

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Old Leacock Day



**“But let justice roll on like a river, and
righteousness like a never-failing stream!”
Amos 5: 24**

GATHERING

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” Johann Walther

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

***Call to Worship** Psalm 100
A Psalm for giving grateful praise

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God’s;
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 and praise God’s name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good and God’s love endures forever; God’s faithfulness
continues through all generations.

People: And so we worship and praise the LORD!

*Hymn: #406 “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” (3 times) (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

**O God of all creation, the earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You touch
the leaves with the dew of the morning; you send the breezes to cool the night.
The trees are laden with fruit because of your blessing; fields produce crops
because of your care. As you watch over your people and fill all their needs,
now send forth your Spirit and be present among us. We lift up our heads and
give you praise in Christ’s name. AMEN**

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31

Sermon: **“In the Beginning, God”**

Affirmation of Faith

Oh God of all creation, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You created
the earth and all that is. You chose a special people and you are still choosing, still
reaching out, still claiming with the promise of making all things new. You charge
us to be ensigns of faith, bearers of good news, and compassionate co-creators with
you. Feed and nourish us now with your very spirit. Toward common identity and
purpose, bless us always in this high calling to which we are called. AMEN

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Hymn: #840 “When Peace Like a River” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “What Is This Place?” (GTG #404)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that You have given us. In
the upside down world of the gospel, help us to measure our wealth not by
what we have, but by what we can apply toward the work of the kingdom and
toward blessing others. Enable us to live meaningfully and graciously, being as
generous as we can with those things we are blessed to possess, with gratitude
for all the gifts of your creation. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

All Worshipers

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

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

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Ruth Bryson

Announcements

Today is **Old Leacock Day**. A picnic, games and fellowship will follow worship and Communion. There is no service at Paradise.

PNC meets Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The church **Nominating Committee** will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Library on **Tuesday, Sept. 12**. Hopefully, this will be their final meeting for the year.

The **Mission Committee** will meet in the Library at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 13**. Anyone interested is welcome to come and join us. We welcome **NEW** blood!

We're going to a **Barnstormer's Game!** Saturday, Sept. 16 at 6:30pm. There is still time to sign up for a ticket with Mark Andrews to enjoy this congregational outing. It's the last game of the season.

Following worship next **Sunday, September 17** the **Deacons** will meet in the Library.

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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