

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Now Let Us All With One Accord" Edward Broughton

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Let us believe in the good news.

People: Let us believe the kingdom of God has come near.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Let us turn, then, to the Lord.

Leader: The Lord calls us to follow him.

People: Let us answer that call by doing God's will.

**Hymn: #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of grace, you know the wrongs that people do. It grieves your heart. But still it is your desire that the world be saved and not condemned. For us, that often is a hard word to accept. We want mercy for ourselves and for those for whom we care. But we want judgment for those who are different or have hurt us. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us mercy. Help us to grow in grace. 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: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (GTG #735) Hawks/Lowry

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (p.811)

**Hymn: #410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"*

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20 (p.33)

Sermon: Two Ways to Answer

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: "It Is Well With My Soul" Charles Callahan

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #170 "You Walk along Our Shoreline"*

**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: "My Rock, My Fortress" Dennis Elliot

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 Doris and Lee Brown

Given by their children and grandchildren

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 & Vicki Burkins

Next Sunday: Loretta McClarigan & Lea Lichty

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Miriam Latshaw

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 6:30 p.m. | Church Audit |
| | 7:00 p.m. | PW Bible Study |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Deacon Meeting |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 a.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first **Community Meal** for 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 25th in our Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up, as well as food needed for this meal.

Our annual **Blanket Fund** drive continues through January 28. Please find the appropriate envelopes in the pews. This money goes to Church World Service to help provide blankets and other necessities for those experiencing financial difficulties and also those in third world countries who even lack a blanket!

Reminder: The Deacons will be meeting in the church library this Tuesday.

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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