

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude : "My Child, I Love You" Renee Mendenhall

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: There are two ways before us, God's and ours.

People: Come, Lord, teach us your way.

Leader: God's will, God's desire, for us is life.

People: Come, Lord, teach us the way to life.

Leader: But we are free to choose the other way of death.

People: Come, Lord, help us choose life.

**Hymn:* #711 "Lord of All Good"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, all that you command, all that you will, is so that we may find life in full. But too often we settle for only the letter of the law, and we miss its spirit. Then we break it. We break; we break each other. Soften our hearts, Lord. Open them so that we may hear you. Help us be alive. 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: "Because of Your Love" Paul Baloche

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p.179)

**Hymn:* #444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:17-37 (p.4)

Sermon: **A Matter of Life or Death**

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: "Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)" Kari Jobe, Jason Ingram

Doxology (p.606)

**Hymn* #706 "Commit Your Way to God the Lord" (to the tune of #302)

**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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" Annie Hawks

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 Gratitude to the outgoing Deacons

Katherine Boas, Gwen Hess and Betty Sowers

Given by the Deacons

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, February 23: Michele & Lea Lichty

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Stephanie, Sean, Seth, Sage and Sean Gray**

<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
	6:30 p.m.	Fundraising Com. Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Mtg.
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session Mtg.
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session calls for the Annual Meeting of the congregation Sunday, February 23, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports, elect the 2020 Nominating Committee, and deal with any other business brought before the congregation. A covered dish luncheon will follow the meeting.

The **SPECIAL OFFERING** in February will go toward repaying the \$8,000 we borrowed from Endowment for the replacement of the roof at Old Leacock.

The **Community Meal** is Thursday, **February 27** 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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