

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Raymond Haan

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--8:00 service, Skip and Marie Brackbill

--10:30 service, Steve, Charlene and Catherine Boas

*Congregation: Verses 1 of #85 “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has come!

**People: Let us be grateful for the coming of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord will come again!

**People: Let us be ready for the coming of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us not be afraid of the coming of the Lord.

**People: Let us say, Come, Lord Jesus!**

\*Hymn: #82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus!”

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

**Dear Lord, we say we love you. We say we need you. We say we long for you to be near. And you come to us. But too often, Lord, we hide when you come. For we have done wrong and we know it. We harbor grudges and don't forgive. We hurt because we've been hurt. We give our love to some and not to others. We are a proud people, when we should be humble. Forgive us, Lord. Do not forever remember our wrong. Remember we are your children. Come to us, again. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 581)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: 10:30 – “People Look East”

arr. John Leavitt

Chancel Choir (*GTG# 105*)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 652); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p. 155)

\*Hymn: #92 “While We Are Waiting, Come”

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37 (p. 47)

Sermon: **UNCOMMON EXPECTATIONS**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “From Heaven Above”

Gordon Young

\*Doxology (p. 606)

\*Hymn: #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Wake, Awake”

Felix Mendelssohn

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 – Karen Boyer  
10:30 – Marie Brackbill & Mike Hartmann

The Poinsettia is to thank our Missionaries.  
We appreciate the time and effort you devote  
to spreading the good word and helping  
those who are less fortunate.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: James and Joan Farr  
Box 38, SIL  
Ukarumpa, E. H. P. 444  
Papua New Guinea

**TODAY: Advent**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship  
5:00 p.m. Family Advent Night

**MONDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 Christian Ed Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY:**

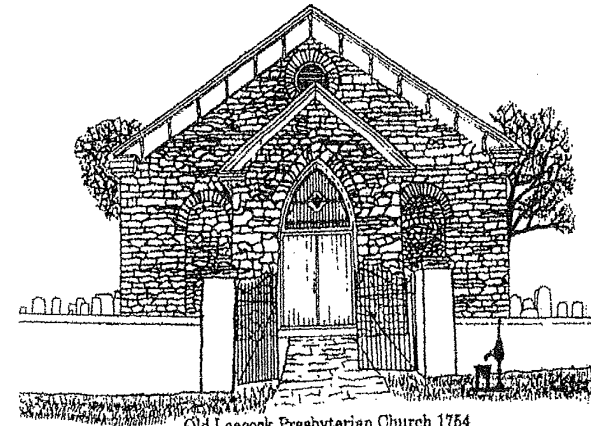
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Christmas Bazaar

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Tom & Vicki Burkins  
10:30 – Bob & Margy Hershey

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$5,539.00  
In order to meet the approved budget for 2014, we need to receive an average of \$4,363.00 each week in offering.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDAR!!** There are a lot of Bazaar workshops scheduled for this week. Check green flyer in Narthex for more information.

**The caring tree has arrived!** Please feel free to take a tag (or as many tags as you want), and leave the "taken by" tag with your name in the nearby basket. Follow the directions on the card. None of the yellow cards need to be wrapped. Just leave your gift in the purchase bag and attach the yellow card to the bag for sorting. The 1 blue card gift should be wrapped and also have the blue card attached to it. All gifts must be returned to the church and placed under the caring tree no later than Sunday, December 14th. If you can't go shopping but still want to be part of this giving mission, you may give donations to Jenny Keenan, Dianne Yuninger, or Lois Eshleman. If you have any questions please contact Lois Eshleman at 394-4953.

**BIRD SEED COOKIES** - Would any friends be willing to bake our "famous" Bird Seed Cookies for the bazaar? I have individual bags that they can be placed in. Just call me for the recipe. Thanks! Loretta (808-7689)

**Pequea Valley High School** would like to invite the senior citizens to a special concert on Friday, December 12. The concert is schedule for 11:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium. After the concert a free lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Please call 768-5500 by Tuesday, Dec. 2 to reserve a lunch.

**Christmas Caroling:** Our annual Christmas caroling will be held on Sunday, December 14th. We will meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch immediately following the second church service and commence caroling immediately afterward. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of how many we need to prepare lunch for. The more people that can go, the more people we can sing to. So grab your holiday spirit and come join us for some good will and cheer!

**Last Call...**Calling all bakers. We need cookies for our bazaar. We will put them in tins or plate them for you. All you need to do is the baking. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 dozen – we will take whatever you bake. Cookies needed by Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Loretta (808-7689) or Michele (687-6619). Thank you!

**Join the Crowd. #Giving Tuesday** – On December 2, the world comes together to give. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate in the third annual #Giving Tuesday supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world. You can do it online. Please see the Narthex for the flyer with details.