

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 4, 2016**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: Aria on 'Light One Candle to Wait for Messiah' Michael Burkhard

*Invocation*

*Call to Worship*

Leader: Let us trust that the Lord has come.

**People: Let us wait for the Prince of peace.**

Leader: Lord, strengthen our hearts.

**People: Help us to be strong enough to clothe ourselves with love.**

Leader: Banish, Lord, all nights of sorrow.

**People: Leave us your peace.**

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

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Kind God, with the coming of Christ a seed was planted, a seed of love and grace. Still that seed grows. And that seed is in our hearts. But Lord, forgive us, for we do not always tend it. When we are not kind, it is not watered. When we do not forgive, thorns appear. And then our hearts break. Grant us your mercy. Nurture the seed in us. Help us to grow. 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:* "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"  
African American Spiritual  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 35:1-10 (p.623)

*Hymn:* #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*Second Scripture Readings:* Colossians 3:12-15 (p.190)  
John 14:27 (p.103)

*Sermon:* **Peace in the Heart**

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

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

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Dale Wood

\*Doxology (page 606)

*The Peace*

*Hymn:* #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\*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 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Lyndell Leatherman

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 our father, Warren H. Brackbill  
Given by Jim & Sue Brackbill

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.) Mary Alice High & Craig Keenan  
Next Sunday, December 11 – Michele & Sara Lichty

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Ruth B. Bair

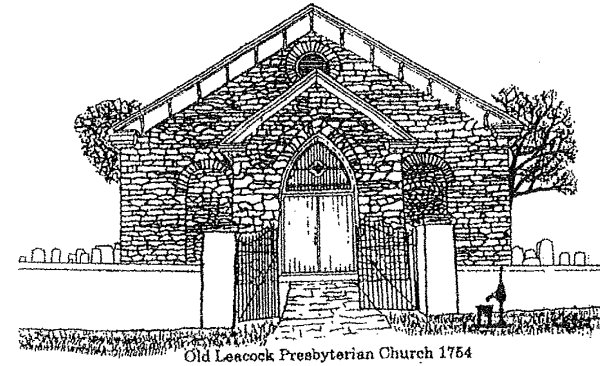
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	CCL
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed. Committee
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	PW Bible Study - the Gospel of John at Arlene Brackbill's home
	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal
	6:00 p.m.	The Factory Meal
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group
<u>SATURDAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Bazaar Reminders

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This year's **Advent celebration** will incorporate some new and traditional practices. Because many have expressed a desire to sing more carols during the season, we will have a pre-service carol-sing today, December 4, and again next Sunday, December 11 beginning at 9:15 in the sanctuary. If you would like to request a favorite carol, please fill out a Hymn Request slip from the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering.

# 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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Our next **Community Meal** is this Thursday, December 8 from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. As you will see, we don't need much donated food this time, but help is *always* needed. Thanks for all your support!

**Christmas Poinsettia** Order Forms are in the Narthex. The deadline for orders is December 18.

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.



Please share the joy of the season by choosing a tag from our Caring Tree. Gifts for the Factory children are on green tags. Some gifts are toys and some are articles of clothing or other items the children want. The cost should be \$25 or less. The red tags are for Bridge of a Hope clients. These gifts are all gift cards for local stores listed on the back of the cards and also should be \$25 or less.

When you select a gift tag, please put your name on the yellow tag and tear the tag off the yarn and deposit just the yellow tag in the basket. Please be sure to put your name on it!

When you return your gift, do not wrap it. Just put it in a bag but be sure to attach the red or green tag to the bag so we can sort them and get them to the correct location-Factory or Bridge of Hope. Gift cards should have the purchased value on the outside of the card.

All cards and gifts should be returned to church by December 5. Please place gifts under the tree and give gift cards to Linda Erikson, Lauren Appel, Margy Hershey or Mary Alice High. Gift cards may be given to the secretary, also.

Thanks for your wonderful support!

CCL Committee