

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2015

Second Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (p.190)

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Christmas Joy"

Gilbert Martin

Invocation

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Praise the Lord, for the grace he has shown us.

People: In a manger long ago, the Lord came to us.

Leader: Praise the Lord, for he teaches us his way.

People: Let us follow him; let us walk his way.

Leader: Praise the Lord, for the love he has given us.

People: The Way of Christ is the way of love.

Hymn: #147 "The First Nowell"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind God, you came to us in a newborn child long ago. And in him you offered us new life too. For Jesus revealed that you are love. He showed us the way of grace. But too often, Lord, we are graceless. In choosing our way, we trip, ourselves, each other. We dim the light. Forgive us, Lord. Love us. Relight the flame within us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

10:30 Anthem: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (GTG #127) Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 148 (p.550)

*Hymn: #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Sermon: **The 365 Days of Christmas**

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 "The Holly and the Ivy"

James Biery

*Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn: #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "He is Born" setting

Lynne Arthur Koch

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of Col. David Eby USAF (ret.) who passed October 28, 2015 in Wichita Falls, TX. Col. Eby was from Paradise, PA.

Given by his niece Mary Alice High and his brother-in-law, Richard Leaman Smith

The Sanctuary Poinsettia is in Memory of Charles Danner

Given by Ethel Danner, Dennis Danner and Dori Markley

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 Mary Alice High & Shirley Smith

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) next Sunday, January 3

8:00 – On call list 10:30 Michele & Sara Lichty

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of
Mildred Carpenter who passed away, December 18, 2015

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert Jr. & Robert III Mowrer

In Rehabilitation: Ralph Homsher
Arbor View Room 41 W
211 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, PA 17602

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

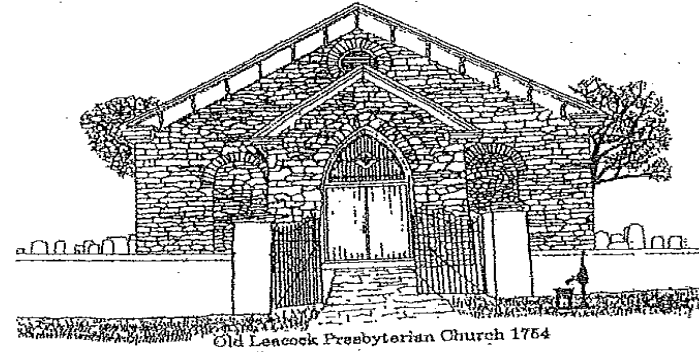
The **Adult Sunday School** class at 9:30 and the **Children's Sunday School** class that normally occurs during the 10:30 service will not be held on the 27th of December and the 3rd of January, but will resume on January 10, 2016.

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.

The **Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. Please don't forget to take yours.

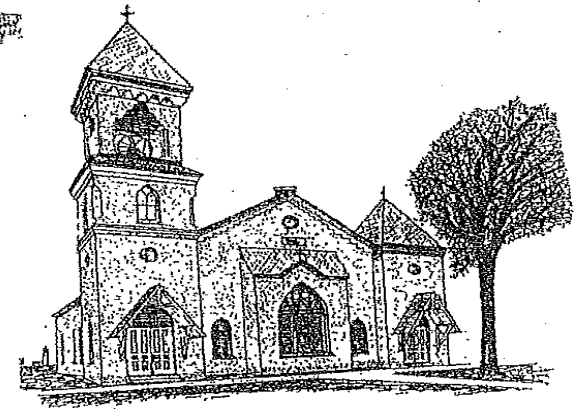
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