

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “Lenten Meditation” Powell Bell Choir

**Call To Worship*

Leader: From of old, God has loved us.

People: Yet we have defied God’s will.

Leader: And so, in time, Christ was born; Christ died; Christ was raised.

People: Let us follow the Lord.

Leader: In Christ, God has spoken to our hearts.

People: Let us love the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind.

**Hymn:* #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you have always let your people know your will. You spoke your Word in our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls to us, but often we do not follow him. We listen to the noise of the world and we go its way. Mend us, Lord. Grant us the strength to heal. Help us to choose life. 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: “Go To Dark Gethsemane” Redhead/Krug
Bell Choir

Children’s Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.691)

**Hymn:* #692 “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Second Scripture Reading: John 12:20-33 (p.100)

Sermon: **One Last Question**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

** Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (p.17)*

Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Ah, Holy Jesus” Dale Wood

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)

Postlude: “A Way to Calvary Leadeth” Dale Wood

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 Lewis Bryson
Husband, Father and Grandfather on your birthday. We miss you and we thank God
for all our wonderful memories. Given by your wife Ruth & your family.

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 & Linda Erikson - Next Sunday: no Sunday School

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Kevin & Loretta McClarigan

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee 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
<u>SATURDAY</u>	8:30 a.m.	Spring Workday

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

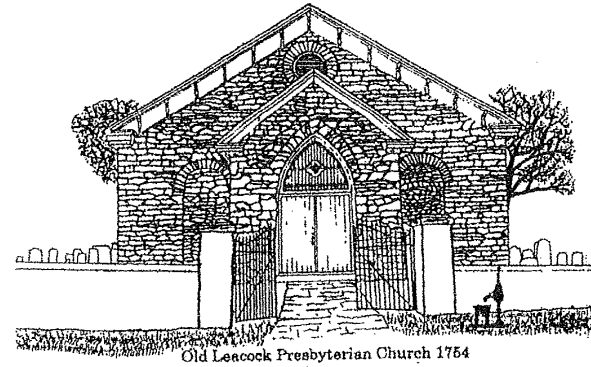


One Great Hour of Sharing will run until Easter Sunday, April 1st. Use the envelopes in the pews or feel free to just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate through Easter Sunday.

Remember to order your **Easter Plants**. The deadline is **this Wednesday**, March 21.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Because the last Thursday of this month is our Maundy Thursday service, the **Community Meal** will be held the week before, on this **Thursday, March 22**. The time is the same, from 5:30-6:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times to help. *Thanks!* from the Mission committee.



MARCH 24 – This Saturday starting around **8:30 a.m.** we will be mulching, raking, and doing general clean-up of the grounds and building. Please bring cleaning rags, rakes, trimmers, and a positive attitude. There will be

pastries, coffee, and juice of course. Come and see who doesn't show up for this all important Trustee maintenance project. If you see something that needs the Trustees attention, please tell one of us. Thank you all for your support. Dave Berkhimer



Friday, **March 23** is Helen Kreider's birthday. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is: Masonic Village, 600 Freemason Drive, Room 2604, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

The congregation is invited to a drop-in party to celebrate Arlene Brackbill's 90th birthday. Join us Saturday **April 7** from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please, no gifts. RSVP to Carol Shearer (717) 687-7494 by the 1st of April.

Easter is just two weeks away and our **At Home Members** might appreciate an Easter card sent to them. Please At Home Members and their addresses on the pink narthex.



see the list of sheets in the