

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”

Dale Wood

Invocation

**Call To Worship* (From Psalm 146, adapted from NRSV)

One: Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

**All: The LORD keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free,
opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down,**

One: The LORD loves the righteous, watches over the strangers,
and upholds the orphan and the widow;
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

All: Praise the LORD!

* *Hymn:* #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, please help and heal us. When it comes to our faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes we talk a better game than we play. We seek our own comfort but fail then to go further and comfort the distressed. We ask your forgiveness, but then do not forgive the people against whom we nurse grudges. We confess our belief in Christ, but avoid changing our lives to follow him in his way. Please do not give up on us. Give us faith’s courage and humility, both, to live and serve individually as Jesus’ disciples and together as his church. May your Spirit guide and sustain us. Amen.

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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:

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”
Chancel Choir

arr. William Briggs

Children’s Sermon (animal puppets, Nick and Max): “**Yip, Yip, Yap!**”
(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:6-18 (p.230)

**Hymn:* #686 “God of Our Life”

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34 (p.46)

Sermon: **Making It Real**

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: “They Know We Are Christians By Our Love” arr. Wilson
Doxology (p. 606)

**Hymn:* #756 “O God of Every Nation”

**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: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Lani Smith

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 for this service are offered with thanksgiving to God
by Dick and Debbie Sindall.

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 and next Sunday, November 4: Vicki & Tom Burkins

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Daniel Short

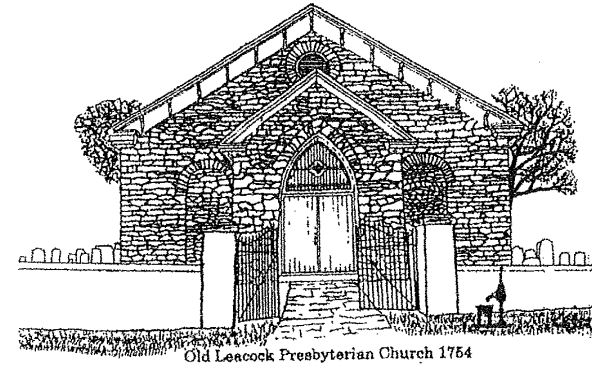
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	CCL Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next **Community Meal** will be held this **Thursday, Nov. 8** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign-up sheets for helpers and food donations are in the narthex. This will be our version of our Thanksgiving feast.

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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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.

The Session calls the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 11, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2019 and elect new officers for 2019. 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.

After the meeting we are honoring our **50 Year Members** and the **Bell and Chancel Choirs** at a special luncheon. Everyone is invited! Please call the church office to make your reservation.