

Theme: Moral Compass



“And immediately he called them, and immediately they left. . .” Matthew 4:22 and Mark 1:20

GATHERING

Prelude: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. Shaw/Keveren

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, and prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. Sometimes we sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

Leader: Indeed, we come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

People: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Hymn: #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

*Prayer of the Day

O God, in a cynical and despairing world, give us a prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a healing voice to

proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a reassuring voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us an hospitable voice to proclaim your love. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a comforting voice to show our understanding. May we be so captivated by your call on our lives, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, to live deeply into the calling which is ours. May your reign continue to come into our world; and may our individual and corporate efforts help to make it so. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Meditation: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Runyan, arr. Keveren

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20

Sermon: "Left Everything and Followed"

Hymn: #69 "Here I Am, Lord"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-faithful God, who calls us into the deep waters of faith and trust, we offer these gifts with open hearts. Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into your embrace. Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

Charge and Benediction

Leader: May God our Creator renew in us the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world.

People: May Jesus the Christ uphold us in grace and love.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit fill us with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope close by and wherever we go. AMEN

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Willis
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Joseph & Sharon Lee Williams

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of my parents,
David & Carol Berkhimer, on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary
Given by Danielle, Jayde & Kyle

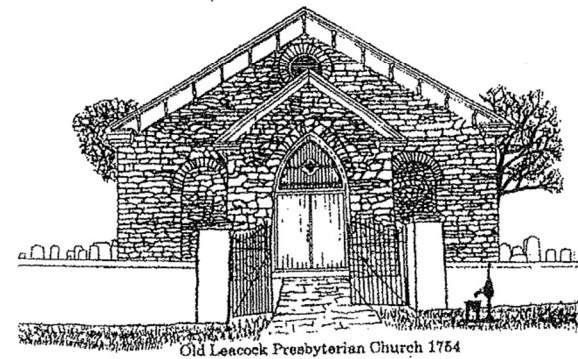
Announcements

TODAY following the fellowship time, we begin a post-worship gathering in the sanctuary to have conversation and to dive deeper into the scripture of the day (or other study) along with reflective prayer. On March 9 the Lenten Study begins following worship (study only, no luncheon) with the theme: "Far Horizons" (Where Are We).

The **Trustees Special Offering** in February will be for the HVAC and Furnace repairs and upkeep.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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