

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Mary McDonald

Invocation

* *Call to Worship:*

Leader: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: God has said, "In the day of Salvation have I helped you."

People: Behold, Now is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Let us worship God.

**Hymn:* #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, our days are full of distractions, deadlines, and duties. No matter how hard we work, how well we plan, the unexpected emerges at what seems to be the wrong time. Forgive us when we fail to allow for Divine intervention or to allow the Eternal to touch the now, making it a present to us. Teach us anew that our times are in your hands and that it may be "for just such a time as this" that we have been placed where we are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the Good News. The mercy of the Lord is timeless, from everlasting to everlasting. God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, that we might have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace.

People: In the Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Choral 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)

Anthem: "Sing a New Song to the Lord"
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 90: 1-4, 10-12 (p.517)

**Hymn:* #687 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"
(This is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, our scripture)

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-17 (p.183)

Sermon: **Counting Days or Days that Count?**

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: "This Is My Father's World"

Robert Lau

Doxology (p.606)

**Hymn* #268 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**Benediction*

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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)

Postlude Festive Postlude or "A Mighty Fortress"
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Victor Johnson

*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 & Betty Smith
Given by David & Karen Smith 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.

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: Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey
Next Sunday: November 3: Karen Homsher & Elaine Gouba

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Donald & Betty Clark**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

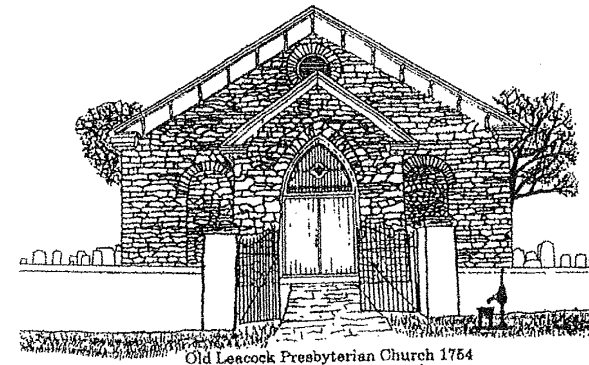
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Congregational Meeting is **Sunday, November 10**. After the meeting we are honoring our 50 Year Members, New Members and the Bell and Chancel Choirs at a special luncheon. Everyone is invited! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Please take a basket from the narthex and fill it with items for the **Leacock Christmas Bazaar!**

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 retired Presbyterian Pastor David Drain to the pulpit this morning!

David and his wife, Marion, are at the Willow Valley continuing care community. Natives of Philadelphia, they moved here from Lakeland, Florida. Prior to Lakeland, Florida, he served the Presbyterian Churches of Bristol, Pa and Wallingford, Pa.

The Session calls the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 10, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2020 and elect new officers for 2020. 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.

CHARACTER OF TIME

Counting Days or Days that Count?

CHRONOS

American

Measure

Minutes

Ends

Datebook

QUANTITY

Time

Chronological

Seconds

How long it lasts

Managing Time

Counting Days

KAIROS

African

Meaning

Moments

Endures

Destiny

QUALITY

Timing

Crisis (decisive)

Seasons

Is it lasting?

Meaningful Time

Days that Count.