

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Announcements

Prelude: Fanfare on 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' Robert Hobby

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle – Karen and David Homsher

Children's Sermon

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Once In Royal David's City" Wayne Wold

Doxology (page 606)

The Word Incarnate

In the Beginning Was the Word

Scripture Luke 2:1-14

Anthem "Let the Earth Resound with Praise" Williams/Martin
Chancel Choir

Reflection

Prayers of the People

Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 5-7)

The Word in the World

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem "Antiphonal for Advent" Raney
Chancel Choir with Bells

Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us. for you came to us in Jesus. You brought light and peace. You revealed yourself as love. We call for Emmanuel to come again, for we need him. But while we wait, we forget to do the work he began. We put out lights in others' hearts. We quarrel and hold fast to resentment. We withhold love. Merciful God, forgive us. Come again. Till then, open our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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)

Hymn #116 "The Snow Lay on the Ground"

The Word at Home

Scripture Luke 2:15-20

Anthem "Ring the Christmas Bells" English/Martin
Chancel Choir

Reflection

Hymn #147 "The First Nowell"

*Benediction:

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Ding Dong Merrily on High" Gordon Young
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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

There will be no Sunday School this Sunday or next Sunday

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Joy Koshuta

TODAY 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Paradise
 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Old Leacock

MONDAY ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to attend the 7p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service at Paradise this evening or the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Old Leacock – or come and worship at both!

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. Next Sunday is the last day to make your offering.

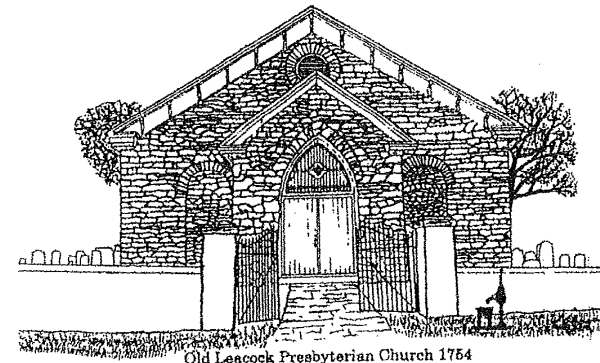
Looking ahead:

Next Sunday **December 31**, we welcome Rev. Esta Jarrett as our guest minister. She is the daughter of Evelyn (Brackbill) and Gus Jarrett and granddaughter of Jane and Herman Brackbill.

On **January 7th** we will celebrate communion in the traditional fashion. Come, be fed by the Lord, as we begin our new year.

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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