

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: Look! For the Lord goes before us.

People: Let us go and see where the Lord is leading.

Leader: Listen! For God is calling, calling you and me.

People: Let us be still and hear our call.

Leader: Have courage! For your work is the Lord's.

People: Let us let God be our strength.

*Hymn: #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you trust us. Flawed as we may be, you trust us. You created us for a purpose. You trust us with a work to do, to be vessels of grace in a wounded world. Sometimes we do your work gladly. But often, when the work hurts, when we become discouraged, we make compromises. We forget whose we are. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us courage. Lend us your strength. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Carlton Young

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 49:1-7 (p.638)

*Hymn: #688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42 (p.86)

Sermon: **The Suffering Servant**

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 "A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"

Wilbur Held

(Words can be found on page 160)

*Doxology (page 606)

* Hymn: #792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*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 "Our Hope for Years to Come"

John Rasley

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 Karen Shue & Lois Snader whose years of service have enhanced our church environment and worship atmosphere

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.) Marie Brackbill & David Homsher
Next Sunday, January 22 – Debbie & Dick Sindall

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Shirley Bernard

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>SATURDAY</u>	9:00 a.m.	Session Retreat & Meeting

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next **community meal** is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th, 2017 to be held in our Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times that help is needed. If you know of anyone who is in need of a good hot meal or some wonderful fellowship, please don't hesitate to invite them to come and join us, not only that Thursday but the last Thursday of every month.

We are collecting donations for the **blanket offering** for Church World Service. Please use the envelopes in the pews for your donations and simply place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

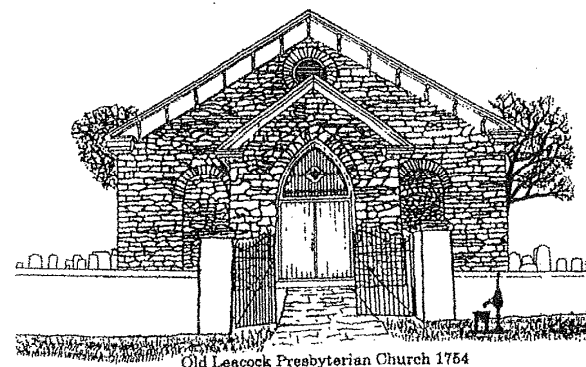
Shared Proportional Giving (per capita) for 2017 is \$35.53. Please use the first envelope in your envelope box for this offering. Thank you.

GIVING STATEMENTS for 2016 are completed and ready for pick up in the Narthex. As always the Trustees are keeping up with the maintenance of the Church as best we can and want to thank you all for your support. Tell a Trustee if you see something that needs our attention.

David Berkhimer

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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