

**GATHERING**

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Dale Wood

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, teach us your way.

**People: Help us to listen, for it is a hard teaching.**

Leader: Help us when others seek to harm us.

**People: Be our refuge in times of trouble.**

Leader: God is kind even to the wicked.

**People: Let us then love even our enemies.**

*\*Hymn:* #706 "Commit Your Way to God the Lord" (to the tune of #738)

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Merciful God, your love has no boundaries. You make the sun rise on the evil and the good. We do not love as you do. We love sometimes, in some ways, some people—family, friends who are good to us. We judge more easily than we love. We do not forgive. Then we cannot love. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Love 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:* "Let Us Pray for Peace" Thomas Keesecker  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Psalm 37:1-11, 39,40 (p.483)

*\*Hymn:* #445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

*Second Scripture Reading:* Luke 6:27-38 (p.60)

*Sermon:* **Tough Love**

**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:* "Change My Heart, O God" arr. Don Wyrzten

*Doxology*

*\*Hymn* "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" (see insert)

*\*Benediction*

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)

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 Celebration  
of my parents David & Carol Berkhimer's 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Given by Danielle, Lonnie, Jayde & Kyle

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: Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill  
Next Sunday, March 3: Carol & David Berkhimer

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Tracy Wettig**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Annual Meeting & Luncheon
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	PW Bible Study
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

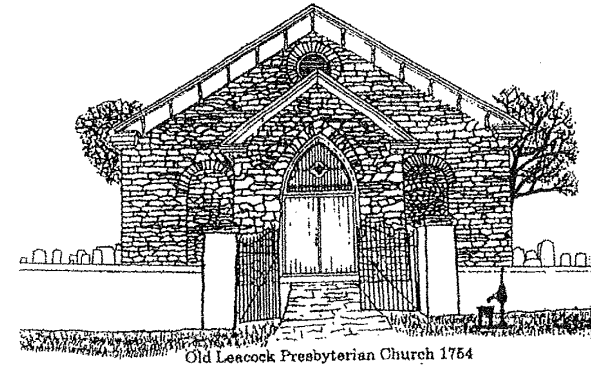
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

Today is our **Annual Meeting**  
A **Covered Dish Luncheon** will follow the meeting  
Please join us!

# 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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