

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

*GATHERING*

Prelude: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

arr. Diane Bish

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--8:00 service, The Dippners

--10:30 service, The Lichtys

**Congregation:** Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift up your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has come; the Lord will come again.

**People: Let us be patient until the coming of the Lord.**

Leader: Good news has come to the poor.

**People: Let us be patient, for the healing of the world has begun.**

Leader: Blessed are those who walk the Way of the Lord.

**People: Let us be patient with one another.**

\*Hymn: #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful Lord, in Jesus the good news of grace came to a hurting world. Your Kingdom was begun. Yet still we wait for your reign to be fulfilled. And in our waiting, we grow impatient. We worry; we hurt; and then we hurt each other. Lord, be patient with us. Lend us the strength we need. Show us the way to peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;

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*PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Alleluia, He Comes to Us"

arr. Michael Keller

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 623); James 5:7-10 (p. 217)

\*Hymn: #16 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 (p. 10)

Sermon: **"OPENING THE DOOR"**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Robert Lau

\*Doxology

O glorious God to You we bring

All that we are as offering

Spirit of joy, within us dwell;

Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

\*Hymn: #27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "People, Look East"

Daryl Hollinger

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 – Michele & Lea Lichty

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

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Grace Stirba

121 Mt. Pleasant Rd.  
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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singles Group

**MONDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (No newsletter article is due)

**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

**THURSDAY:**

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

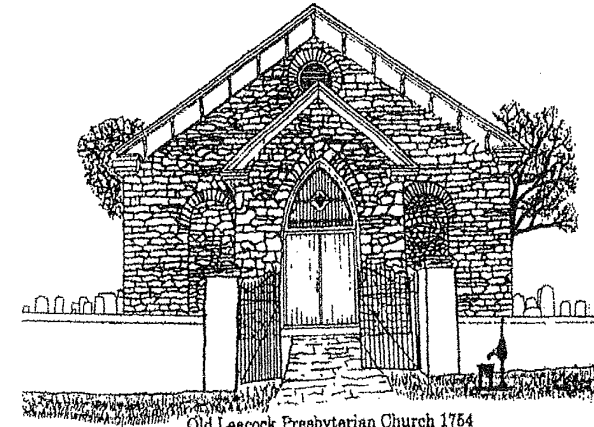
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$4071.00

The organ fund raised \$26.51 from their night out at Ruby Tuesday

# 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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The December/January issue of the *LEACOCK COMMUNICATOR* is available free at the back of the sanctuary for anyone not on our mailing list.

**The Community Meal** will be this Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex.  
Thank you. Mission Committee

The January/February issue of the **UPPER ROOM** devotional in both regular and LARGE print is available free at the back of the sanctuary.

**DEACONS:** Please pick up poinsettia and Upper Room for your shut-ins by the Memorial Garden windows in the Narthex.

**Please take your offering envelopes.** Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2014 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.

**Christmas cards for at-home members.** Today is your last chance to sign the cards for our at-home members. Please look for the cards in the Narthex for our at-home members and take a minute to sign it and possibly write a brief message.

**The Caring Tree** items are due today. Gifts given through The Factory SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED.

**The devastation that hit Illinois** is terrible. We have reached out to a local church there, Washington Presbyterian Church, some of whose members have lost their homes. Things we do not even think about that we have access to every day like toiletries, medication, food, clothing, etc. they no longer have. If you would like to help this community in their time of need, you can do so by purchasing a gift card for CVS, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's, Sears, JCPenney or a prepaid debit Visa card. If you prefer to just give a donation, please let the Mission Committee or office know.