

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013

GATHERING

Prelude: "Were You There?"

arr. Lynn Petersen

Invocation

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of Lent, let us search our hearts.

People: May we come to ourselves; may we return to the Lord.

Leader: We need not fear to go home.

People: For there one awaits us with joy.

Leader: Through Christ, we can make our peace with God.

People: Let us make our peace with each other.

*Hymn: #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, so great is your love! So great is your grace! When you look at us, you do not see a broken person; you do not dwell on all the wrong turns, the mistakes large and small. You see someone made new in Christ. But still, we see each other in the old ways. Still, we see the imperfections, the things we'd change. Still, we judge. And then we cannot see you. Forgive us, Lord. Make us new creations again and again, until we see with new sight. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "On River Jordan's Bank I Stand"

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Joshua 5:9-12 (p. 188); 2 Cor. 5:16-21 (p. 170)

*Hymn: (pg. 26, *Leacock Sings*) "O How He Loves You and Me"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 73)

Sermon: **COMING HOME**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Passing the Peace of Christ

* *From the Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men to be reconciled to God and one another.

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Abide with Us, Our Savior"

Robert Powell

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: (Insert on back of Easter flower form) "Softly and Tenderly"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Robert Lau

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 – Scott Shenk

10:30 – Donald Fieldsa & Christy Taub

The Sanctuary Flowers are in honor of the volunteers of Leacock Church. There are so many people who give so much of their time and or talent and we have no idea who does the job; we just know that it gets done. Just to give you an idea of who might perform some of the behind the scene jobs is Carol Shearer. For 30 years she has acted as a Treasurer every Sunday. Or maybe you didn't know that Harold Yuninger is the one who opens the churches and makes sure the temperature is just right and the lights are on for you to enjoy worship every Sunday. This is just two of so many who do things every week. Please thank these wonderful people and start looking around and maybe you might think of someone who also performs a duty such as these to whom you can say "Thank you" to.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Matthew McClarigan
PO Box 202
Paradise, PA 17562

TODAY: Girl Scout Sunday

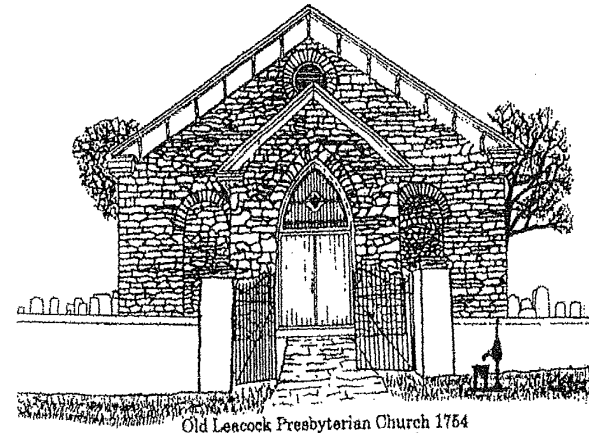
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

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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TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Stewardship

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

SATURDAY:

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting, Central PC

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 – Janet Huffman

 10:30 – Michele & Lea Lichty

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,906.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$68,665.65

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering runs through Lent.

Envelopes are available in the pews. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special fund for people in need.

Cookies for LVC Choir: We would greatly appreciate your help in providing dessert for the LVC Concert Choir on March 23. If you would be willing to provide cookies, either homemade or “store bought,” please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex. The cookies would need to be at the church by noon on Saturday, March 23. Thank you.

Caring Families - Please remember to pick up the list of the members in your caring family on the table out in the narthex. If you see an envelope on the table for a member of your caring family, you might also consider picking up that and delivering it to him or her.

Once everyone has a list, we hope you will look out for the members of your Leacock caring family, so that you're aware when they're sick, or in need of some comfort for other reasons; send them cards or call them on the phone; ask for or offer rides to church events when wanted or needed; visit each other when the mood strikes, etc., but we also encourage you to have fun with each other, however your family wants to define “fun.” Rejoice in each other as Christ would have us do.

Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir – What a beautiful way to usher in Holy Week! The LVC Concert Choir is including Leacock on its 77th Annual Spring Tour with a concert in our sanctuary on Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. This 81-voice ensemble includes Leacock's own Stephan Englehart. Their program entitled “With Cheerful Voice” will include choral works from around the world, both sacred and secular. Be sure to put this event on your calendar, invite others, and enjoy a special Lenten blessing. (A free will offering will be contributed to our Organ Fund.)

Safe Families for Children is in Partnership with The Factory Ministries. Safe Families for Children helps parents experiencing a temporary crisis arrange for their children to stay with a loving family until the crisis has passed. Safe Families Plus is an extension of the Safe Families for youth who are aging out of the child welfare system. For more information please pick up information in the Narthex or in the back of the Sanctuary.

Paradise/East Lampeter Community Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on March 24th at 7a.m. at Plain and Fancy. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Chuck Holt. Please pick up a flyer in back of Sanctuary or contact office.

EASTER PLANTS

Easter plants may be placed in memory of someone deceased or in honor of someone living. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by Sunday, March 10. The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the Easter bulletin. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your plant(s) to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We _____

wish to order

Mini Daffodils \$7.50 Hyacinth \$7.00 Tulip \$5.50 Easter Lily \$7.50

in Memory of _____ or

in Honor of _____

Please place a (✓) if your plant(s) is to be taken to an at-home member by our
deacons _____

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, MARCH 10