Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" Anna Page

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: The Lord comes to teach us the way to life.

People: Let us, then, listen to the Lord.

Leader: His wisdom is different than the world's.

People: Let us, then, learn to be humble.

Leader: His power is different than the world's.

People: Let us, then, learn the ways of peace.

**Hymn* #372 "O for a World"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mystery, your ways are not our ways. In Christ, you came to us with love and gentleness, mercy and healing. But we, we choose too often our ways, the ways of the world. We think we know what is good, but we do what hurts. We think power comes in getting our way, when it really comes in serving. Forgive your lost people, Lord. Teach us until we learn. Love us into love. 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: "The Beatitudes"

Avery/Marsh

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p.156)

*Hymn: #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (p.4)

Sermon: Paradoxical Living

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* A Brief Statement of Faith - Sections 1,2,5,6 *The Peace of Christ*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Dale Wood

*Doxology (page 606)

* Hymn: #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*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 "To God Be the Glory"

Robert Powell

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 Special Flowers are in Honor and Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dianne and Harold Yuninger, January 28, 1967
Given by the Chancel Choir

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Aleta Herr Given by Diep Tran 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.) - Katherine Boas & Valerie Ruhl Next Sunday, February 5 – Loretta McClarigan & Danielle Short SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER This Sunday & next Sunday, February 5 - Jennifer McElhaney & Shirley Smith

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert & Emily Birch

TODAY 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Dorothy Wegst – Lancaster General Room 7005

Carl Plomchok

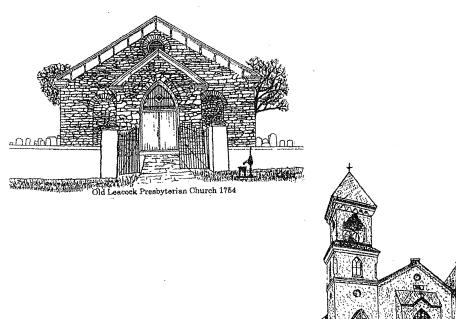
Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital Room. 162 675 Good Drive Lancaster, PA 17601

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Worship Hour: The Prelude is a wonderful time to prepare us for worship. It is almost always chosen to reflect the theme of the morning, as are the Offertory and Postlude. If it is based on a hymn, consider meditating on the text or just let the beauty of the music lift your soul and quiet you mind.

Leacock Presbyterían Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



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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. Also, OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2017 are in the Sunday school wing in the first Sunday school room on your left. My apologies for the delay. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and I wish all a joyful New Year. If you see something that needs our attention, please tell the Trustees.

David Berkhimer

February 5th is our next celebration of <u>Communion</u>. We will be served by intinction. There is an alternate station for those who wish not to share the communal cup, and the elders will be glad to bring the elements to any persons who wish to remain at their seats.

Our annual "Souper Bowl" offering will be taken on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th. There will be a container in the narthex on the refreshment table marked with the words "Souper Bowl". Please feel free to put any loose change in this container. (We will gladly also take checks or paper money in any amount!) All the money collected will go to the Paradise area food bank to help any in our community that need it. Thank you for your participation.