

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

**November 29, 2015**

**GATHERING**

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” ..... Robert Lau

Invocation

*The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

After the candle is lit, the congregation will sing Hymn #654

8:00 service: Skip and Marie Brackbill

10:30 service: Steve, Charlene, Katherine, and Forrest Boas

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: In these times of darkness, come to us, Lord.

People: Let us look for the light of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has promised that this broken world will be healed.

People: Let us trust in the promise of the Lord.

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

People: Till then, let our love be a light in the world.

\*Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

Ever-faithful God, you promised salvation. You promised to save us from ourselves. And in our Lord Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of your promise was begun. Lord, we believe. But help our unbelief. For in the presence of darkness, of anger and judgment and fear, we flee into numbness; we worry till we no longer trust your promise. Quicken our faith; inspire us to love. For then we will see our light in the darkness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (page 581)

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Anthem “Canticle of the Turning” – ( Irish Melody)  
Alyssa and Sarah Keenan (GTG p. 100)

Children’s Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*First Scripture Readings:* Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p.693), 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13(p.195)

\*Hymn #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

*Second Scripture Reading:* Luke 21:25-36 (p.80)

Sermon: **Signs of the Kingdom**

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Apostles Creed (p. 17 Ecumenical Version)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory Improvisation on ‘Divinum Mysterium’ ..... David Lasky

Doxology (page 606)

\*Hymn #105 “People, Look East”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” ..... Thomas Chesterton

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. As you pass the book back down the pew, 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. Tom Burkins                      10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years)

8:00 a.m. – Cathy Shenk                      10:30 a.m. – Craig Keenan & Kelly Hartmann

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years) next Sunday December 6

8:00 a.m. On-call List                      10:30 a.m. – Darwin Eshleman & Lauren Appel

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of  
Ralph Shank who passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK – Jeanne Menges

### TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship & Children's Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. Advent Family Night  
7:00 p.m. Communicants' Class

### MONDAY

7:00 a.m. PW Walk  
7:30 a.m. PW Sunrise Bible Study & Breakfast

### TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

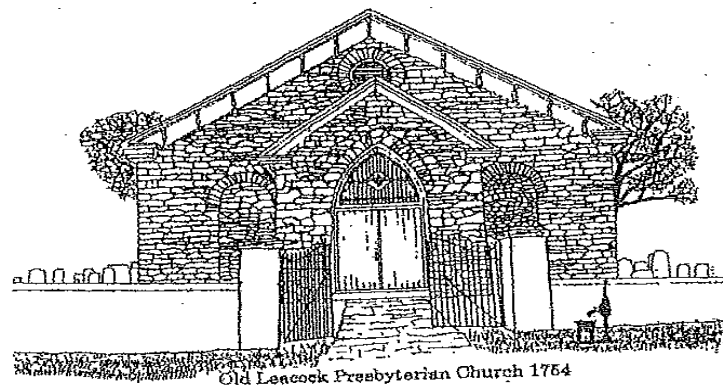
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY

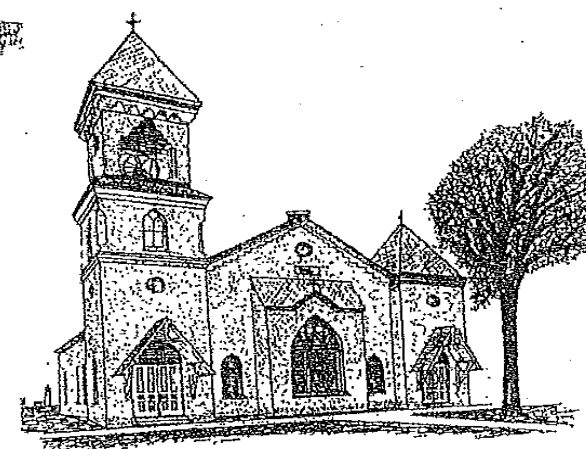
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meetin

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Sunday** begins our annual Christmas Joy Offering to help support church workers who are having financial difficulties and also to help support Christian colleges with ethnic and racial programs. The envelopes will be in the pews for your use or you could use a plain white envelope and just mark it for this offering. At this special time of giving, may we all find the joy in helping others.

**Tonight** – 5:00 p.m.

*Advent Family Night*

Bring a covered dish to share. After our fellowship meal, we will have the second installment of “A Christmas Tail” and end the evening with singing your favorite Christmas carols around the sanctuary tree.

Our next COMMUNITY MEAL will be Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will be serving from 5:30-6:30 in the church Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for food donations and people to help serve and clean up are in the Narthex. The Mission Committee greatly appreciates all of your help.

### **Caring Tree**

Please share the joy of the season by choosing a tag from our caring tree. Gifts for the Factory include toys or clothing and should cost \$25 or less. Gift cards for Bridge of Hope are for stores listed on the back of the card and should also be \$25 or less. Gifts and Gift Cards should be returned by December 6. Gifts should not be wrapped, just left in the bag and should contain the yellow tag that tells us who the card is for and help us sort it. Gift cards should not be wrapped or enclosed in a greeting card. All cards should be given to Mary Alice High, Jenny Keenan, Margy Hershey or the Church office.

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**Christmas Poinsettia** Order forms are now available in the Narthex.

### **Attention Actors & Actresses!**

We are looking for volunteers or participants for the Christmas Eve Pageant. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please contact Paula Hughes (717-823-7535) if you have any questions.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Our theme for the Bazaar this year is “*An Old Fashioned Christmas.*” If anyone has old, vintage hats, jewelry, clothing, ornaments, etc. that you would like to donate, to sell, please contact Loretta McClarigan (808-7689). Quite a few bazaar items will be on display Advent Night so come out and get a “sneak peak.” Also, if you can help along with baking or volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Loretta at the above number.

Pequea Valley High School would like to invite the senior citizens to a special concert on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 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 December 1 to reserve a lunch.

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