

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” Dale Wood

**Call To Worship*

Leader: The Lord calls us.

People: Lord, grant us the courage to follow you on your way.

Leader: The Lord chose the way of the cross.

People: Lord, grant us the courage to take up our own cross.

Leader: The Lord gave his life so that others might live.

People: Lord, grant us the courage to rise to life.

**Hymn:* #53 “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, you gave us life to begin with. But we break your gifts. We break our bonds with each other; we break our promise; we break your heart. Lord, gather up the pieces. Forgive us; heal us. Give us life again. 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: “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” C.J. Adams
Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25 (p. 145)

**Hymn:* #828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38 (p. 41)

Sermon: **Dying to Live**

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: “Near the Cross” Charles Callahan

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

**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)

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
Celebration of my parents David & Carol Berkhimer’s 46th Wedding Anniversary
Given by Danielle, Lonnie, Jayde & Kyle

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 March 4: Carol & Dave Berkhimer

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Geraldine Lutz

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
		Annual Meeting & Luncheon follow
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

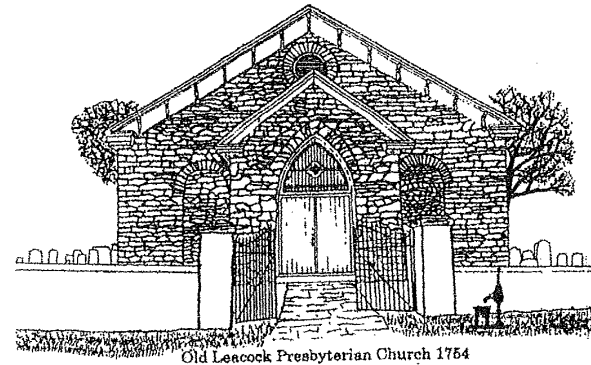
Our **Annual Meeting** is today immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. It will be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship hall.



This Sunday, our **Lenten Study** continues as we explore different paths to God – what form of worship best fits you. The study follows a light meal at **5:30**.

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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Remember Your Offerings

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.

David Berkhimer
Trustee President