There is a cost to discipleship.**

Leader: Hear the good news—

**People: The Lord wills the healing of creation.**

Leader: Hear the call of God.

**People: Let us be a witness to grace.**

*Hymn:* #336 "We Gather Together" (with the Bell Choir)

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Faithful God, your voice is clear. You spoke your word to us in Jesus Christ. Yet, too often, we listen to other voices. In the presence of pain and confusion, we are led astray by those who claim your authority. We answer them, not you. We answer the voices of our own fears. Forgive us, Lord. Do not abandon us. Grant us what we need to speak your word in a broken world. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Anthem:* "Percussive Praise" McChesney  
Bell Choir

*Children's Sermon*

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

*Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer*

*First Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 65:17-25 (p.654)

*Hymn:* #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

*Second Scripture Reading:* Luke 21:5-19 (p.80)

*Sermon:* **To Be a Sign**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

*The Peace*

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Jesus Still Lead On" Robert Lau

\*Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn:* #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*Benediction:

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

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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.) Dave & Carol Berkhimer  
Next Sunday, November 20 – Sue Funk & Bob Brackbill

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Edward & Ruth Anne Appel

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
		Congregational Mtg. & Luncheon
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session calls the annual Congregational meeting for today, 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.

Next Sunday, **November 20**, we will celebrate Communion in traditional style.

This year's **Advent celebration** will incorporate some new and traditional practices. Because many have expressed a desire to sing more carols during the season, we will have a pre-service carol-sing on December 4, 11, and 18 beginning at 9:15 in the sanctuary. If you would like to request a favorite carol, please fill out a Hymn Request slip from the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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