

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2012

GATHERING

Prelude: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Robert Lau
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Invocation
Announcements
Passing the Peace of Christ

Third Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Love

“Light of Hope” Chancel Choir Joel Raney

Responsive Litany

Leader: Love is more than a flicker within the human heart.

People: Lord, reveal your love, and make us new,

Leader: In a hurried world with little time for others, Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is patient.

Leader: In a world where often we become consumed by our own interests, Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is kind.

Leader: In a world where often we are quick to anger and slow to forgive, Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is not easily angered, and through love we come to forgive.

Leader: This Advent let us behold the love of God embodied in our Savior’s birth.

People: God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them.

Advent Candle Lighting – 8:00 – Fieldsa Family & 10:30 – Berkheimer Family

Congregational Response – “Light of Hope” (see insert)

Prayer

*Hymn: #2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Were You There on That Christmas Night”

Natalie Sleeth

8:00 – Duet: Robbin and Stephan Englehart

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p.826); Philippians 4:4-7 (p. 187)

*Hymn: #29 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 3:7-18 (p. 56)

Sermon: **REJOICE!**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Merciful God, in Christ you come to us. You want for us life and love and joy. But we pursue our own way. When we could share ourselves, instead we guard ourselves. When we could be gentle, we are harsh and judge and wound. Help us to come to you, oh, Lord. Forgive us; heal us. Help us to find your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Wilbur Held

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #59 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Fanfare on ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’”

Robert Hobby

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Tracy Dippner

10:30 – Michele & Lea Lichty

The Poinsettia is in Loving Memory of
Kathleen Ann Beckett
Given by her family

The Rose is in Celebration of the Birth of
Camila Elaine, daughter of Robert Jr. & Elaine Dyer
She was born on December 12, 2012, 7lb 2.9oz.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Matthew & Michele Lichty
Ian, Lea, Sara
19 Hershey Avenue
Paradise, PA 17562

TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

11:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday Singles Group

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY:

7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Taryn Shenk

10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$5,194.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$65,895.71

The Community Meal will be Thursday, Dec. 27th. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

All women interested in exploring the current or future status of Presbyterian Women at Leacock Presbyterian Church are to meet Monday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Kris Shirk with any questions you may have 687-8243.

Come join us Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. for 20 minutes of silent prayer. Information about the prayer process can be found in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please call Marie Brackbill at 768-8470.

Please take your offering envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2013 in the Narthex on the table beside the Welcome Center. This would save the church a lot of money so we do not have to mail them. Please take your neighbors or someone you might see in your passings.