

2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 2015

GATHERING

Prelude: "Forest Green"

Dale Wood

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to praise God who has done wondrous things among us.

People: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness, and strength for our days.

Leader: Let us sing praise of God's name, bow before God in prayer, and open our hearts to God's saving word.

People: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

*Hymn: #152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

Prayer of Confession

All: You have called us, O God, to live as Christ did. It is difficult. We confess to you and to one another how often we fall short of Christ's example.

Leader: We have gone after our own goals, forgetting to test them by your intention for us. (Pause)
We have failed to understand the needs of those around us or to seek their good. (Pause)
We have relied on our own strength and given in to despair, when we ought to have turned to you. (Pause)

All: Cleanse us and renew us, that we may know the joy of your presence and be bearers of your light through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 581)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Jesus the Light of the World" (GTG #127)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p. 649)

*Hymn: #110 "Love Has Come"

Children's Sermon: What shall I bring him?

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

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 1)

Sermon: **THE STAR IN MY HEART: RE-IMAGINING EPIPHANY**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" setting Robert Thygerson

*Doxology (p. 606)

*Hymn: #150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Rise, Shine, You People"

setting 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.

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Karen Boyer
10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory
of Janice M. Homsher
By David and Karen Homsher and Family

We welcome Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood to our pulpit this morning.
She is Honorably Retired and attends First Presbyterian Church,
Lancaster.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Tracy Dippner & Family
56 Paradise Lane
Ronks, PA 17572

TODAY:

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

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY:

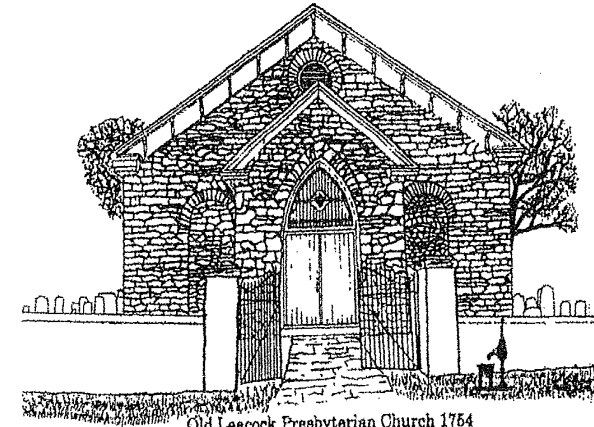
9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study @ the home of Arlene Brackbill
6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion

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 – Ellen Barnes
10:30 – Lauren & Ruth Anne Appel

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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$5,399.00

Next Sunday – Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons.
Recognition of Trustees

Now that the holidays are ending, Loretta McClarigan would love to have any tins or baskets you no longer need for the 2015 Bazaar.

While Rev. Birch is out of the office until Jan. 7, 2015, Rev. Steve Getty will be available for Pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reached at 717-768-8343 or, as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.