

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "We Three Kings " Lyndell Leatherman

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

Leader: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

People: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

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

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. 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: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (GTG 127)
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.649)

**Hymn:* #686 "God of Our Life"

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

Sermon: **Go Home Another Way**

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: "O, Morning Star" Marsha Medley

**Hymn* #150 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

**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 "From Heaven Above" 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 Ralph & Janice Homsher
Given by the David Homsher 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 and next Sunday, January 12: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

Today we welcome **Rev. Daniel Birchfield** to the pulpit! Rev. Birchfield is in his twentieth year of ordained ministry as a Teaching Elder. He has pastored churches in Texas, California and presently in Michigan. He attended both Princeton Theological Seminary & Fuller Theological Seminary in attaining his Masters of Divinity. He is husband to his wife Jessica, and they have three children.

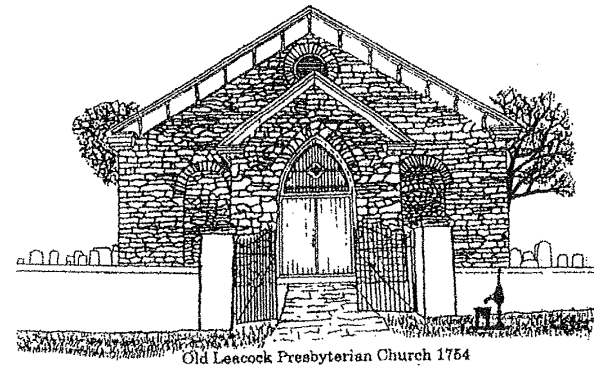
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Darwin & Lois Eshleman**

<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.	CCL
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:00 p.m.	Factory Meal

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Today begins our annual **Blanket Offering**. Please use the envelopes in the pews or feel free to use a plain white envelope and simply mark it "Blanket Offering." 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