

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Raymond Haan

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn: #97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

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. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Gilbert Martin

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #357 “The Days Are Surely Coming (see insert)

Scripture Reading: **Mark 13:24-37**

24 “But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give
its light,

25and the stars will be falling
from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken.

26Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson; as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also when you see these things

taking place, you know that he is near at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey., when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

35Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Sermon: **Living Awake**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering

Hymn: ##536 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” (to the tune of #143)

1. Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia:
God, the wonder of our days.
2. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia:
Christ, our present, past and goal.

3. Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.

Alleluia, alleluia:

Spirit, grace by whom we live.

4. Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rise, O church, a living faith.

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Robert Lau

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Danielle, Kyle, & Jade Short**

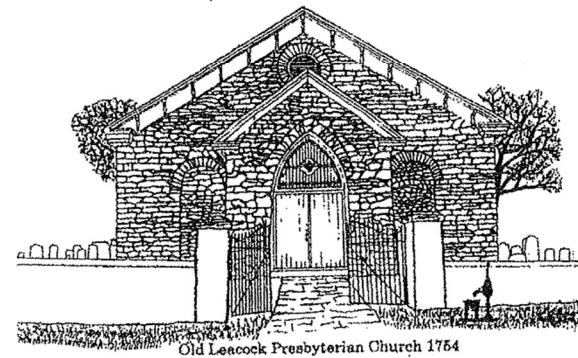
You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on **December 27** in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office 717-687-6619

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex near the east vestibule door. The Marines would appreciate your generosity even more so this year because they feel giving will be less. Most needed are toys for children 0-2 years & 9-12 years. For ages 9-12, it could be a watch, makeup kit, jewelry, wallet, etc. Last year was great, and I hope you all can give again. Thank you!
Dave Berkhimer

Peanut Butter Bonbons We will be making peanut butter bonbons Monday, December 7 at 10:00am. Call Carol Shearer if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. You can order bonbons by calling the church office or Carol Shearer and make arrangements to pick them up at the church or have them delivered. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$6.50 per container.

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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