First Sunday after Christmas   **December 30, 2018**

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Silent Night"   Sharon Elerg Rogers

Call To Worship

Leader: God of our past,

People: We thank you for choosing us, for setting us apart.

Leader: God of our present,

People: We thank you for filling us with the peace of Christ.

Leader: God of our future,

People: We thank you for helping us to grow in grace.

Hymn: #132   "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)*

God with us, for you, in life there is always changing, growing, becoming more what you create us to be. That should never stop. But we do. We get stuck. We wear the same old tattered clothes of worry and resentment, till we forget our neighbors, till we forget you. Forgive us, Lord. In the new year, help us to become a new creation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "In the Bleak Midwinter"   Holst
                          Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 190)

Hymn: #140   "Once in Royal David's City"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52 (p.55)

Sermon: **A New Year's Outfit**

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: "What Shall I Give to the Child in the Manger"   Douglas Wagner

Doxology (page 606)

Hymn   #151   "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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)

Postlude   "While By My Sheep"   Gordon Young
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 Honor of Loretta McClarigan and all who helped her to thank them for all their hard work on the Christmas Bazaar

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: Christmas Break – No Class
Next Sunday, January 6: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:
PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Betty Sowers**

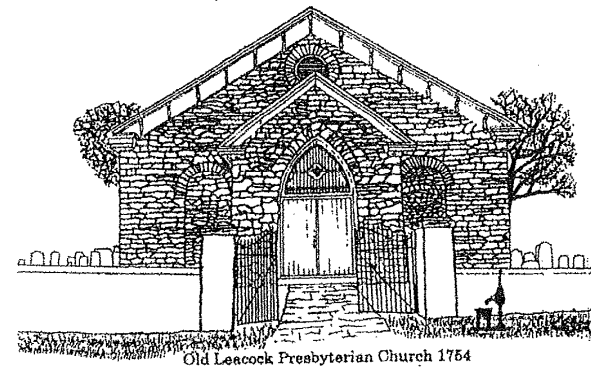|		
TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting

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."

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

Attention Leacock Women! We will be meeting Sunday, January 20 following worship to decide on the allocation of Bazaar funds. We value your input.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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