

**First Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2020**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* Prelude on ‘Wondrous Love’ Gordon Young

*Invocation*

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**People: Spirit of God, lead us out of our wildernesses.**

Leader: Then, the devil tempted Jesus.

**People: Dear God, lead us not into temptation.**

Leader: After his trial, angels fed Jesus.

**People: Lord Jesus, feed us in our hunger.**

*\*Hymn:* #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Gracious God, from the beginning it has been your will to give your creatures what they need for life. But often we want more, more than we need, more than is good for us. Then we fall. Have mercy on us, Lord. Raise us to life. Feed us the true bread from heaven. 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:* “Bread of Heaven, Wine of Heaven” Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

*Children’s Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p.2)

*\*Hymn :* #421 “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”  
(choir sings 1<sup>st</sup> two verses; congregation joins for final three)

*Second Scripture Reading:* Matthew 4:1-11 (p.3)

*Sermon:* **Grace after a Fall**

***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:* Variation on ‘Wondrous Love’ Robert Lee

*Doxology* (p.606)

*\*Hymn* #819 “Be Still, My Soul”

*\*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* “Wondrous Love: And When From Death I’m Free” Robert Lau  
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 my Daughter Beth  
Given by Shirley Musselman

**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 & next Sunday, March 8: Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Michael, Kelly, Owen, & Nora Hartman**

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| <b><u>TODAY</u></b>     | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship             |
|                         | 10:45 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.  | Lenten Meal & Study |
| <b><u>MONDAY</u></b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Stewardship Mtg.    |
| <b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> | 6:30 p.m.  | Bell Choir          |
|                         | 7:30 p.m.  | Chancel Choir       |
| <b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>  | 7:00 p.m.  | Session/Deacon Mtg. |

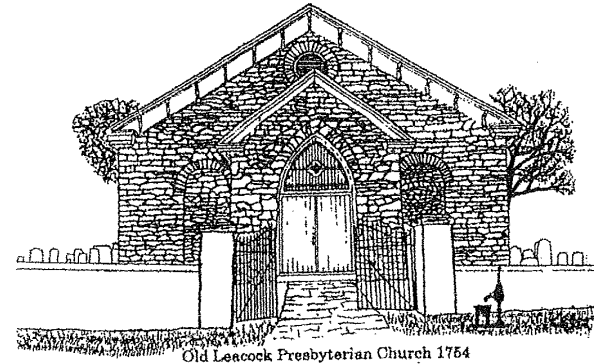
**Announcements**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** begins today and continues through Easter Sunday. Your gifts support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People Program. Envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the narthex. Please be generous in your giving.

The family of **Betty Sowers** invites you to help celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on **March 8, 2020** at Garden Spot Village Visitors' Center, in Parking Lot #1, New Holland, PA. The room is behind the big fish tank as you enter the building. We'll have cake and light snacks from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

# 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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