

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

J. Wayne Kerr

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us trust that the Lord has come.

People: Let us wait for the Prince of peace.

Leader: Lord, help us to see, really see, all our neighbors.

People: Show us the way to be with each other.

Leader: Banish, Lord, all that divides us.

People: Leave us your peace.

Hymn: #347 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 1st 2 verses
(with Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Merciful God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us the wisdom from above. It is a way that lifts up and never tears down. It is a way that comes together rather than walks away. It is a way of peace. Yet we, Lord, are not good students. We are quick to judge and condemn, and we do not forgive. Then, because we think we are right, we turn from our sisters and brothers. Heal us, Lord. Teach us again. Teach us grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Dona Nobis Pacem”

arr. Wagner

Bell Choir

Children’s Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

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

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 17:1 (p. 565), Matthew 10:34-39 (p.10);
James 3:13-18 (p.216)

Sermon: **Peace in the Family**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

The Peace

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “In the Bleak Midwinter” Mark Lochstampfor

*Doxology (page 606)

Hymn: #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

*Benediction:

Choral Response: “Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.”

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” Johann-Walther

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 Loretta McClarigan
for all the wonderful work she has done over the years to make
the Christmas Bazaar the success it has been.
Given by a Grateful Member of the Congregation

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.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) Michele & Sara Lichty
Next Sunday, December 18 – Steve & Charlene Boas

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Ellen Barnes

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 7:30 p.m. | Stewardship Meeting |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

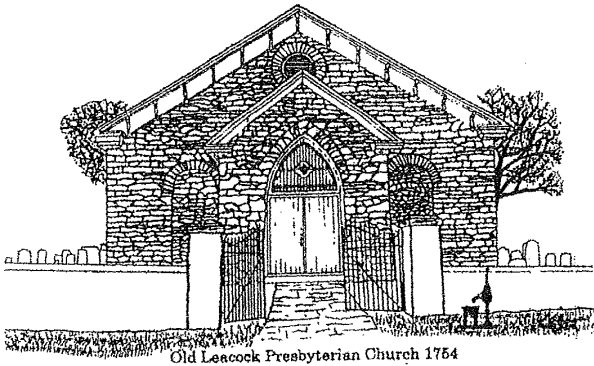
Please remember to help support our church workers and our Presbyterian-ethnic schools, colleges and students by giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. This Offering will take place during the month of December. Special envelopes are in the pews from December 4-January 1, 2017.

Don't forget - Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms are in the Narthex. The deadline for orders is December 18.

If you're having **trouble buying a gift for that "person who has everything"**, please check out the bulletin boards in the east and west vestibules and in the Sunday school wing for ideas. There you will find many different animals which you can purchase, in your loved ones' name, and you will also be helping someone in a third world country gain independence from poverty. Check it out. It might be just what you are looking for, and you don't need to wrap this gift!

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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