

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2020

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "Baptized and Set Free" Kenneth Kosche

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Before he sought us, Jesus came to John.

**People: Let us enter the waters with him.**

Leader: Before he fed us, Jesus was blessed by God.

**People: Let us rise from the waters with him.**

Leader: Dying and rising, Jesus spoke a word of love.

**People: Let us die and rise with him.**

*\*Hymn:* #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Redeemer God, when you chose a servant to save the world, you chose one of gentleness, of kindness, for they are the ways of healing. But often we choose other ways. We yell to be heard. We beat down even to build up. And then we break, even as we are broken. Put your Spirit upon us. Keep us. Take us by the hand till we learn Christ's way. 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:* "I Love to Tell the Story" William Fischer  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 42:1-9 (p.630)

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

*Offertory:* "Let Us Break Bread Together" Gordon Young

*Doxology* (p. 606)

*Second Scripture Reading:* Matthew 3:13-17 (p.3)

*Sermon:* **143**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*\*Hymn:* #164 "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways" (to the tune of #289)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

The Peace of Christ

*\*Hymn* #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (sung 3x)

*\*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 "Recessional on "St. Denio" 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 Loving Memory of Fred Musselman  
Given by the Shirley 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.

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

**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: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

Next Sunday, January 19: Jennifer McElhany & Shirley Smith

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Donald, Christy, Logan & Juliana Fieldsa**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>		Session Retreat

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Per Capita** - Our per capita apportionment this year is \$35.38. Please use the envelope in your envelope box for this one-time donation.

**Don't pack away your Christmas decorations yet!!** As you take down the Christmas ornaments, wreaths and garlands, think of any that you might want to replace. Then consider donating these items to the church for *next year's Christmas Bazaar!* You can drop off your donations at the office or in the Narthex with a note indicating they are for the Bazaar.

January is **Blanket Offering** month. The money collected will be sent to Church World Service to use for blankets or other necessities needed either here or abroad.

**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

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