

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Franklin Ashdown

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

--8:00 service, Bonnie Rice and Joanne Stoltzfus

--10:30 service, Janet and David Birch, Emily and Robert Birch

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Hear the cry of the messenger of God--

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Leader: Listen to the call to repent.

People: Let us have the courage to change.

Leader: See the light that shines in the darkness.

People: For God leads us into the way of peace.

Hymn: #132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you came to us in our Lord Jesus Christ to save us. It is your will to heal us, to help us be all you created us to be. And all this you do because you love. But we do not always love. Too often we do not love our neighbor. Too often we do not love ourselves. We hurt because we have been hurt. Lord, come to us again. End the hurting. Grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

10:30 Anthem: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Michael Helman

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (p.838)

*Hymn: #136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:68-79 (p.54)

Sermon: **A Dawn of Peace**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Blest Be the God of Israel: Zechariah's Song" Michael Burkhardy

*Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn: #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Robert Thygeron

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. Tom Burkins 10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.)

8:00 – On call list 10:30 – Darwin Eshleman & Lauren Appel

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) next Sunday, December 13

8:00 – On call list 10:30 – Stephanie Gray & Ehren Graybill

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Earl and Jacqueline Miller

In the hospital: John Koshuta in Lancaster General Rm. #6624

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Taylor who passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Eugene Sowers who passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2015

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. CCL

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY:

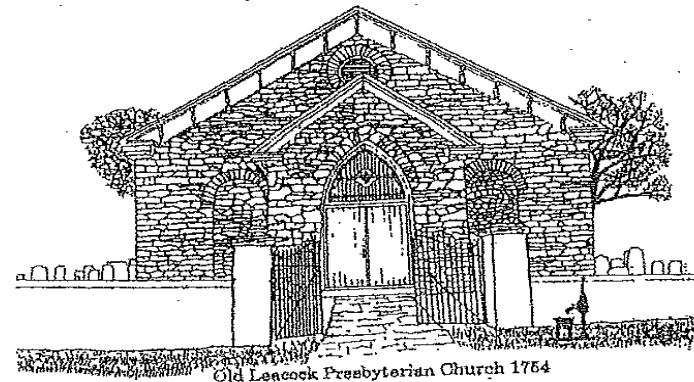
9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

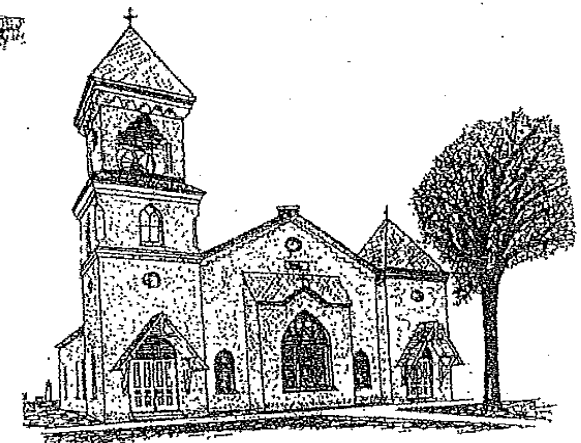
6:00 p.m. The Factory Mea

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This Sunday continues 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.

Caring Tree

Gifts and Gift Cards should be returned by today, December 6.

Christmas Caroling: Our annual Christmas caroling will be held on Sunday, December 13th. . Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. 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!

Our next **Community Meal** is Thursday, December 10th. 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 your help.

Christmas Poinsettia Order forms are now available in the Narthex.

Small Group Interest

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex where you can indicate that you are – or may be – interested in being part of a Small Group. Please share as much info as you can. Questions? Contact Karen Homsher (687-6469)