

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Jesus, Still Lead On"

Paul Manz

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Come to us, Lord, and teach us.

People: Help us to see you and seeing, believe.

Leader: Touch us, Lord, that we may be healed.

People: Help us to learn to see.

Leader: Show us, Lord, to see as you do.

People: Help us to see the heart of our neighbor.

**Hymn:* #684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, into darkness you sent your Son. He is the light of the world and he goes before us. But we do not see him. We become lost in our darkness. We do not see past what we have always known. We are blinded by our fears and the will to judge that follows. Open our eyes, Lord. Send us so that we may see. 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: "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

Gilbert Martin

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 Samuel 16:1-13 (p. 248)

** Hymn:* #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

Second Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41 (p. 96)

Sermon: **What Do You See?**

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 "The Old Rugged Cross"

John Innes

**Doxology (page 606)*

** Hymn:* #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

**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 "He Never Said a Mumblin' Word"

Anna Laura Page

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 Loving Memory of my sister Virginia Wilson

Given by Miriam Latshaw

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.)

This Sunday – Mary Alice High & Johanna Gingher

Next Sunday, April 2 – Marie Brackbill & Jennifer McElhany

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday and next Sunday, April 2 - Loretta McClarigan & Lea Lichty

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Richard Buck

<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.	PW Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting with Deacons
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

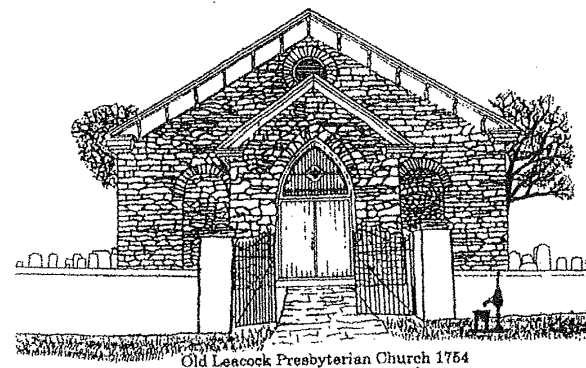
Our Lenten Study continues this Sunday evening through April 9 at 5:00 p.m. We gather in Fellowship Hall for a light meal of soup and bread followed by a study and discussion of What Do We Believe? - Exploring our Faith by exploring the Creed, led by Pastor Bob Birch.

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.

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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The **SPECIAL FUND OFFERING** for February was great. The Trustees received \$1520.00 from the congregation. That gave us what we needed to paint the manse and garage. Hursh Painting will be doing the work, and they have done us well in the past. We will let you know when the work is scheduled so you can see the results when finished. Thank you all again for your support.
David Berkhimer

The next free **Community Meal** will be held this Thursday, March 30th from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex for your convenience. Everyone is welcome to help or just to attend and enjoy a free meal with lots of wonderful fellowship.

Please remember that the Sundays during Lent are the time for our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. There are envelopes in the pews that you may use for this or you may also use a plain white envelope and simply mark it for One Great Hour of Sharing.

It's time to order your **Easter Plants!** Lilies, Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips are offered this year. Order forms are located in the narthex. Please fill one out and return the form and payment no later than Wednesday, April 5.

3/26/2017

