

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

### Announcements

Prelude: “Greensleeves”

Richard Purvis

### Invocation

*The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

*Children’s Sermon*

## *Peace on Earth*

### *Where Is Peace?*

Scripture Psalm 120:6,7

Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1, 5-7)

Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Anthem “Come to the Light” (A Celtic Advent Song) Martin

Chancel Choir

The Concerns of the People

### *He Is Our Peace*

Scripture Ephesians 2:14-20

Hymn #100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Verses 1,2—Chad Hughes, Alyssa Keenan, Sarah Keenan,  
w/choir on refrain.

Verses 3,4—congregation.

Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem “Shepherds Carol”

arr. Drennan

Chancel Choir

The Joys of the People

### *The Peaceable Kingdom*

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

arr. Larson

Chancel Choir

Reflection

Hymn #378 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “Once In Royal David’s City”

Wayne Wold

Hymn #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

### *\*Benediction:*

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Thygerson

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 Loving Memory of James Weaver

Given by his 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.

**IN THE NURSERY** (babies through 4 yrs.) Steve & Charlene Boas

Next Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Service – No Nursery

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Kirk & Deborah Barnes

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Caroling to At Home Members
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 PW	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>SATURDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service at Paradise
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service at Old Leacock

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no Sunday school today for the children, so that families can worship together.

Practice for the **Christmas Eve service** will take place after church and this Friday, Dec. 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.

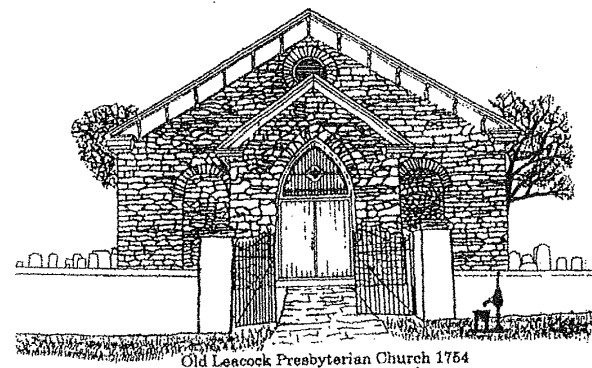
If you're having **trouble buying a gift for that "person who has everything"**, please check out the bulletin boards in the east and west vestibules and in the Sunday school wing for ideas. There you will find many different animals which you can purchase, in your loved ones' name, and you will also 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!

**Looking ahead:** On January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate communion in the traditional fashion. Come, be fed by the Lord, as we begin our new year.

**Making ends meet for Leacock:** As of the end of November, we, as a church, were tracking some \$9,000 behind in meeting our expenses for the year. We are even further behind in our benevolence giving, which is taken as a percentage of our offerings. The congregation has given generously this year, both in regular and special offerings. But if we are to be good stewards of God's church in this place, we need to try to end the year in the black. Please prayerfully consider giving a special gift so that we can balance our books.

# 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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