

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You" Robert Lau
(suggested reading during the prelude #345 GTG)

Invocation

* *Call to Worship (responsive) Adapted from Isaiah 55 and responsive to it*

One: Seek the LORD now, while the LORD may be found.

All: **LORD God, we seek the truth of your redemptive love.**

One: Call upon our God now, while God is near.

All: **May your Spirit join us in calling upon you,
our Creator and Redeemer.**

One: For God's thoughts are not like our thoughts;
neither are our ways like God's ways.

All: **May we seek and keep seeking the way of Jesus Christ,
and be strengthened to follow him in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**Hymn:* #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, please don't ever stop calling us back to yourself, then pointing us ahead toward the redeemed and healed world Jesus calls your kingdom. In Christ, we know you to be the God who seeks and rescues the lost, heals the angry and resentful, cares for the stranger, gives fresh hope to the depressed, forgives the guilty, restores the alienated, and lifts up the shamed. Forgive us for putting our comfort ahead of your demand for justice that heals and reconciles people. Please strengthen our faith in Christ to overcome our fears of change and our suspicion of people who differ from us. Make us true disciples of Jesus and agents of your redeeming love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***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)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon (animal puppets, Andrea, Nick and Jed): "See that Mouse?"

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:10-20 (p.)

**Hymn:* #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12:32-40 (p.)

Sermon: **Who's Rocking the Boat?**

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: "I Love to Tell the Story" Lucy Warriner

Doxology (p.606)

**Hymn* #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

**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 "Maestoso in C" G.B. Polleri
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 my daughter Beth
Given with love from her mom Shirley Musselman

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.

Please remember to silence your cell phone before the beginning of service.

NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Steven, Charlene, Forrest & Katherine Boas

We welcome *Rev. Richard E. Sindall* to the pulpit this morning. He retired in 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. Debbie is a member of Leacock Church. They have two adult sons, Dave and Jon.

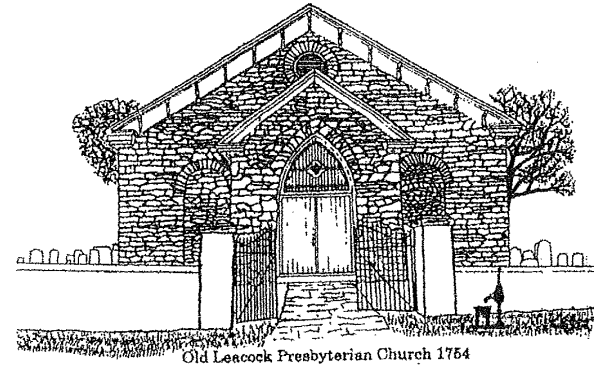
<u>TODAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Worship Old Leacock – Bounty Table
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise – Bounty Table
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Softball: Leacock vs. Grace Point
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Softball Finals** are here! It will be a best of 5 series between Grace Point and Leacock, with games starting at 7PM on Monday and Tuesday. The fifth game, if needed, will be at 7PM on Wednesday. Come out and support our team!

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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