

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Adagio"

Corelli

Invocation

* *Call To Worship*

Leader: We have come together to praise you, our God,
To hear your word of hope and salvation,
To be healed and strengthened for service.

**People: Do not let us depart unmoved by your love,
uninspired by the hope you offer us in Christ,
unchallenged by Jesus' call to discipleship.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus, your Christ.

**People: Help us with our unbelief, the weakness of our trust,
our faltering in discipleship,
and help us to strengthen each other's faith.**

* *Hymn:* #612 "We Praise You, O God"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Are you weary, God, of our prayers of confession? Do we tire you when we confess our need for mercy, but without intention to be changed by your grace? Jesus has made it clear that you long to forgive and heal, but just as clear that you will not be appeased by attempts to settle matters with you without change in us. Please don't be done with forgiving us, or we are lost; but don't let us brush you off with words not taken to heart. By your word and Spirit, change our minds, and enable us to change our ways. Transform love and justice from platitudes into desires and actions that make a difference in us and, also, a difference for the unloved and the victims of injustice, neglect, and cruelty. We pray in Jesus name; may we live in his way. 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)

Children's Sermon "Oh, I'm Sorry"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:11-20 (p.593)

**Hymn:* #757 "Today We Are Called to be Disciples"

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (p.39))

Sermon: "No Appeasement!"

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: "Face to Face"

Steven Scott

Doxology (p. 606)

**Hymn:* #372 "O for a World"

**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: "Come, Labor On"

Noble

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 given to the Glory of God
and in Honor of Janet & David Birch's 65th Wedding Anniversary

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 to take your children to the nursery

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robin, Cristen & Mackenzie Sharpe

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.

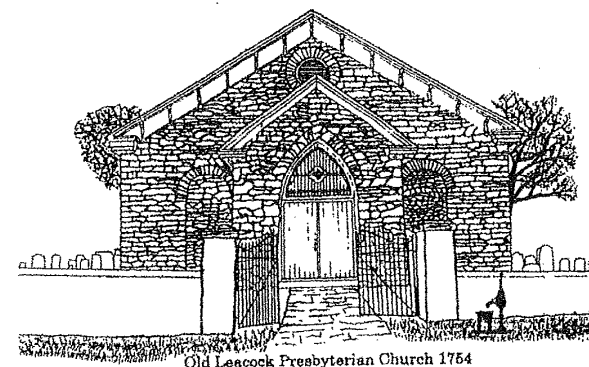
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| <u>TODAY</u> | 8:00 a.m. | Service of Worship Old Leacock |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship Paradise |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Hymn Sing |

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| <u>TUESDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Ed Committee Mtg. |
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| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Mission Committee Mtg. |
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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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is our last **Hymn Sing** at Old Leacock. Tom Perella will be leading us with his energy, and Dianne Yuninger will accompany the singing. What is your favorite hymn? How long has it been since you have sung it? Come out this evening and sing anew!



Old Leacock Day is next Sunday, September 9. There will be one service that day at 9:30 a.m. at Old Leacock. A picnic will follow the service. Hot dogs, rolls, drinks, silverware, cups, plates, napkins and condiments will be provided. Just bring a covered dish to share and chair to

sit on while you eat and visit with your church friends celebrating our heritage of worshiping at Old Leacock!

Please come and join us!

September is the used clothing month. Any time this month feel free to bring any and all your good, clean used clothing and leave it in the narthex. It will be taken to the **Lancaster Clothing Bank** for distribution to those who need it. So let's get moving and clean out those closets and drawers and get rid of those things that have been lying there and not been used! Someone can find them useful and helpful.

Flowers for the Church

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on **September 30** in honor or in memory of someone or for a special occasion.