

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude on 'St. Columba'

Raymond Haan

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Believe this—Jesus is our good shepherd.

People: Let us listen to his voice.

Leader: Live this—Jesus commanded us to love one another.

People: Let us love in truth and action.

Leader: Learn from this—Jesus laid down his life for us.

People: Let us be willing to lay down our lives for others.

**Hymn:* #482 "Baptized in Water"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, Scripture tells us that you are love. You create, because you love. You gave your Son, because you love. And he commanded us one thing—to love. But at best, we love some and not others. Our angers, our hurts, our righteousness becomes more important than love. Forgive us, Lord. Love us past our wrong. Recreate us. 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: "God is So Good" arr. Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 (p.226)

**Hymn:* #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Second Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 (p.97)

Sermon: **Shepherds**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith – The 23rd Psalm*

The Sacrament of Baptism - Mason James Funk, son of Stephen and Jayme Funk.

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Brother James' Air"

Raymond Haan

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

**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: "He Leadeth Me! Oh Blessed Thought!" Robert Powell
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 my dear parents,
Jack Wettig and Veronica Trout
Given with much love by Tracy Wettig

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 and next Sunday, April 29: Alba & Mike Ruhl

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Jeanne Menges**

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 7:00 p.m. | PW Bible Study |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal |

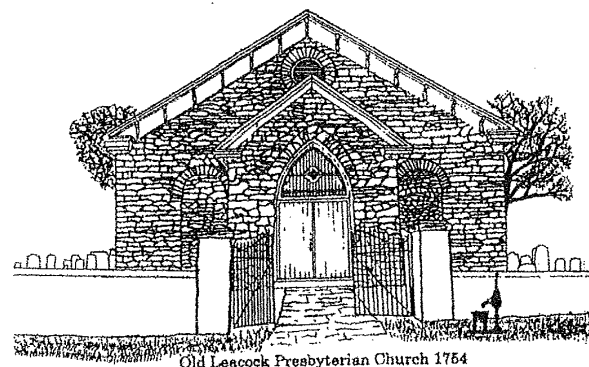
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 this coming 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

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



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