

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" Stuart Townend

Invocation

\*Call To Worship

Leader: Lord, let us now hear your word.

**People: Let our word be one of grace.**

Leader: Teach us, Lord, your shalom.

**People: Help us to be sowers of peace.**

Leader: Show us the way to be one with you.

**People: Show us the way to be one with each other.**

\*Hymn: #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Lord of life, you created all and called all good. You bless all your creatures. And you will peace, for in peace there is life. Forgive us, Lord. For we bless some and curse others. We fight; we distrust; we divide. Teach us again who is our neighbor. Open our hearts so that we may love, so that we may live. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (p.654)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "A Mighty Fortress" Christy & Nathan Nockels

Children's Sermon

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 133 (p.543)

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

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:10-28 (p.16)

Sermon:

**From the Heart**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, human beings, and the world. Therefore, the church calls people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

The Peace of Christ

Prayers of the People with the Prayer of St. Francis (*see insert*)

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish Melody  
Doxology (page 606)

\*Hymn: #228 "Were You There"

\*Benediction:

Choral Response: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." (p.748)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Trading My Sorrows"

Darrell Evans

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 Daisies are given with Love and in Memory of Grandma Sandra Clark  
From Kevin, Loretta, Matthew and Lauren McClarigan



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.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

We welcome **Renee Mendenhall** to our worship and thank her for her gift of music. A graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Penn State University, Renee teaches instrumental music at Twin Valley Intermediate School. She also has earned her Master's Degree from Northwestern University.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Stephen Funk

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock
	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship, Paradise

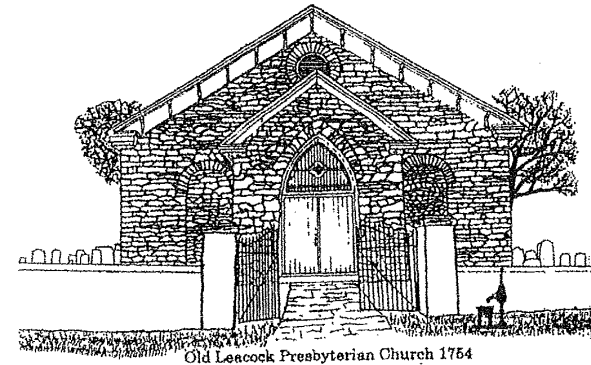
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leacock's Softball Team to Finals!!!** Leacock meets Weaverland #1 in the best of five games beginning this Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The next free **Community Meal** will be on Thursday, August 31 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to help cook and set up, help serve, help clean up, or to just come and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheets for helpers and food donations are in the narthex at our Paradise church or in the window well in the vestibule at Old Leacock. Feel free to come and experience the joy that comes from working and fellowshiping with each other.

# 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 Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, let me bring pardon;  
where there is discord, let me bring union  
where there is doubt, let me bring faith;  
where there is despair, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring light;  
where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.