

2nd Sunday After Christmas

January 5, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude: “We Three Kings”

Janet Linker

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

Leader: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory shall appear over you.

People: Life up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Hymn: #66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Giving and most gracious Lord, forgive us. You have blessed us abundantly with many gifts, yet still we ask for more. Often we are more concerned with what we receive, than with what we can give. We forget that all we have comes from you and engage in wars of one-upmanship, envy and pride. Have mercy on us. Create in us a giving spirit and fill our hearts with your generous love so that we may willingly offer our own gifts to each other and to you.

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: 10:30 – “O Morning Star”

Lani Smith

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (p. 504); Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 181)

*Hymn: #63 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

Children’s Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 34)

Sermon: **THREE GIFTS**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

arr. Robert Thygerson

*Doxology

O glorious God to You we bring

All that we are as offering

Spirit of joy, within us dwell;

Robert Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hymn: #391 “Take My Life”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “As With Gladness Men of Old”

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The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

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 – Cathy Shenk

10:30 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory
of Janice M. Homsher

By David and Karen Homsher and Family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Betty Taylor

433 S. Kinzer Ave.

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New Holland, PA 17557

TODAY:

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

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

MONDAY:

7:00 a.m. PW Walk

7:30 a.m. PW Sunrise Bible Study & Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY:

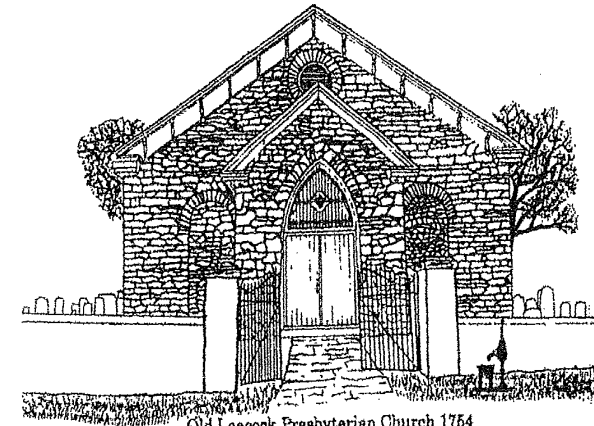
7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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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THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study at the home of Arlene Brackbill

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

SATURDAY:

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Session Retreat at the Presbytery Office

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 – Skip Brackbill

 10:30 – Mike Hartmann

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$5,095.00

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.

The per capita is \$29.46 per member. Please use the envelope found in the beginning of your envelope box. This pays the overhead of our General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery offices.

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.

BLANKET SUNDAYS- The next 2 Sundays are Blanket Sundays. \$5.00 will provide a blanket for someone in need. Please place your contribution in an envelope located in the pew. Thank you, Mission Committee

Faith and Film – An adult discussion course, will begin next Sunday, January 12. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the Library for planning and introductory conversation. Using our faith as a “lens,” we will view and discuss, during the following weeks, films that present a variety of cultural and contemporary issues. Each meeting will involve a separate film and discussion. Want to know more? Call David Homsher at 687-6469.

Youth Group – The youth, after a Christmas break, will meet on Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the youth lounge. We'll be planning our trip into Philadelphia, so hope to see you there.

Senior High Sunday School – Beginning January 19th, the senior high youth will have Sunday school every other Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. (on the Sunday mornings that we don't have youth group). We hope you will join us for reading and discussion lectionary texts. On the Sundays we do have youth, the senior high youth are welcome to join the adult Sunday school class to discuss movies and their connections to faith. Some of the movies will be rated R, so youth under the age of 18 will need to have their parent's permission to attend.

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.

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.