

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Ave Maria" Schubert
Solo: Jenny Keenan

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: **Jennifer McElhany & Ed Margerum**

Children's Sermon

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "What Child Is This?" Jason Payne

***Response:** (tune: refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gratitude to God—For the Lowly Graced

Imagining Mary

Anthem "In Silence We Wait" Parker/Larson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 1:26-37

Reflection

Prayers of the People

Hymn #116 "The Snow Lay on the Ground"

The Response of the Chosen

Anthem "Carols for Advent" Liebergen
Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 1:38

Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

How God Works

Anthem "Advent Meditation" (with Dona Nobis Pacem) Liebergen
Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 1:46-55

Reflection

Hymn #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Reception of New Members

Peace

Hymn #147 "The First Nowell" (1st four verses)

**Benediction*

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Joy to the World!" Diane Bish
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.

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: Review & Fun – Emily Birch & Linda Erikson

Next Sunday: Christmas Break

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Douglas & Lois Snader**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service Paradise
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service Old Leacock
<u>TUESDAY</u>	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

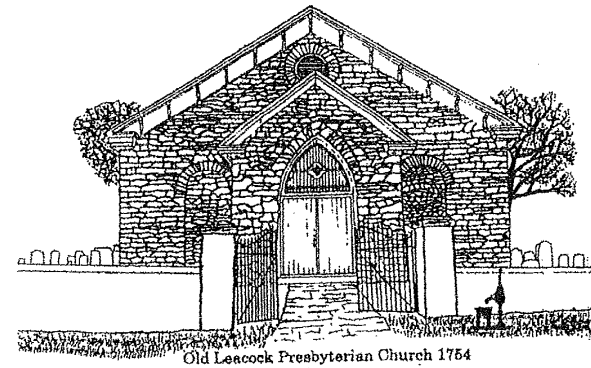
December is the month for our annual **Christmas Joy Offering**. This offering aids church workers who may need some financial help or students going into Christian work attending Christian colleges and academies. The special envelopes will be in the pews for the entire month of December. If using a check, please mark the memo line for "Christmas Joy Offering."

Congratulations to the highest bidder (\$350) of the beautiful Leacock quilt. The winner was Cheryl Homsher (daughter of the late Ralph & Janice Homsher) from Texas. Yes! The highest bid came via text all the way from Texas! Thanks, Cheryl!

2019 Offering Envelopes are ready for all to pick up in the Sunday School Wing. They are in the first room on your left. Picking up your envelopes will help to keep our expenses down. The Trustees want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Dave Berkhimer, Trustee President

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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