

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Mary McDonald

*Call To Worship Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Many: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

One: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Many: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

One: For the Lord is good;

People: **His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn: #401 "Here in This Place"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

*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: "He Hideth My Soul" arr. John Carter
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (p.309)

*Hymn: #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:8-22 (p.220)

Sermon: **In Plenty and In Want, the Hospitality of God**

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: "Hiding in Thee" Anna Laura Page

Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn: #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*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: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Victor Johnson

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 James and Betty Smith
Given by David and Karen Homsher Family

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

Next Sunday: Vicki & Tom Burkins

We welcome Rev. Jane DeFord to our pulpit this morning.

(Please see the insert to know more about her)

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Geraldine Hess

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Geocaching Hike |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | PW Bible Study |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 a.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal |

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Geocaching Hike today at 1:00 p.m.

Led by Linda Erickson, we'll be meeting in the church parking lot and going to an easy hiking trail in Strasburg.

There are two caches in the area. Come out and enjoy a fall hike and try your skills at geocaching!



Our next **Community Meal** will be this **Thursday, October 26th** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for the food donations and the needed helpers. Please stop and look at these sheets and see where you may be able to help. We appreciate your support.

The congregation is invited to the **Fifty-Year Member and Congregational Celebration Meal** to be held Sunday November 12. The menu will include chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, fruit salad, rolls, dessert and refreshments. Reservations would be greatly appreciated! Please call the church secretary.

Rev. Birch regrets that he wasn't able to inform you that he will be gone for the next two Sundays. However, the pulpit will be wonderfully filled by Rev. Jane DeFord and Rev. Dick Sindall. Pastoral care will be covered by Rev. Steve Getty. If you need pastoral care, please contact either the secretary or Dianne Yuninger. And if you need to reach Rev. Birch, please call him on his cell phone.

Rev. Jane W. DeFord

A Texan by birth, Jane spent many years serving the Presbyterian Church at the First Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. In 1996, Jane and husband Nash moved to Pennsylvania where she began her seminary studies in 1997 at the then Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary). They continue to live in Downingtown, and their grown children live nearby. Jane has served on multiple committees in Donegal Presbytery including Moderator in 2010 and currently serves as the Vacancy Coordinator for the Presbytery of Donegal. Jane was both pleased and honored to represent the Synod of the Trinity to the Presbyterian Women's 2011 Global Exchange to India, as well as representing Presbyterian Women and the PC(U.S.A.) at the 2012 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Currently she serves as the Synod of the Trinity representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team for Presbyterian Women.