

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Announcements

Prelude: "Lo, How a Rose" Gordon Young

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Lichty Family

Call To Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice!

People: For the Lord loves justice and lifts up the lowly.

Leader: Let us rejoice!

People: For the Lord calls us to bring good news to the poor.

Leader: Let us rejoice!

People: For we have each other and a Lord who wills we be whole.

Hymn: #105 "People, Look East"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you sent Christ to the forgotten and lost and humble. And he brought good news of freedom and healing and peace. Yet sometimes we act like we only hear bad news. We are proud in our own ideas. We criticize freely and praise little. We give back evil instead of offering good. Forgive us, Lord. Come to us as you have before. Repair our brokenness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** (tune: refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem "Carols for Advent" Patrick Lieberman
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon (Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (p.650)

Hymn: #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24 (p.193)

Sermon: **The Word Incarnate—A Call to the Small**

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: "In the Bleak Mid Winter" Wilbur Held

Doxology (page 606)

* *Hymn:* #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" 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 James Weaver
Given by his family

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Emily Birch & Danielle Short

Next Sunday: Emily Birch & Linda Erikson

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Robert, Stephanie, Dykota,
Kelli & Kayla Kloepfer**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		<i>Christmas Caroling</i>
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

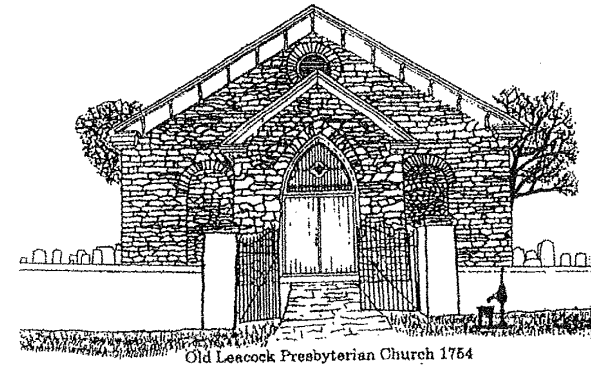
Throughout the Christmas season we will be collecting the **Christmas Joy Offering**. The special envelopes are in the pews for your use. Simply put them in the offering plate with your regular offering. It will conclude Sunday, December 31st.

Please take time to look over the **Giving Chart** in the narthex. It shows giving and expenses through November. Actual budget is in blue, giving is green, expenses are red. We have overspent giving by \$4600, not an unusual happening. In this Christmas season please give prayerful consideration to your gifts for the Leacock body of Christ. Thank you from the Stewardship Committee

The Church is in need of an **Outdoor Sexton**. Duties include keeping the grounds looking good, cleaned up, walkways cleared and doorways unobstructed. Garbage gets put out every week. Interested? Call Dave Berkhimer at 717-442-8319. Thanks!

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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