

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**December 29, 2019**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "O Come, all Ye Faithful" Jason Payne

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise him, all his angels, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon, all you shining stars!**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, fire and hail, snow and frost.

**People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds,**

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together,

**People: Praise the Lord!**

*\*Hymn:* #145 "What Child Is This"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Merciful God, into our darkness, you always send a light. In any night, there is a star. But we do not always follow that star. We remain in a darkness we know. Come to us, Lord. Tell again to rise. Help us to follow the light. 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***

*Children's Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 1)

*\*Hymn:* #147 "The First Nowell"

*Second Scripture Reading:* Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 2)

*Sermon:*

**Becoming Magi**

***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:* "The Snow Lay on the Ground" Wilbur Held

*Doxology* (p.606)

*\*Hymn* #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*\*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* "Carol of Bells" Lyndell Leatherman

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 single white rose is in Celebration of the birth of our grandson

*Austin Miles Funk*

Given by Ron and Sue Funk

**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

Next Sunday, January 5: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Christine Eshleman**



*As you all know by now, I have retired. I would like to thank the Leacock Congregation for the opportunity to do your altar flowers all these years. God Bless each and every one of you. Evie*

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>		Happy New Year
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

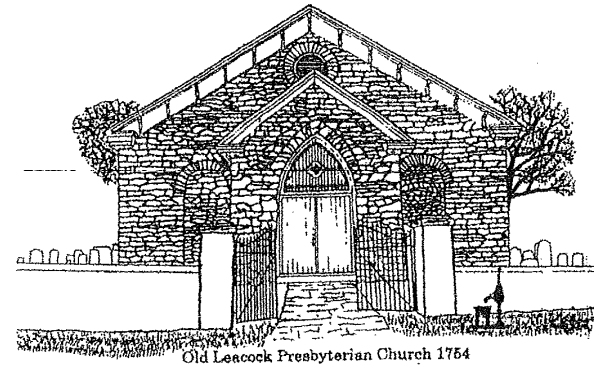
Today is the last Sunday in December for the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Special giving envelopes are in the pews for the month. As we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season, let us also celebrate the gift and example Christ has given us with our generosity of spirit.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now ready for your pickup in the Sunday School Room. The Trustees save hundreds of YOUR dollars by having you get them here and not mail them to you. Please be sure to tell everyone, PLEASE, pick up your new envelopes for 2020. Thank you.

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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