

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

## GATHERING

Prelude: Variation on 'Wondrous Love'

Robert Lau

"What wondrous love is this, O my soul..."

Invocation

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Hear the word! God calls us to go.

**People: Lord, grant us the wisdom to know where you send us.**

Leader: Attend to the promise of the Lord who loves the world.

**People: Lord, grant us the faith to trust your grace.**

Leader: Listen to the wind, to the Spirit blowing through our lives.

**People: Lord, grant us the courage to live.**

\*Hymn: #485 "To God Be the Glory"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of grace, the world you created in love is broken; we are broken. Yet, in Christ you seek not to condemn, but rather to save. You call us; you send us to do works of love and healing in your world. But we do not always go. We withhold love; we hurt instead of heal. We condemn, when we should save. Forgive us, Lord, again. Heal us. Make us strong to do your will. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a (p 9); Romans 4:1-5, 13-17(p 144)

\*Hymn: #286 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17(p 88)

Sermon: **BLOWING IN THE WIND**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith, from *Common Worship*

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**People: We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**People: We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**People: We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

**People: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Wondrous Love"

Gordon Young

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: Variation on 'Wondrous Love'

Robert Lau

"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on..."

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 – Janet Huffman

10:30 – Michele & Lea Lichty

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: H. Donald & Beatrice Andrews

7 Lynwood Road

Ronks, PA 17572

**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

7:00 p.m. Book Discussion

**MONDAY:**

7:00 a.m. PW Walk

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

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Trustee/Session Meeting

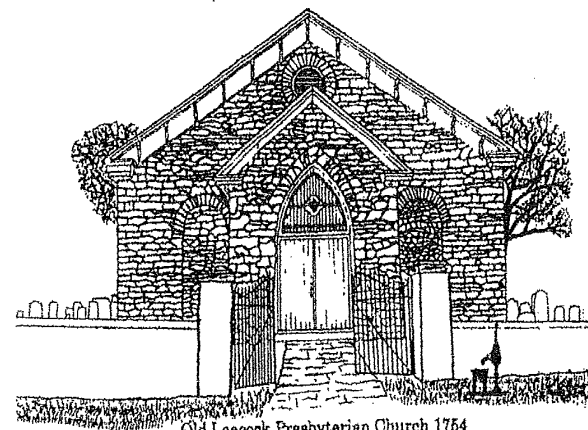
**TUESDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

# 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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**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**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 – Ellen Barnes

10:30 – Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$4,789.00

**SAVE THE DATE** – Mark your calendars now for April 27 at 3:00 p.m. when Servant Stage Company will be here to present a Gospel Concert “I’ll Fly Away.” The concert promises to be a hand-clapping, foot-stomping, uplifting affair of fiddles, banjos, and harmonies, including songs such as “I’ll Fly Away,” “His Eye Is on the Sparrow,” and “Down to the River to Pray” performed by a cast of more than 20 vocalists and instrumentalists.

**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.

**Presbyterian Women** will be collecting used clothing, *still in nice, clean shape*, for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. Please put your donations in the Narthex March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**The Community Meal** is Thursday, March 27. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex.

Thank you.

Mission Committee

**New office hours** – We are TRYING something new. Instead of Rev. Birch having off on Monday and the office being closed, he will be in the office from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Michele will still be in the office Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The idea is to have the office open for more hours, five days a week. Let us know what you think. With this change also comes the change of the day the bulletin will be done. Please have any bulletin information to the office by Wednesday morning.

**Lenten Gatherings!** This year, there are two opportunities to reflect during this season of Lent. Here at Leacock, on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. we are gathering for a meal, fellowship, and reflections on the place of meals in the ministry of Jesus. At noon on Tuesday, the Strasburg Ministerium is offering a meal and worship service at First Presbyterian Church. Please consider coming to one, or better both, in this time of preparation.