

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 627); 2 Peter 3:8-15a (p. 223)

*Hymn: #129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8 (p. 32)

Sermon: **PREPARING THE HEART**

GATHERING

Prelude: "What Child Is This?"

Richard Purvis

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--8:00 service, Donald, Christy, Logan & Juliana Fieldsa

--10:30 service, Mike, Kelly, Owen & Nora Hartmann

Congregation: Verses 1 & 2 of #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

*Call to Worship

Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God.

People: Let us prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord comes with might.

People: The Lord comes to care for his lambs.

Leader: The will of the Lord is that none perish.

People: Let us then live lives of holiness and godliness; let us be at peace.

*Hymn: #93 "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, Christ has come; Christ will come again. Our Lord keeps his promises. But we don't. We wait, and while we wait we forget, forget our promises to you, forget you. We become prisoners of the short term, the daily rush of duties and worries. We do not lift our eyes to the future, to new heavens and a new earth. We do not dare the wilderness; we do not dare the truth of ourselves. Forgive us, dear Lord. Be patient with us. Gather your sheep. 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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Bring a Torch"

David Hegarty

*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: #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 5, 6, 7)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Come, Savior of the Gentiles, Come"

Johann Pachelbel

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 – Margy Hershey & Mary Alice High

The Poinsettia is to let Janet Huffman know how much I think of her. There are so many adjectives that perfectly describe the kind of person you are; beautiful (inside and out), caring, remarkable, extraordinary, amazing, incredible, etc. You touch so many people in so many ways and I really don't think you have a clue that you do. You're such a special lady. Love, Michele

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of
Kathy L. "Kate" Herr who passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Kate was the sister of Bonnie Rice.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Kevin Cummings
241 S. Kinzer Road
Paradise, PA 17562

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

MONDAY:

7:00 a.m. PW Walk

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

7:00 p.m. Church and Community Life

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study @ Betty Sowers' home

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

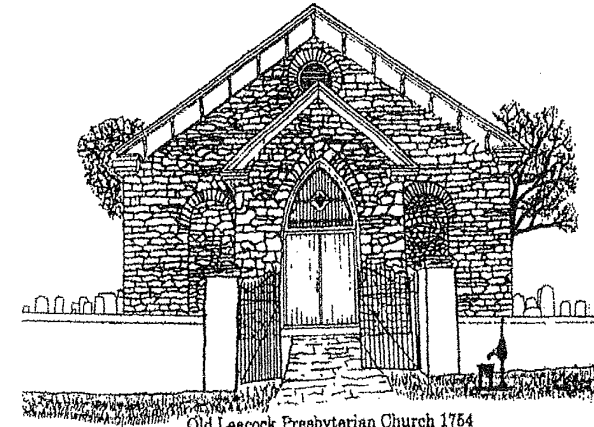
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

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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NEXT SUNDAY:

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

 IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Karen Boyer

 10:30 – Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$2,796.00

In order to meet the approved budget for 2014, we need to receive an average of \$4,363.00 each week in offering.

Remember caring tree gifts are due next Sunday, December 14.

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!

The Community Meal is Thursday, December 18. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

Christmas cards for at-home members. I know many of you send cards to our at-home members, but I also know that for them to receive one more card might brighten their day. Please look for the cards in the Narthex for our at-home members and take a minute to sign it and possibly write a brief message.