

**4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 28, 2018**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: We come to the Lord to learn how to be.

**People: Teach us, Lord, your way.**

Leader: The Lord has shown us what to do, in words, in deeds.

**People: Help us, Lord, to follow your way.**

Leader: Your way, Lord, was to be for others.

**People: Let love, then, be our guide.**

*\*Hymn: #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Faithful God, you have long spoken your will to your people. But sometimes we miss what you say. We think we know you and what you want, when really we know only ourselves and what we want. Then we may turn from a neighbor in need; we may hurt a sister or brother. Humble us, Lord. Help us to look to you. Heal 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***

*Children's Sermon*

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p.160)*

*\*Hymn: #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

*Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28 (p. 33)*

*Sermon:*

**The Measure of All Things**

***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

Doxology (page 606)

*\*Hymn: #316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (to the tune of #687)*

*\*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

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 Honor of Dianne Yuninger & Karen Homsher for their gift of music to the church.

Given by a grateful member of the congregation.

**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 & Next Sunday: Loretta McClarigan & Lea Lichty

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Cassandra Leitch

**Kathy Ankney** is now recuperating at home from the hospital and wishes to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers.

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our annual **Blanket Fund** drive continues through today, 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!

**Indoor Sexton Needed**

Leacock is looking for someone to be our new indoor sexton. The position involves cleaning the interiors of our church buildings. If you are interested or have a question, please contact David Berkhimer or Rev. 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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