

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

Prelude: “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring”

JS Bach

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--David & Carol Berkhimer and Danielle Short

Congregation: #85 “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we cry out to you from the darkness.

People: Lead us into the light.

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord—a light is coming.

People: Let us hold fast to the promise of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord of light has come; the Lord will come again.

People: Let us light candles against the darkness.

*Hymn: #123 “It came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind and glorious God, in our Lord Jesus Christ you gave all people a light that darkness cannot extinguish. Yet still we lose our way in our darkness. We become impatient in that darkness; we do not wait for the light that will come. Then, we seek the light in the wrong places, when it can be found where it is needed most, among the simple and the humble, in a manger in Bethlehem. Forgive us, dear Lord. Shine your light upon us until it transforms, it fills our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;

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Ceremony of Candles

Joseph Martin

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Soloist - Jenny Keenan

“The Promised Light”

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

“An Advent Credo”

“Advent Celebration”

“Bethlehem Light”

“In Silence He Came”

Soloist- Jenny Keenan

“Rise and Shine”

*Nicene Creed (p. 34)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Silent Night”

Sarah Elery Rogers

*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: #134 Joy to the World

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “From God the Father Virgin Born”

Benjamin Culli

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.

9:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 9:30 – Michele & Sara Lichty

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Malcolm Stannard who passed away on Friday, December 12, 2014.

The Poinsettia is in Loving Memory of
James E. Weaver
Given by Mary Weaver

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Betty Denlinger
3001 Lititz Pike
P. O. Box 5093
Lancaster, PA 17606-5093

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Session dinner at Revere Tavern

WEDNESDAY:

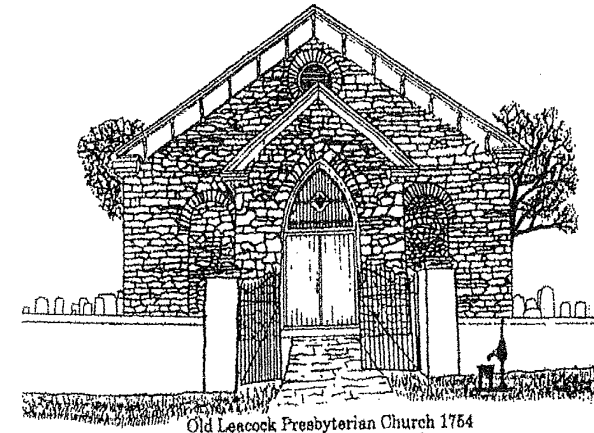
7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service @ Paradise

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service @ Old Leacock

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: Merry Christmas

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 – Sue Funk

 10:30 – Mary Alice High & Craig Keenan

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$8,804.13

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

There will be no “God’s Place for Kids” service during our special Christmas service today.

Please take your offering envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2015 in the Narthex. 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – 2014

GIVEN BY:

Eugene & Betty Sowers

Dianne & Harold Yuninger

Steve, Charlene, Katherine & Forrest Boas

Steve & Charlene Boas

Dave & Carol Berkhimer

GIVEN BY:

Kevin, Loretta, Matt &

 Lauren McClarigan

Shirley & Lori Smith

Gene, Lois & Jeff Harsh

Harshes & Zwoyers

Glenn, Todd, Steve & Mike

IN HONOR OF:

Our children, grandchildren &
 great-grandchildren

Jenny Keenan

Alyssa Keenan

Kathy Ankney

Esta Fisher

Eric Hughes

Chad Hughes

Paula Hughes

Arlene Brackbill

Milt Hostetter

Harold Yuninger

Debbie Sindall

Barbara Johann

Gloria Schatzmann

Skip Brackbill

David Homsher

Lois Eshleman

Carol Shearer

Robbin Englehart

Carl Plomchok

Katherine & Forrest Boas

Our children, grandchildren

and great grandchildren

IN MEMORY OF:

Grandma Sandra Clark

 and Gpa McClarigan

Russell E. Smith, husband father

Herbert & Mary Sheaffer

Leroy & Agnes Harsh

Douglas, Connie & Tyler Harsh

Gma & Gpa Funk

Gma & Gpa Hable

GIVEN BY:

Phongxaysanith

Herr

I. Lee Brown & Family

Eileen & John Best

Mary Ellen Rice & Family

Dick & Debbie Sindall

Mary Alice High

Ed Margerum

Steve, Charlene, Katherine & Forrest Boas

Lucy Ames

Shirley Harsh

Mary Weaver

The Hughes Family

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. Everett Young

Janice Homsher

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Aleta

Doris B. Brown

Eunice Robinson

Dale

Arthur & Lorraine Olson

Ed & Ruth Sindall

Douglas High

Charles & Nancy Landis

My parents, Clarence E. &

Marjorie W. Margerum

Mary Plomchok

Virginia Boas

Edwin Leon Ames

My husband, Willis & Our parents

James E. Weaver

June & Paul Bodine

George & Frieda Whittlinger

Charles Hughes

Robert & Dorothy Shong

Claude & Elsie Bodine

Tom & Jackie Bodine

