

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 7, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Jesus Still Lead On" Robert Lau
Invocation

**Call To Worship* From Psalm 139, adapted

One: Where can we go from your Spirit?

All: Where can we flee from your presence?

One: If we ascend to heaven, you are there.

All: If we lie down in the earth in death, you are there.

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

All: Even the darkness is not dark to you.

One: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; examine us and know our thoughts.

All: See if there is any hurtful way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

*Hymn: #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (see download)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our hope and salvation, we confess that we need your grace to bring us healing and restore us to honest and valid life as Christ's people together in ministry. Selfishness divides us from each other and twists even our faith itself into religious self-serving. We are adept at hiding our true selves from others and even from our own eyes, but we cannot hide from you. Hear our prayers for healing, especially the prayers we don't know how to form into words, and call us anew to trust you, to care for each other and especially the most vulnerable, and to serve Jesus Christ in whom we know your love and mercy. May your Spirit strengthen us to represent him in a world so desperately in need of healing. 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. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "As the Deer (with Fairest Lord Jesus)" Anna Laura Page

Children's Sermon: "Max's Terrible Secret" (puppet parable)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: #169 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (see download)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 127:1-2 and Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: **God's Wacky Yardstick**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn: #756 "O God of Every Nation" (see download)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude: "All Now Sing Forth in Praise" Edward Broughton

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in honor of our Veterans and Missionaries
Given by Betty Sowers**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Robert Clark**

This morning we welcome **Rev. Richard Sindall** to the pulpit. Dick retired in July of 2012 after 40 years in pastoral ministry, 13 in Tamaqua, PA and 27 in Bridgeton, NJ. Dick's wife Debbie is a member of Leacock Presbyterian, and together they worship here with us and participate in the church's life and ministry. The Sindalls live in Lititz, and they have two adult sons also living in Lancaster County.

*****Peanut Butter Bonbons*****

We will be making peanut butter bonbons tomorrow, **Monday, November 8** at 10 a.m. and on **November 29**. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. *There is also a sign-up sheet to order bonbons.* You will be able to pick them up here at the church, or you can buy them at Loretta McClarigan's shop. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$6.50 per container.

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots box is in the narthex until the middle of December. Please give as you want, but we are in need of gifts for *six- to eight-year-old* boys and girls. Last season we gave to over 5,000 children. If it wasn't for Toys for Tots, there would be children who receive nothing for Christmas. There is much need in Lancaster County. Thanks ahead of time for your help! Dave Berkhimer



If you would like to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone or a special occasion **November 14 and November 28** are available. Please call the church office **717-687-6619**.

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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