

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Anne Laura Page

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, lead us not into temptation.

People: Help us in our times of testing.

Leader: Because we know, we can choose.

People: Teach us, Lord, so that we choose wisely.

Leader: Because we choose, there will be wilderness days.

People: Come to us, then. Feed us. Help us.

**Hymn:* #819 "Be Still, My Soul"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Patient God, when you create us, you give us all we need. Yet we want more. You created us good, but we learn evil too. Then we must choose. And often we choose our desires, not yours. We test your love. We worship gods in our image. Help us to rise when we fall. Renew our strength. Lead us back home. 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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Robert Lau
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "He Leadeth Me)"

David Paxton

**Doxology* (page 606)

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (p. 2)

**Hymn:* #167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3)

Sermon: **Temptations**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

** Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed* (p.34)

The Peace of Christ

**Hymn:* #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

**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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my daughter Beth

Given by Shirley Musselman

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: Sue Funk & Bob Brackbill

Next Sunday, March 12 – Steve Boas & David Homsher

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Maureen & Sean Carney

Next Sunday, March 12 – Craig Keenan & Alyssa or Sarah Keenan

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert & Marcia Brackbill

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	CCL Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	PW Bible Study at Arlene Brackbill's home
	6:00 p.m.	The Factory Meal
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 P.M.	Book & Movie Night

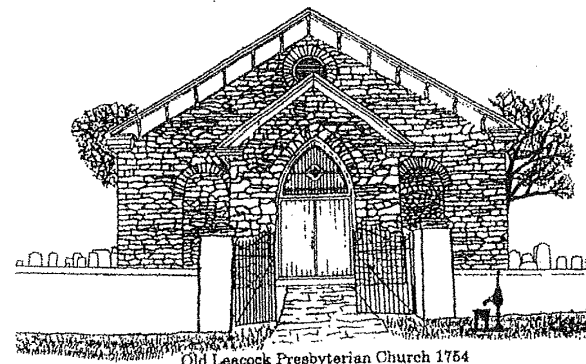
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate Communion in traditional style.

Our Lenten Study begins this Sunday evening, March 5, and continues on March 12, March 26, April 2, and April 9. We will gather at 5:00 in the 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.

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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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.

The **Leacock Book and Movie Club** will meet Friday March 10 at 5:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper and to discuss the book *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis de Bernieres. Please bring a covered dish and join us for what is always a fun discussion. Reading the book is not a requirement.

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.

Lent

Lenten Study Series on What Do We Believe?

Exploring our Faith through the Creed

Sunday evenings March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 9
with a light supper of soup and bread
beginning at 5:00

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 9

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Service with communion at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 14

A service of prayer and reflection, 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday, April 16

Easter Dawn Service at 6:30 AM

Old Leacock Church

Easter Breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00

Covered dish in Fellowship Hall

Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM