

*GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "Deep River" Robert Lau  
*Invocation*

\* *Call to Worship:*

Leader: We gather in awe

**People: standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.**

Leader: We gather in faith

**People: trusting that the One who has held little children, holds our lives, in the heart of God.**

Leader: We gather in need

**People: seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.**

\**Hymn:* #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Surrounded by so many distractions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

*Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

People: **Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\***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*

*Anthem:* "The Journey" Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11, 12 (p.194)

\**Hymn:* #410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

*Second Scripture Reading:* Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:17-19 (p.821)

*Sermon:* **Don't Lose Heart**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\**Affirmation of Faith* – A Brief Statement of Faith Parts 4 & 5, page 38 in hymnal  
The Peace of Christ

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

*Offertory:* "Spiritual" Robert Lau

*Doxology* (p.606)

\**Hymn* #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

\**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* "For All the Saints" Gerhard Kraph  
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 given in Thankfulness to God  
by Dick & Debbie Sindall

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: Karen Homsher & Elaine Gouba

Next Sunday, November 10: Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Robert Clark**

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| <b><u>TODAY</u></b>     | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship Paradise        |
|                         | 10:45 a.m. | Adult Sunday School     |
| <b><u>MONDAY</u></b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Prayer Shawl Ministries |
|                         | 7:00 p.m.  | CCL                     |
| <b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> | 5:00 p.m.  | Crafting                |
|                         | 6:30 p.m.  | Bell Choir              |
|                         | 7:30 p.m.  | Chancel Choir           |
| <b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>  | 7:00 p.m.  | Mission Committee Mtg.  |

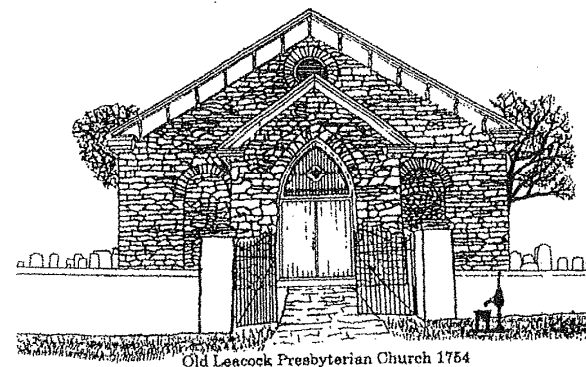
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 Rev. Patty Stoltzfus to the pulpit this morning.** She has recently concluded 29 years of service at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, PA, where she'd served as Director of Music and Associate Pastor. She currently is teaching music lessons alongside her husband, Dave, at The Malvern School of Music, as well enjoying watching their young granddaughter (Sammi Joy!) several days a week. She is especially happy and delighted to be back with the fine folks at Leacock Presbyterian.

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](mailto:leacock.secretary@gmail.com).

Our next **Community Meal** is Thursday, **November 14** from 5:30 to 6:30 in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for helpers and donations of food needed are in the narthex. Your help is deeply appreciated!