

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Karl Osterland

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Trust this: God loves the world, broken as it is.

People: We believe in the love of God.

Leader: Trust this: God sent Christ to save, not condemn, the world.

People: We believe in the grace of God.

Leader: Trust this: God wills for us life, new and full life.

People: We believe in the power of God for life.

**Hymn:* #444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgiving God, you do not give up on us, even though we do. You gave us life; you desire to renew our lives, again and again. We break, ourselves, others, your world. And too often we give into brokenness, of ourselves, of others, in the world. Rather than step into new life, we stay in our broken places, because we know them and they seem therefore safe. Lift us up, Lord, with you. Breathe on us. Call us into life. 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: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

L. Larson

Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a (p.9)

**Hymn:* #285 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Second Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17 (p.88)

Sermon: **Like the Wind**

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 "Wondrous Love"

Anna Laura Page

**Doxology (page 606)*

** Hymn:* #51 "To Abraham and Sarah"

**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)

Postlude "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

Robert Lau

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.) – Steve Boas & David Homsher

Next Sunday, March 19 – Michele Lichty & Sarah Lichty

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday and next Sunday, March 19-Craig Keenan & Alyssa or Sarah Keenan

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Ruth Bryson

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lenten Study continues on Sunday evenings March 12, March 26, April 2, and April 9 at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. We gather 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.

Prodigal Daughter Returns!

Well, that's not exactly right—Patty Rowe Stoltzfus is anything but a prodigal daughter. Patty grew up in our area and graduated from Pequea Valley High School. One of her mentors was John Koshuta. And back in those days, she sang for the congregation at Leacock. Since then she has been ordained and is currently a pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, PA. She is blessed with a gracious spirit and a beautiful voice and she will be returning to fill the pulpit on March 19 while Rev. Birch is doing course work in New Mexico. Please come and make her welcome as she leads us in worship.

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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