

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Almighty” Wayne Watson

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord—“You shall be holy.”

People: Let us then not hate or hold a grudge against anyone.

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord—“You shall be holy.”

People: Let us then love our neighbor as ourself.

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord—“Be perfect.”

People: Let us then love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

Hymn: #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgiving God, Scripture tells us we are made in your image. Yet we hide that image. For though we work against your will, still you love us. Yet we hate those who defy us. When we wound you, still you love us. Yet we seek to hurt those who hurt us. Grant us your mercy, Lord. Help us to become like you. Teach us grace. 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: “Morning Song” K. Wissinger

Bell Choir

Children’s Sermon  
(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Leviticus 19:1, 2, 9-18 (p.102)

Hymn: #300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:38-48 (p.5)

Sermon: We Are the Enemy

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* From a Brief Statement of Faith – Sections 1, 4, 5, 6 (page 37)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “Be Thou My Vision” Traditional Irish Melody

\*Doxology (page 606)

\* Hymn: #771 “What Is the World Like”

\*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 “Yeshua Ha Maschiach” Greg Davis and Greg Fisher

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

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.) – Alba & Mike Ruhl

Next Sunday, February 26 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER**

This Sunday Carol & David Berkhimer

Next Sunday, February 26 – Maureen & Sean Carney

**We welcome Renee Mendenhall** to our worship and thank her for her gift of music. A graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Penn State University, Renee teaches instrumental music at Twin Valley Intermediate School. She also has earned her Master’s Degree from Northwestern University.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Jim & Delores Brackbill

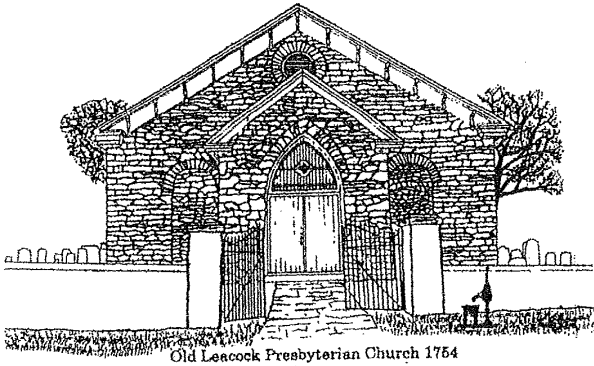
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Session calls for the *Annual Meeting* of the congregation *Sunday February 26* following our worship service at 9:30 a.m. At the meeting, annual reports will be discussed and received, persons elected to the 2017 Nomination Committee, and any other business brought before the congregation will be conducted.

# 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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On **Sunday, February 26**, following the **Annual Meeting** there will be a **covered dish luncheon**. All are welcome, come enjoy fellowship with your Leacock Church family. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks-coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.

**THE SPECIAL FUND OFFERING** for February will be to collect the rest of the monies needed to paint the Manse and garage. We also want to look at the carpet for the Sunday School Hallway this year. Everyone knows this is an always on going job. The Trustees want to thank you all for your support.  
David Berkhimer

Our next **Community Meal** is scheduled for this Thursday, **February 23** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for food we need and helpers for the meal. We need 4 people willing to make **Chili**. If you feel you could do this please contact Bonnie Rice as soon as possible. The Mission committee is so grateful for the continued help of this loving congregation.