

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress"

David Cherwien

*Call To Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: The LORD is our light and our salvation.
Whom shall we fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of our life.
Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God.

People: Let us praise the God of our hope and salvation in Christ!

*Hymn: #257 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our hope and salvation, you know the dreams we have dreamed for our lives and the disappointments we have suffered; you understand our resentments but also see how they poison us; you sympathize with our fears but call us to take heart and live with faith's courage. We need forgiveness and also the grace to forgive ourselves. We need healing from our own wounds and compassion for others who are wounded or broken. Christ's churches need forgiveness and healing, too, as do our nation and our world. Prejudices overpower communities. Good people give in to fears and resentments, then vent their rage upon scapegoats. Please forgive and heal us, then make us agents of forgiveness and healing wherever we can be, following Jesus Christ who suffered and died because you love us all. 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: "O God, Who Gives Us Life" arr. Arthur Sullivan
Chancel Choir (GTG #53)

Children's Sermon (puppet parable): Woody's Secret Fear"
(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:18-20 (p.690)

*Hymn: #684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40 (p.24)

Sermon: **Ring the Bells**

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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" James Pethel
Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn: #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*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: Festive Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 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 Honor of Virginia Stauffer
Given by Jennifer McElhaney

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: Vicki & Tom Burkins

Next Sunday: Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

We welcome Rev. Richard E. Sindall to our pulpit this morning. He retired July 1, 2012 after forty years of pastoral ministry serving two First Presbyterian churches, one in Tamaqua, PA (13 years) and the other in Bridgeton, NJ (27 years). He is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Seminary. Dick and his wife Debbie, a retired teacher, now live in Lititz and worship regularly with this congregation. They have two adult sons, Dave and Jon.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Gwen Hess**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Leacock Presbyterian Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



3181 Lincoln Highway East
Paradise, PA 17562
Telephone: 687-6619
www.leacockpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Community Meal will be held on **Thursday, November 9th**. The sign up sheets for needed food and for helpers are in the narthex. Please feel free to come and join us for our Amish filling dinner.

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. We extend our sincere sympathy to **Nancy Bare** on the death of her husband, Gene on Saturday, October 21st. Nancy's address is:

2001 Harrisburg Pike 206 BB
Lancaster, PA 17601

The Session calls the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 12, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2018 and elect new officers for 2018. 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.