

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (p.44)

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Mary McDonald

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Past the blessings or pain of the moment,

People: Lord, help us to know ourselves.

Leader: Past doubt and feeling forsaken,

People: Lord, help us to see you.

Leader: Past the healing in whatever form it comes,

People: Lord, help us to follow you on your way.

**Hymn:* #22 “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Faithful God, because you love us, you came in Christ to be with us.
Because you care, you never leave us. But when the pain is great, we can
lose you in our confusion. Then we question you. Then we doubt you.
Forgive us, Lord. We believe; help our unbelief. 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: “Neath Vine and Fig Tree”

setting Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Job 42:1-9 (p.462)

**Hymn:* #833 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Sermon: **When God Comes By**

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: “Nearer, Still Nearer”

Jason Payne

Doxology (p. 606)

**Hymn:* #793 “O Christ, the Healer” (to the tune of #223)

**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: “Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord” Mark Williams

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 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.

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: Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter
Next Sunday November 4: Vicki & Tom Burkins

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Allison Shirk**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
		No Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next **Community Meal** will be held on **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.

November 4 is open to purchase flowers for the sanctuary.

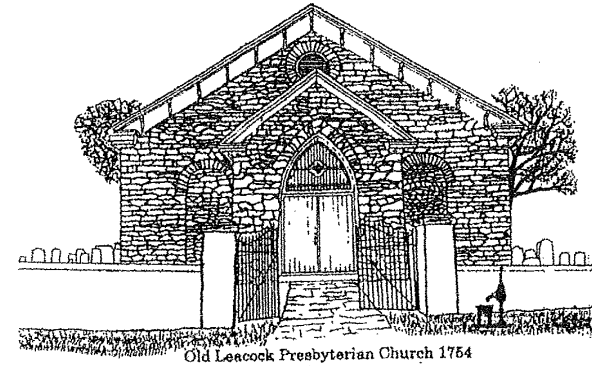
The Session calls the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 11, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2019 and elect new officers for 2019. A few copies of the budget are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you take one, please 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.

Congratulations to Greg and Lauren Mowrer!

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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