

2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

January 3, 2016

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Lynn Koch

Invocation

*\*Call to Worship*

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem

**Too long we've gone the wrong way, followed the wrong stars!**

We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

**Star of Wonder...**

We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

**Star of Light...**

We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

**Star with Royal Beauty Bright...**

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**The Star of Hope.**

The Star of Peace.

**The Star of Joy.**

The Star of Love.

**The Star that is You.**

Hymn: #744 "Arise! Your Light is Come"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Forgive us, gracious God, for our senses have been dulled to the radiance of your light and the justice of your ways. Our concerns are narrow and local even when you try to introduce us to a world of differences. You grant stars to lead us, and we develop smoke screens to hide their light. You pour out treasures for our use, and we hoard them rather than share them to your glory. Free us from the oppression of selfishness and the tyranny of greed. Attune us to your revelation, that we may partake of our promises to Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**—Arise, shine, for our light has come. The glory of God has risen upon you and will be seen through you. Be radiant in your praise and service. Rejoice in the gift of God's grace. Witness the confidence of your faith in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

1030: Anthem: "Set the Sun Dancing" Helen Kemp

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 60: 1-7 (p.649)

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

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

Sermon: **Arise, Shine!**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith -\*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"

James Biery

\*Doxology (page 606)

\*Hymn: #545 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Wayne Wold

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 Memory of Janice Homsher  
Given by the David Homsher family

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 - Michele & Sara Lichty

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) next Sunday, January 10

8:00 – On call list 10:30 - Karen & George Shue

*We welcome Rev. Jane Busey to our pulpit this morning.* Rev. Jane is the presbytery liaison between the Leacock church and the presbytery's "Connecting our Ministries" committee (C.O.M.) She and husband Dave live just up the road at the Woods house which is available for retired Presbyterian pastors. When not singing in one of several local choirs they are often on the road visiting their grandchildren in Centreville, VA.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Shirley Musselman

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

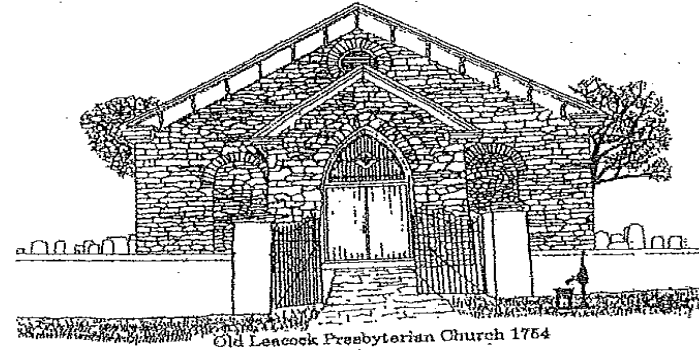
The **Adult Sunday School** class at 9:30 and the **Children's Sunday School** will resume on January 10, 2016.

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

The **Mission Committee** meeting on Thursday, Jan.7 will be in the library. Anyone thinking about joining the committee is very welcome to attend.

# 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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**TODAY:**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

**MONDAY**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 p.m. CCL  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg.

**Important reminder:** If your address or phone number has changed, please contact the church office.