

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 5, 2019**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* Devotion on ‘Schonster Herr Jesu’ Alice Jordan

*Invocation*

\* *Call To Worship* (responsive) From Psalm 143 (adapted)

One: Hear our prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to our supplications in your faithfulness;  
answer us in your righteousness.

**All: Do not enter in judgment with your servants,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

One: Let us hear of your steadfast love in the morning,  
for in you we put our trust.

**All: Teach us to do your will,  
for you are our God.**

**Let your good Spirit lead us on a level path.**

\* *Hymn:* #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**God of our hope and salvation in Christ, we cannot change our past – the things we have done and the things we have failed to do – but you can redeem our past, changing its meaning for us and its impact upon our lives. You know our disappointments with life. You see the moments of shame we replay in our minds, disturbing our thoughts and our dreams. You understand the ways in which, to protect ourselves from bitterness and despair, we have diminished our plans and let our hopes slip away. Please forgive and heal us, and through Christ infuse us with new hope and our lives with fresh meaning and purpose. Strengthen us for service and guide us by your living Spirit. 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:* “Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord” Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

*Children’s Sermon* “Nick’s Question for Jed” (puppet parable)  
(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

*Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer*

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

*Offertory:* “Hear My Prayer” Robert Lau  
*Doxology* (p. 606)

*First Scripture Reading:* Genesis 45:4-7 (p. 41)

\**Hymn:* #506 “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!” (to the tune of #490)

*Second Scripture Reading:* John 21:1-3, 15-19 (p.109)

*Sermon:* **Back to Fishing?**

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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

The Peace of Christ

\**Hymn:* #772 “Live into Hope”

\**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)

*Postlude* Grand Chorus on ‘St. Elizabeth’ Alice Jordan  
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 last Sunday were in Loving Memory  
of Nicole Lopez and Esther McLaughlin  
Given by Nick & Evie Lopez

The Sanctuary Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Jim Hess & Pat Ide  
Given by Gerry 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.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

We welcome Rev. Richard E. Sindall to the pulpit this morning. He retired July 1, 2012 after forty years of pastoral ministry serving two First Presbyterian churches, one in Tamaqua, PA (13 years) and the other in Bridgeton, NJ (27 years) and is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Seminary. Dick and his wife Debbie, a retired teacher, now live in Lititz. Debbie is a member of Leacock Church. They have two adult sons, Dave and Jon.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER**

This Sunday: Alba Ruhl & Derek Colton  
Next Sunday, May 12: Lois & Darwin Eshleman

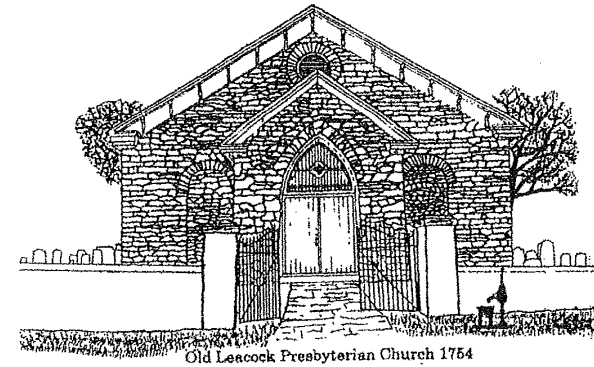
**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Chuck, Kathy & Kristen Ankney**

Please remember to silence your cell phone before the beginning of service.

# 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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<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship & Communion
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing Old Leacock
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	<b>CCL Meeting is cancelled</b>
	8:45 p.m.	Softball: Leacock v. Weavertown
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed. Committee Mtg.
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir

### **Announcements**

The first **Hymn Sing** of the season begins at Old Leacock this evening. Old Leacock will again be filled with glorious harmonies of old favorites and new songs. Tom Perella will be leading us with his energy, and Dianne Yuninger will accompany the singing. What is your favorite hymn? How long has it been since you have sung it? Come out this evening and sing anew!



Interested in a space for our **Saturday, May 25 Yard Sale**? Call the church office! If you don't want a table but have stuff to get rid of, you can donate it to the church for us to sell that day on the front lawn. Drop off is at the office Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m-12 noon or on Sunday morning.