

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
(The Annual Meeting of the Congregation follows)



“For this reason I do not cease to give thanks.” Ephesians 1:15

THEME: Visioning a Renewed Nation and World

GATHERING

Prelude: “The King of Glory” Mary McDonald

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Let us worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us; we are God’s own; we are God’s people—the sheep of God’s pasture.

People: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.

Leader: For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn: #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (see download)

Prayer of the Day - The Gratitude Prayer

Holy God, as we prepare to conclude one season in the life of the church and begin a new, we gather in the season of thanks before us to express our gratitude for all we have received, physically and spiritually. You have canceled our ticket to darkness and gloom, so that we can be confident from the inside out. We pray for those suffering severely and unimaginably without confidence. We lift them up because we ourselves at times have been those in extreme need without hope. Somehow, some way, we pray that a glimmer of light and Your healing presence will come their way. Open our hearts to humility and compassion. Grant us faith to believe you will provide a future where we

struggle to see one. We pray for an end to distrust and divide, and for the unity you suffered to bring to this world and on a final day will bring about. We pray that bitterness may turn to joy so that our lives may bear good fruit. Remove the hatred, fears, and division that tear at the very foundation of human community. May your Spirit work tirelessly to bring about the common good even though we do not all agree, as we pledge ourselves to work tirelessly for a renewed vision and a renewed world. For the sake of all desperate hearts, in bold confidence and with thanksgiving, and through Christ our brother, we pray. AMEN

Children’s Moment: “A Season for Everything”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Percussive Praise” K. McChesney
Bell Choir

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Sermon “Good Pasture for All”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Confession

Hymn: #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vss. 1-2 only) (see download)

Words of Institution and Receiving the Bread and Cup (*hold until all have received*)

Response: #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vss. 3-4)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Abundant Gifts, and the Reign of Christ to come, may our simple gifts transform our own hearts, uphold the outreach of our churches, and bless the communities around us hungry for good news. We thank You for the privileges we enjoy and all the amazing gifts that come from Your hand. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Kelsi Shenk

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of
Dr. Curtis and Mrs. Phyllis Zillhardt**

The **Congregational Meeting** will be held today following worship

Our **Sanctuary Decorating Party** is this afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Come help us get ready for the Advent/Christmas season. Music and refreshments!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Gather with us this Wednesday evening November 23 at 7:00 pm at Old Leacock for a time of praise and prayers as we celebrate God's bountiful blessings.

We will be making **Peanut Butter Bonbons** again on Monday, **November 28**. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. There is also a signup 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, or at our Christmas Bazaar. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$7.00 per container.

Remember our **At-Home Members** during the holidays! There is a list the back of the sanctuary.

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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