

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Theme: The Nature of Saints

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Ruth said, “Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall
be my people, and your God my God.” Ruth
1:16

GATHERING

Prelude: “Pastorale on 'Blessed Assurance” Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

People: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne; Glory to the Lamb!

Leader: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us.

People: Salvation belongs to our God, who from of old delivered his Chosen Ones and has opened the door to all who will believe!

Leader: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

People: Salvation belongs to our God, who continues to call this world and our lives to healing, wholeness, and peace!

Leader: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

People: We join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that with all the saints—past, present, and future—we may share in God’s abundant life. AMEN

*Hymn: #326 “For All the Saints”

*Prayer of the Day

Lord of our lives, you have privileged us to belong to a wonderful universal church. We offer thanks for so many faithful examples to draw from, and so many stories of faith that inspire our trust in you. May we, too, be a source of encouragement to those around us. Help us to shine as a resilient light, so that future generations may look upon our example and be inspired in their own journey. Forgive us for ways we fail in our trust or falter in our conviction. When we waver in the faith, draw us back into the great company of those who have gone before and those who journey by our side. Keep us hungry and thirsty for your word and nourish our souls. Teach us to listen and heed all your promises that we might receive the abundance of your inexhaustible grace. Through Christ we pray. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Meditation: “Psalm 23” Gordon Young

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

Sermon: “**Brave Saints on the Move**”

*Hymn: #42 “Your Faithfulness, O God, Is Sure”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate God, you weep with all saints on their challenging journeys as you did with Naomi and her daughters-in-law. We offer our gratitude for the eternal hope you provide. When we present our gifts for the work of the church, use them to bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions transform our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Once to Every Man and Nation" Gordon Young
(please remain 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 Family this week: Carroll R. Jr. & Carol A. Shearer

**The Sanctuary Flowers are given with thanks to God
by Dick & Debbie Sindall**

Announcements

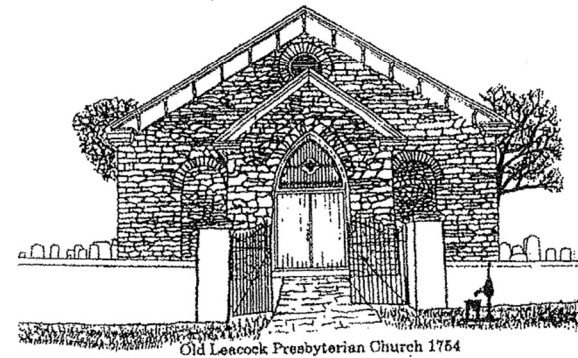
Chancel Choir will rehearse following worship.

Our prayers especially go out to our presbytery's Stated Clerk, the **Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson**, and Clerk of the Synod of the Trinity, as he concludes his leadership among us at the close of this year. In January 2025 he takes up a full-time position with the Board of Pensions as Director of Education, Arc of Ministry. This position will allow him to use his educational gifts to create new ways to support ministry leaders throughout the entirety of their ministry toward sustainability. We are grateful for all he has done to support our congregations.

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Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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