

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Thanksgiving Fanfare" Charles Callahan

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: When times are dark, let us believe in the light.

People: Lord, help us to be children of light.

Leader: God has given us talents so that we might shine the light.

People: Lord, help us to believe in and use our talents.

Leader: Love is the light, the expression of faith and hope.

People: Lord, help us to encourage, to build up, each other.

**Hymn:* #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Giving God, you love us so much that you trust us with talents. But, oh, we do not trust ourselves and thereby we do not trust you. We bury our talents, out of fear that we will be judged if we fail. Forgive us our lack of faith. Help us to believe in the talents you give. Inspire us to use them in the service of love. 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: "With Grateful Hearts We Thank You, Lord" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "The Ash Grove" Todd Kendall

Doxology (page 606)

First Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p.193)

**Hymn:* #691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (p.27)

Sermon: **Good and Faithful Servants**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Peace of Christ

**Hymn:* #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

**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: "Thanksgiving Suite" Charles Callahan

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 Galen Stoltzfus
Given by his Wife and Sons

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.

To Be Installed: **ELDERS:** Steven Boas, Christian Brackbill, Tom Burkins,
Mary Alice High, Dianne Yuninger
To Be Ordained: Derek Colton

To Be Installed: **DEACONS:** Maureen Carney, Barbara Hostetter
To Be Ordained: Molly Colton, Bob Hershey

TRUSTEE RECOGNITION: David Berkhimer, Craig Keenan,
Danielle Short

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: Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill

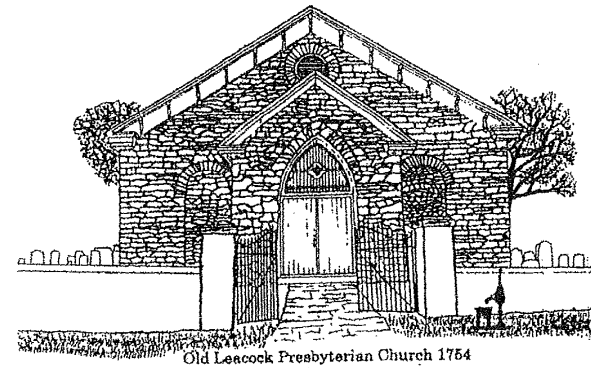
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Milt & Barbara Hostetter**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service

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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Our bazaar theme this year is
LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

Here is how you can help:

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Basket Bonanza

Basket donations are due in the Narthex. You can grab an empty basket to fill or just give us items and we will make up the basket for you. Questions? Call Lois Snader 717-989-0628

Monday, Nov. 27 – Peanut Butter Bon Bons

Meet at 1 p.m. in the church kitchen to form/dip bon bons. The more helpers we have, the quicker the task will go. We are making an extra batch this year, so we could use extra helpers.

Thursday, Nov. 30 & Friday, Dec. 1 – from 1-7 p.m.

Drop off Baked Goods

Please bring your cookies/breads/fudge, etc. to the church kitchen so we can put them in tins to sell.

Friday, Dec. 1 – Holiday Café Items Needed 1-7 p.m.

Betty Sowers and Alba Ruhl will be welcoming your donations of soup, pies, beef BBQ, sticky buns, mac & cheese, buns and rice crispy treats for the Holiday Café. Put the items in the church kitchen.

Saturday, Dec. 2 – **Leacock's Bazaar** 8a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come shop! 26 tables will be filled with items to purchase. Stop at our café for breakfast and /or lunch. Delicious items will be available. Don't forget to buy our "famous" Peanut Butter Bon Bons for gift giving...they are the best!

Thanks ahead of time for all your help this year. Our bazaar is always a huge success due to our many helpers and givers. You are special ANGELS to us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Loretta & Lois

