

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 3, 2016**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting      Rev. Robert W. Birch  
Prelude:      “Here I Am, Lord”      setting John Carter

*Invocation: Seth Gray*

*\*Call To Worship: Seth Gray*

Leader: God, lead us.

**People: Lead us down the right path.**

Leader: God lead us.

**People: And we will follow you.**

Leader: God, lead us.

**People: And we will feel your presence.**

Leader: God, lead us.

**People: And serenity will be ours.**

*Hymn:      #300    “We Are One in the Spirit”*

*Prayer of Confession (Unison): Sarah Keeman*

Our God, who is always alive, we know you want the best for us, that you want us to be at peace, that you want us always to feel you are with us, feel your love. Sometime, though, we get lost. We forget to let you guide us and think we can make our way down life’s paths alone. We think we know what’s best. We allow ourselves to be distracted by those people and things that are not about your love. Lord forgive us, when we do, please guide us gently, remind us you are here, and set us back on the right path. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon: Sarah Keeman*

*\*Gloria Patri*

***PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD***

Anthem:      “Day By Day”

*Children’s Sermon: Sara Lichty*

(Following Children’s Sermon, children may leave for Sunday School)

*Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer: Sean Gray, Jr.*

*First Scripture Reading:    Nate Reiker: Proverbs 4:10-19 (p. 554)*

*Hymn:      #192    “Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

*Second Scripture Reading: Sean Gray, Jr.: Romans 14:13-19 (p. 153)*

*Sermon: Sara Lichty and Sean Gray, Jr.      **Free to Choose***

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

*A few moments for meditation and Affirmation of Faith: Rev. Robert W. Birch*

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

*The Peace of Christ*

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts: Sarah Keenan*

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Book*

*Offertory      “I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger”      Anna Laura Page*

*\*Doxology (page 606)*

*\*Hymn:      #69    “Here I Am, Lord”*

*\*Benediction:      Rev. Robert W. Birch*

*Silent Prayer (be seated)*

*Postlude      “My Lord, What a Morning”      Anna Laura Page*

*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 Thankfulness to Leacock Presbyterian Church and to all its wonderful members for sponsoring my family to come here 36 years ago.*

*Given by Keo Phongxaysanith and 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.)

8:00 – On call list 10:30 – Dick & Debbie Sindall

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) next Sunday, April 10

8:00 – On call list 10:30 – Bob & Margy Hershey

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert, Christen & Mackenzie Sharpe

### **TODAY Youth Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

Children (kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Sermon)

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

### **MONDAY**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. CCL

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

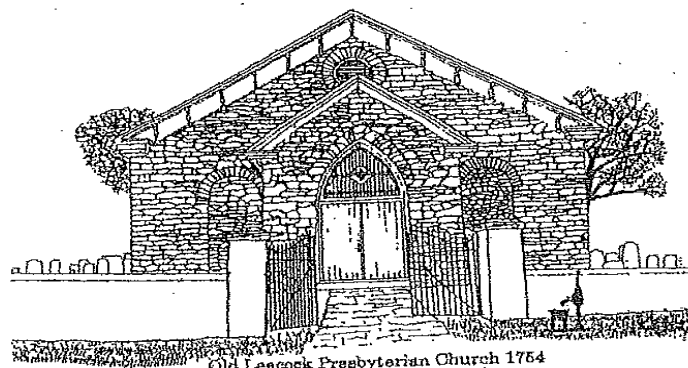
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

# *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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## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

During the month of April, the mission committee will be collecting clean, gently used clothing to donate to the Lancaster County Council of Churches clothing bank. Please put donations in the narthex and the mission committee will take care of it.

**The Factory Ministries** invites you to the Annual Spring Banquet “Building a Legacy: Living today to impact tomorrow.” Join us on April 12, 2016, 6:30PM, at Paradise Elementary School 20 North Belmont Road, Paradise, PA 17562, as we rally to build a legacy that lasts! The Banquet will include a family style meal prepared by our Amish friends, Director’s update, and news of what’s happening in our community.

**Musician Appreciation:** Please join us on April 17, after either service, at a reception in honor of those who contribute to the music ministry of Leacock.