

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Deep River"

Robert Lau

Invocation

Leader: When times are tough and things seem shaken, listen to the Lord -

People: "Be strong, take courage, do not fear, for I am with you."

Leader: Let us, then, trust the Lord.

People: Let us follow where the Spirit leads.

Leader: Let us not be shaken.

People: Instead, let us work.

Hymn: #409 "God Is Here!"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, all that is good was first yours. And you graced us with so much of the good. Yet, in our brokenness, we broke it. Now, we see all that is broken, and we fear; we despair. We become frozen, often able only to worry and divide. Set us aflame with your Spirit, Lord. Thaw our hearts, so that we may be busy building your future. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "The Journey"

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (p.827)

Hymn: #293 "Loving Spirit"

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (p.194)

Sermon: **The Stone, Not the Mountain**

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 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Robert Lau

*Doxology (page 606)

Hymn: #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

*Benediction:

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

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude Postlude on 'Ellacombe'

Jason Payne

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.)

David Homsher & Darwin Eshleman

Next Sunday, November 13 – Dave & Carol Berkhimer

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Dalin Appel

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | CCL |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | PW Bible Study at Arlene Brackbill's home |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Factory Meal |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

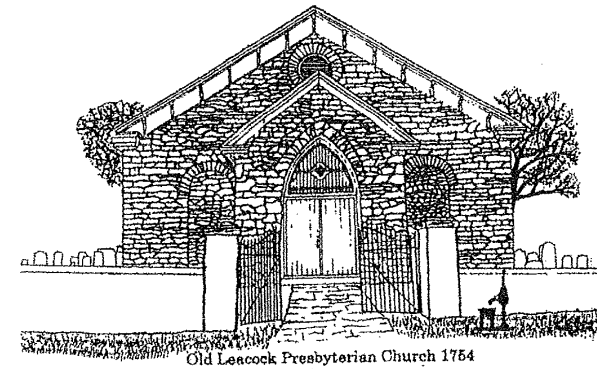
The Session calls the annual Congregational meeting for Sunday November 13, following the 9:30am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2017 and elect new officers for 2017. A few copies of the budget are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you take one, please 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 this Thursday, November 10, 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.

Anyone interested in purchasing **altar flowers** for next Sunday, our 50+ Year and New member celebration and luncheon, please call the church office: 687-6619

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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