

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance"

Robert Lau

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: God is a gracious God, who welcomes all.

People: Help us, Lord, from our heart, to welcome others.

Leader: God is a gracious God, who wills to save, not condemn.

People: Help us, Lord, from our heart, not to judge others.

Leader: God is a gracious God, who forgives again and again.

People: Help us, Lord, from our heart, to forgive all our sisters and brothers.

**Hymn:* #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, who is to condemn? Only Christ, and he intercedes for us. You sent your Son to heal, to lift up to life. He came for the grace of forgiveness. Yet we go another way. We judge each other so freely. We long to be forgiven, but we do not forgive. Forgive us, Lord. Turn us away from judging. Turn us towards grace. 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: "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains" Daryl Hollinger
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12 (p.152)

**Hymn:* #444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (p.19)

Sermon: **Living to the Lord**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

Dale Wood

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

**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: "Siyahamba"

setting John Carter

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 Betty Taylor

Given by her daughters and their families

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: George & Dorothy Hall

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministries |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 a.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting |

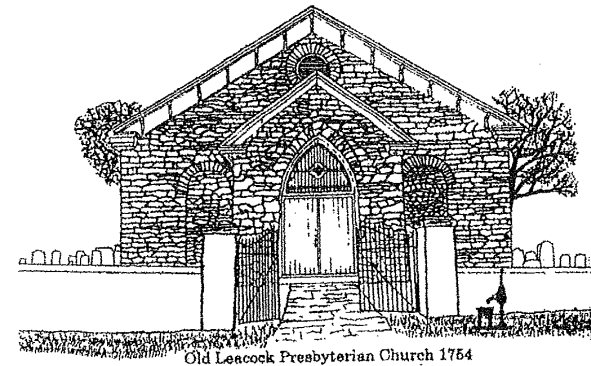
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Drive As you begin your fall cleaning, especially of your closets and drawers, please remember the clothing bank in Lancaster. The **Mission Committee** will be collecting all good clean used clothing, sheets, and blankets from now until the last week in September. You may just place your items in the narthex, and we will take care of it.

The next free **Community Meal** will be on Thursday, September 28 from 5:30 - 6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall The sign-up sheets for food donations and help are in the narthex. Come and join your fellow congregants in helping prepare and serve the community and enjoy a free meal yourself!

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 church financial information as of August 31 is on an easel in the Narthex today; it will then be available on the bulletin board in the back hallway. If you have questions please talk with Marie Brackbill. Thank you!

There are now '**giving cards**' in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary for those who give their tithes and offerings using online bill pay. If you want to feel more a part of the offering worship experience, please take a card and place it in the offering plate in place of your envelope.

Jewelry Making Class: Taught by Gretchen Shea, Bob and Margy Hershey's daughter, at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 14. We'll be making necklaces which were popular at our previous class. The class is \$20 which covers the cost of supplies. Class size is limited to 20 people, so sign up on the clipboard in the narthex asap! Reservations must be made 3-4 days in advance.



Allergies: “God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance.” (2 Cor. 2.14 TEV). While our fragrance as Christians is a good thing, fragrances in the congregation are a problem for many with severe allergies. In love and respect for those neighbors, please refrain from using perfumes, after shaves, and other perfumed products prior to worship whenever possible.