

Reign of Christ/Christ the King

November 26, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise God"

Hugh Livingston

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: In our dark days, we need never fear.

People: For the Lord will seek us; the Lord will find us.

Leader: God has sent a shepherd to care for lost sheep.

People: Christ is our shepherd; let us go after him.

Leader: But how, then, are we to follow him?

People: He has served us; let us serve all our neighbors.

Hymn: #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we claim Christ as King. Yet we do not live as citizens of his Kingdom. For where he offers mercy, we offer judgment. Where he sees the forgotten, we walk past—worse, we cast out—those who are different, those who often need us most. Where he gives himself for others, we withhold ourselves. Forgive us. Show us the way to serve. Help make Christ the King in our hearts. 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: "He Is King of Kings" Spiritual (GTG#273)
Chancel Choir

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the 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

Partita on 'Fairest Lord Jesus'

Robert Lau

*Doxology (page 606)

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p.756)

Hymn: #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 (p.27)

Sermon: **Election Day**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Apostles Creed (p.17)

The Peace

Hymn: #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*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 Coronation 'Fanfares'

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.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Eric, Paula & Chad Hughes

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

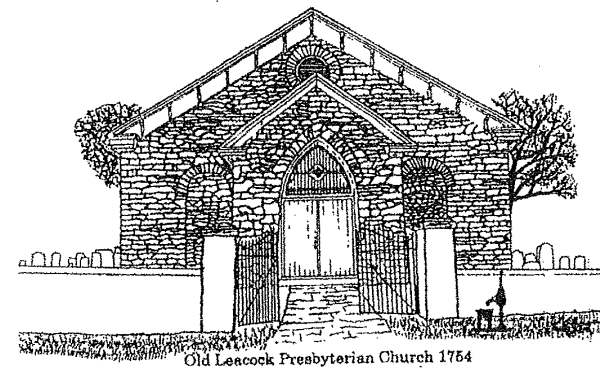
Our **Christmas Caring Tree** will be in the Narthex until **Sunday, December 10.** There will be gift tags for children from the Paradise Youth Factory and Women from Bridge of Hope. The tags will either be for children's wish gifts- clothes or toys, or gift cards from local stores for the Bridge of Hope. The tags will give information needed to buy the gifts. Directions for recording your tag selection will be explained when you select a tag. *Let us get into the Christmas spirit and help make the holiday special for someone!*

Invitation

Family Advent Celebration! Come join us next Sunday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. as we joyfully begin the Advent season together. We will start with a potluck breakfast--bring a dish, if you can, anything from fruit to breakfast casseroles to bread or juice. After we share this meal, we will head to the sanctuary for carols and a special story that offers both fun and a Christmas message. It will be a time of gladness for all. See you there!

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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