

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020

**GATHERING**

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Thomas Chesterton

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: Always, God has called us.

**People: The Lord calls me by name.**

Leader: Always, God asks us a question.

**People: What in life am I looking for?**

Leader: Always, the Lord offers an answer.

**People: Let us go and see.**

*\*Hymn:* #720 “Jesus Calls Us”

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Eternal God, you call flawed people to be your servants, to bring your light to the world. And you call each of us. But your call has a cost. Sometimes, others will hurt us for following you. Sometimes, it will feel like we fail. Then, we may go another way. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us who calls. Grant us strength for the journey. 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:* “If My People Will Pray” Keith Christopher  
Chancel Choir

*Children’s Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 49:1-7 (p.638)

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

*Second Scripture Reading:* John 1:35-42 (p.87)

*Sermon:* **The Will to Keep On**

**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:* “Lord I Want to Be a Christian” Gordon Young

*\*Hymn* #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*\*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* “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Mark Hages

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 Doris & Lee Brown

Given by their Children & Grandchildren

**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 and next Sunday, January 26: Jennifer McElhany & Vicki Burkins

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Louis & Esta Fisher**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Audit
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Newsletter Articles Due!	

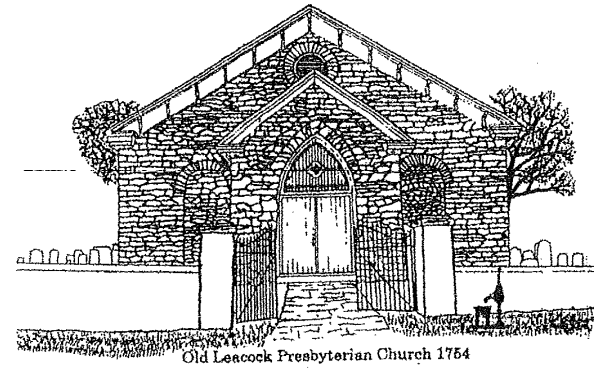
## Announcements

**Reminder:** 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.

Our next **Community Meal** is Thursday, **January 30** from 5:30 to 6:30 in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for helpers and donations of food needed are in the narthex. Your help is deeply appreciated!

# 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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