

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Majesty"

setting Douglas Wagner

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: On a mountaintop, our Lord was transfigured.

People: May the light of the Lord shine in our darkness.

Leader: Then, God called Jesus beloved, Son.

People: May the light of the Lord shine in our hearts.

Leader: Then, also, God said, "Listen to him!"

People: Let us do so. Let us be a light in the world.

Hymn: #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind and ever-faithful God, when you created us, you gave us a life that was whole. Yet, we break what you have given us. We break our fellowships when we judge others but not ourselves, when we hurt in response to hurt. Our fears and angers keep us from seeing our sisters and brothers as you see them. Then, we are broken. Heal us, Lord. Make us whole. Grant us your peace. 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. (p.654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Chancel Choir

Robert Lowry

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (p.222)

Hymn: #274 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (p.17)

Sermon: **Transfigurations**

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 "Take My Life"

Christopher Gale

*Doxology (page 606)

* *Hymn:* #193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

*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." (p.748)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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 Celebration of my parents David and Carol Berkhimer's 45th Wedding Anniversary Given by Danielle, Lonnie, Jayde & Kyle

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.) – Tom & Vicki Burkins

Next Sunday, March 5 – Sue Funk & Bob Brackbill

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday and next Sunday, March 5 –Maureen & Sean Carney

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Skip & Marie Brackbill

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Annual Meeting & Luncheon
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Leacock
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service Chancel Choir rehearsal follows

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

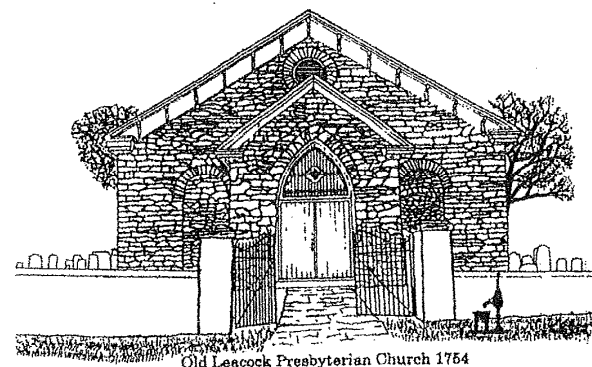
The Session calls for the *Annual Meeting of the congregation today, Sunday February 26*, following our worship service at 9:30 a.m. At the meeting, annual reports will be discussed and received, persons elected to the 2017 Nomination Committee, and any other business brought before the congregation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

Today there will be a covered dish luncheon following our annual meeting. Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food, for a chance to relax and connect with others in our congregation.

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

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There will be *no* Mission Committee meeting on Thursday, March 2.

Communion will be celebrated next week, March 5, in traditional style.

Lent at Leacock: We begin our observance of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m., with a service of meditation and the administration of ashes.

Our Lenten Study begins next Sunday evening, March 5, and continues on March 12, March 26, April 2, and April 9. We will gather at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall for a light meal of soup and bread followed by a study and discussion of What Do We Believe? - Exploring our Faith by exploring the Creed, led by Pastor Bob Birch.

Soup needed for Lenten Study

If you would be willing to provide soup (homemade or purchased) or bread for any of the Lenten Study meals, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

Miriam Latshaw is celebrating her 80th birthday on Tuesday, February 28.