

**Third Sunday in Advent**

**December 13, 2020**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* "What Child Is This?"

Jason Payne

Invocation

*The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

\*Hymn: #82 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now they gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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:* "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Lynn Arthur Koch

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #772 "Live into Hope" (see insert)

*Scripture Reading:* Isaiah 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news  
to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3to provide for those who mourn in Zion-  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
4They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Sermon:

**Getting our Second Wind**

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (see insert)

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

“The First Noel”

Sharon Elery

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my beloved  
husband Eugene Sowers who passed away 5 years ago  
Given by Betty Sowers**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory  
of our father, Warren H. Brackbill  
Given by Jim & Sue Brackbill**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Kitty Shumate**

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. Please call the office to find a time when you can drop off your toy. Thank you!

Dave Berkhimer

**We will have Poinsettias again this year!** You can order them until noon on Wednesday, December 16. They are still only \$8! Your poinsettia can again be dedicated in honor of or in memory of whomever you wish. Put your dedication and payment in a sealed envelope and drop it off in the narthex on Tuesdays & Fridays from 8:30-Noon. At other times, place it in the envelope on the front door of the Manse. Details on when you can pick your plant up will follow.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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