

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2018**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

Choral Prelude on ‘York’: “God is Our Refuge and Strength” Douglas Wagner

Invocation

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, help us to trust in Easter life.

**People: We believe; help our unbelief.**

Leader: Lord, help us to trust in Easter light.

**People: Touch us so that our hearts open.**

Leader: Lord, help us to trust in Easter joy.

**People: Speak our name so that we may know you.**

*\*Hymn: #252 “Day of Arising”*

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Lord of Easter, as you were raised, so do you will that we be raised. We have celebrated the day of resurrection. But other days have followed, bringing the old worries and fear. We miss you beside us as we travel our way. We lock our doors and hide behind them. Lord, come; find us; stay with us until we rise with you. 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: “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Carlton Young  
*Chancel Choir*

*Children’s Sermon*

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People – with #471 “O, Lord Hear My Prayer”

*First Scripture Reading:* John 20: 19-31 (p.108)

*\*Hymn: #254 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*

*Second Scripture Reading:* Luke 24:13-35 (p. 84)

*Sermon:* **The Eyes of the Heart**

***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: “Aria in G”

Robert Powell

Doxology (page 606)

*\*Hymn: #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”*

*\*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: “Wondrous Love: And When From Death I’m Free, I’ll Sing On”

Robert Lau

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

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: Vicki & Tom Burkins

Next Sunday April 22: Alba & Mike Ruhl

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Muriel Meier

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee/Session Mtg.
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	1:30 p.m.	Game Day

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

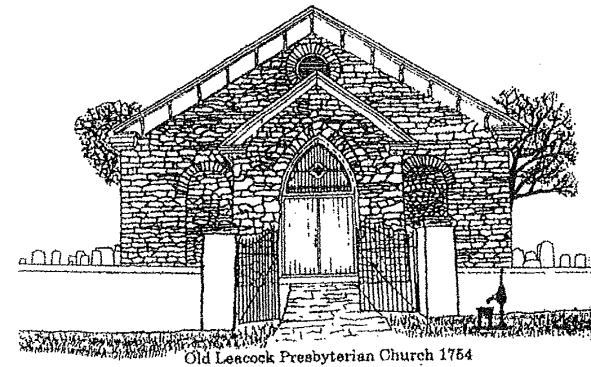
**This coming Saturday is Game Day!** Starting at 1:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a Table Game Party. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share for a fun afternoon. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. Hope to see you all there!

In April we collect clean, gently used clothing for the **Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank.** Please place your clothing in the narthex and the mission committee will see that it gets to the proper place. Thank you for your help.

The next **Community Meal** will be held on Thursday, April 26th in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The signup sheets for food donations and to help cook, serve, or clean up are in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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