

1st Sunday After Christmas

December 30, 2012

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "Worship of the Angelic Host"

Allen James

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to the Lord's house, listening for his word.

**People: Help us, Lord, to grow in our wisdom.**

Leader: We come to the Lord's house, seeking how we may serve.

**People: Help us, Lord, to grow in our love.**

Leader: Before the Lord, we are children.

**People: Help us, Lord, to grow into your grace.**

\*Hymn: #28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of grace, you have chosen us to live lives of grace. Yet too often when we are to heal, instead we hurt. When we are to be kind, we are cruel. When we are to be humble and meek, we insist on ourselves. And when we are to bear with one another, to be patient and forgiving, instead we judge and turn away. Lord, still we ask that you forgive us. Help us to grow in love. Fill us with your peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Mary, Did You Know"

Solo: Jenny Keenan

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26(p 235); Colossians 3:12-17(p 190)

\*Hymn: #29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Children's Sermon

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52 (p 55)

Sermon: **GROWING INTO GOD**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Nicene Creed (p. 15)(Traditional Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Wilbur Held

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #49 "Once in Royal David's City"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

Gordon Young

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 – Taryn Shenk

10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

The Poinsettia is to “Thank” David Homsher for his years of dedication to being our outdoor sexton. He has preformed a wonderful job and the beauty of the church grounds has shown it. He has done countless jobs for us and he has decided to hang up his gardening gloves, so please tell David what a wonderful job he has done for our church.

**Thank you David!**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Nick & Evie Lopez  
3413 Lincoln Hwy. East  
Paradise, PA 17562

In the hospital: Peter Conway, Lancaster General, Room 5812

**TODAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

**TUESDAY: Happy New Year**

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

**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 – Cathy Shenk  
10:30 – Lauren & Ruth Anne Appel

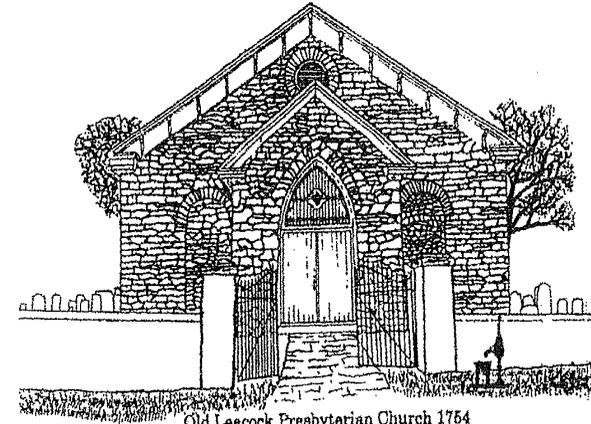
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week’s offering total was \$3,971.00  
Total in Organ Fund is \$66,445.71  
Christmas Eve offering was \$417.50

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

# 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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