

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2013

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Wilbur Held

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, when it is darkest, help us to remember your light,

People: For your love is strong and never ends.

Leader: When our backs are weary, help us to trust in you,

People: For you will carry us in your loving arms.

Leader: When we feel alone, help us to turn to you,

People: For, Lord, now and forever you are our brother.

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

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord of light, have mercy on us. For in our broken ways, we try to put out your light. Lord of love, have mercy on us. For though you do not forget us, too often we do forget you. Lord of grace, have mercy on us. For though you claim us as brother or sister, we turn away from our sisters and brothers. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Create us anew. 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: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

Sussex Carol

Solo – Paul Hughes

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9 (p. 652); Hebrews 2:10-18 (p. 215)

*Hymn: #37 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 2)

Sermon: **WHAT IF GOD WERE ONE OF US?**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "The Snow Lay on the Ground"

Wilbur Held

*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: #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Robert Thygerson

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 – Deb Sindall
10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

The Poinsettia is to thank David Berkhimer, Bob Hershey and Scott Shenk. Their years of service to this church as Trustees has been wonderful and very appreciated. Please thank them and tell them what a wonderful job they have done.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Carol Sanville who passed away on December 25, 2013. Carol was the daughter to Bill and Jeanne Menges.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Shelly Summers
Stephanie Sweigart, Camren
404 New Holland Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17602

TODAY:

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

WEDNESDAY: HAPPY NEW YEAR

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY:

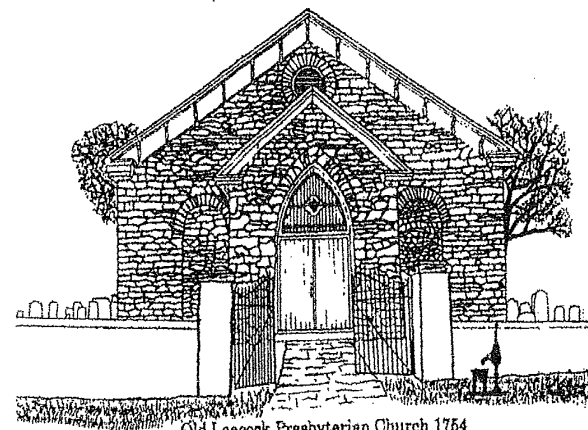
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10:30 – Lauren & Ruth Anne Appel

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$10,627.56

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 Leacock Presbyterian Women will be holding our annual meeting on Monday, January 20 at 7:15. On our agenda is an update of the kitchen renovation, the outcome of the bazaar, and any plans we need to make for the year 2014. All women of the church are invited; we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Alternate weather date: January 27. Any questions: contact Marie Brackbill.

The Session, in an effort to care for the health and safety of our members, has adopted the following severe weather policy: In case of severe weather, the 8:00 a.m. service of worship and Sunday School will be cancelled. There will be a 10:30 service, if at all possible; however, please do not attempt to come if you do not feel it's safe. Such a decision will be made by 5:30 a.m. by the pastor and communicated through the church website, phone answering machine message, and media outlets.

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 that of someone you might see in passing.

While Rev. Birch is gone, Rev. Steve Getty will be available for Pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reached at 717-768-8343 or, as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.