

**GATHERING**

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Shine, Jesus Shine” Graham Kendrick, arr. Tom Fettke

Invocation

*Call To Worship*

Leader: Dear God, open our hearts.

**People: Help us to let your light in.**

Leader: Grant us the courage to see with new eyes.

**People: Help us to go to the light that is Christ.**

Leader: Enable us to hear past our fears.

**People: Help us to listen to Jesus.**

\*Hymn: #156 “Sing of God Made Manifest”

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Faithful God, when there was only darkness, you made light to shine.**

**When we create darkness, still you shine a light. Yet we do not see your**

**light. Or if we do, we do not believe it. Instead, we try to make our way**

**alone, with lives lit by mortal flames that cast shadows more than light.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Find us again in our darkness. Lead us to your light.**

**Amen.**

\*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: “Captive Us” Charlie Hall, Nathan and Christy Nockels

Children’s Sermon

(Following Children’s Sermon, children 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 “Lord, I Need You” Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill,  
Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, & Daniel Carson

\*Doxology (page 606)

*First Scripture Reading:* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p.169)

\*Hymn: #190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

*Second Scripture Reading:* Mark 9:2-9 (p.41)

*Sermon:* **The Light in the Heart**

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

\*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

The Peace of Christ

\*Hymn: #192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude “Trading My Sorrows” Darrell Evans

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 Timothy Sowers  
son of David & Karen Sowers and Grandson of Gene & Betty Sowers

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**

Today and Next Sunday: Jennifer McElhaney & Shirley Smith

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK:

**Matthew, Michele, Ian, Lea & Sarah Lichty**

Today we again welcome *Renee Mendenhall* to our worship and thank her for her gift of music!

**TODAY:**

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

**THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Sunday, February 18, we begin our **Lenten Study** as we explore different ways of worship. The study follows a light meal at 5:30.

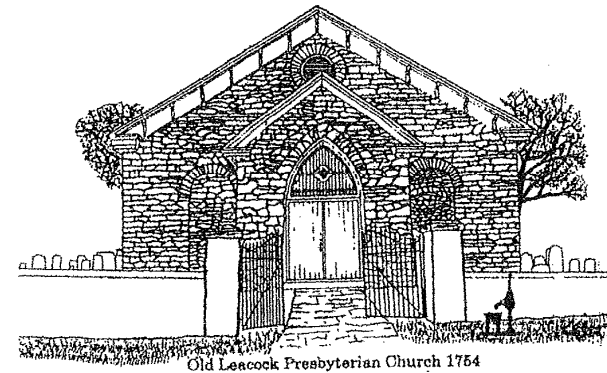
The next **Community Meal** is **Thursday, February 22nd** from 5:30 to 6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall.. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please fill them as you see fit. We appreciate your help!

**2017 Giving Statements** are on the table in the Sunday School room with the 2018 Offering Envelopes. You can pick up both if you haven't got either one so far. If you see a neighbor's box or statement, take it to them and say Hi!

FEBRUARY is also **Trustee Building and Funds Offering** month. The Offering will be for the Bell Tower. The tower needs some repair and painting. This was brought to our attention by a window that was missing in the tower and was discovered when the trees were trimmed on the west side of the church. The window was replaced but some wood below the window was in bad shape. This is what the Trustees will be looking at as soon as the weather breaks. The Trustees thank you all for your support.

# 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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