Twenty-Seventh Sunday of PentecostSunday, November 17, 2024ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONTheme: Resilient Saints



"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. ***

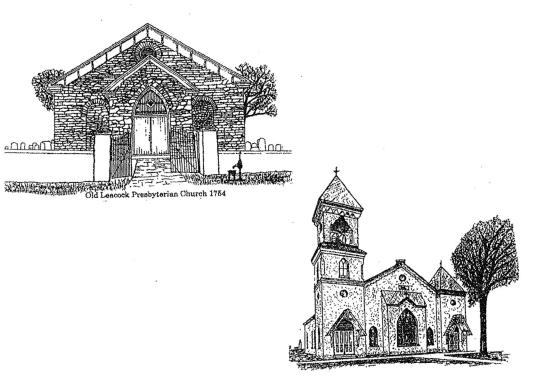
The Session calls for a meeting of the congregation today immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and approve the pastor's Terms of Call for 2025.

There will be no choir rehearsal today.

Next week is Christ the King Sunday with Communion.

Leacock Presbyterían Church

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