

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Pentecost  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
Theme: Resilient Saints

Sunday, November 17, 2024



“A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins,  
which are worth a penny.” Mark 12:42

*GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, when contention and disharmony rule in the public arena,  
when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

**People: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

Leader: When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and  
destruction, Jesus says:

**People: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

Leader: When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of  
trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

**People: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

Leader: Children of God, whatever causes you to feel unsteady, insecure, scared,  
and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

**People: We come to worship God who inscribes upon our beginnings, our  
endings, and everything in-between the mark of Love. Thanks be to  
God! AMEN**

\*Hymn: #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

\*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer  
that truth to God.

**People: O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss  
– at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is  
not right in our world, yet each of us has our own version of what is wrong.  
There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live  
with power that harms others rather than provide for the common good of our  
shared humanity. There are too many who live misguided by untruth and fear.  
There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to  
you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with  
you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that  
which heals and brings joy. Hear us again, as we offer up our confession in  
silence. (*Silent confession*).**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Let us go out into the world as people made new by God. AMEN**

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “Give Thanks” setting Henry Wilson

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: “The Measure of Generosity”

\*Hymn: #313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Merciful God, whose wisdom surpasses all understanding, we offer our  
gifts as a token of our faith and devotion. In a world full of uncertainties, may  
these offerings be used to spread hope that can only come from You. Amid the  
noise and impeding interests of our time, entrust to us Your steadfast presence.  
Bless our giving, that it may build Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In  
Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #69 "Here I Am, Lord"

Charge and Benediction

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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: Kelsey Shenk**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of my November Boys' Birthdays  
Happy Birthday to Michael, Jaxson, Steve and Ryder  
Given by Sue Funk**

**Announcements**

\*\*\*Today we will collect loose coins and put them in cans and jars as part of the sermon with plans to use them as a special offering. \*\*\*

**The Session calls for a meeting of the congregation today immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and approve the pastor's Terms of Call for 2025.**

There will be no choir rehearsal today.

Next week is **Christ the King Sunday** with **Communion**.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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