4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Invocation Rick Founds

*Call to Worship

Leader:	Consider our call, brothers and sisters.
People:	We are not powerful, noble, or wise.
Leader:	Still, our Lord has chosen us.
People:	We are to be the blessed.
Leader:	What does the Lord require of us?
People:	To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

*Hymn: **#285** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us how to live. But instead of being humble, we think we alone are right. Instead of being merciful, we judge. Instead of making peace, we divide. Humble us, Lord. Have mercy on us. Heal us, so that we may know your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Sparrow"

Audrey Assad and Kyle Lee

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer First Scripture Readings: Micah 6:1-8(p. 816); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31(p. 156) *Hymn: **#386** "O for a World" Children's Sermon Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls (10:30 a.m. service) Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 4) Sermon: WHOSE IMAGE?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith- from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book Offertory: "El Shaddai" Michael Card and John Thompson *Doxology (p. 592) *Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine," pg 10, *Leacock Sings* *Benediction Silent Prayer (be seated) Postlude: "Ancient of Days" Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill 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 – Michele McLaughlin 10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Raymond and Aleta Herr Given by the Glenn Herr Family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Joseph & Sharon Williams 30 Londonvale Road Gordonville, PA 17529

<u>TODAY:</u> Souper Bowl Sunday

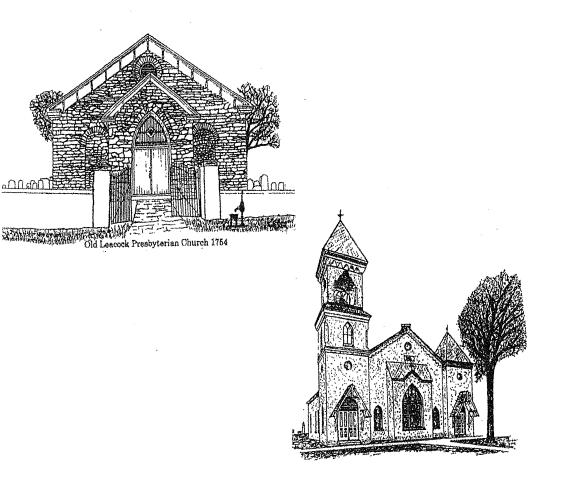
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

MONDAY:

7:00 a.m. PW Walk
7:30 a.m. PW Sunrise Bible Study and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. CO/CL Meeting

Leacock Presbyterían Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



3181 Lincoln Highway East Paradise, PA 17562 Telephone: 687-6619 www.leacockpres.org WEDNESDAY: 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>:

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 – Deb Sindall
10:30 – Charlene Boas and Sharon Williams

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$2,994.06

BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION - Today Boy Scouts of all ages are being recognized. This organization has been a positive influence on many young men in this country. This is a day to remind us that young men still enjoy scouting and that the older scouts can reclaim fond memories of their youth.

The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, February 16 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service of worship. This meeting is called for the purpose of examining and approving the Annual Reports for 2013 and conducting any other business that is brought before the congregation.

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.

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.**

Offering statements are ready for you to pick-up. They are in a box on a table in the Narthex.

A new year has begun and perhaps some time has opened up on your calendar. Have you ever thought about joining a committee and seeing how you can help with the many tasks the church committees perform. Every committee could use someone and new/fresh ideas.

February's special offering is for the Building & Fund. The money collected will be used for some very much needed repairs to the all of the church properties. Thank you, Your Trustees

Solfege Soup Fest – Saturday, February 8[•] Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville. Come enjoy an evening of Soup, Salad, Sundaes and Songs featuring SLC Community Choirs'. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. with concert at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted to benefit the SLC Community Choir General Fund. Email questions to <u>slccommunitychoirs@hotmail.com</u>

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