

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* “What Child Is This?” Richard Purvis  
Invocation

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: The Lord is with us.

**People: May I trust the Lord.**

Leader: We have found favor with God.

**People: May I not be afraid.**

Leader: Let us say, “Lord, here I am; let it be with me according to your word.

**People: May my soul magnify the Lord.**

\*Hymn: #116 “The Snow Lay on the Ground” (see download)

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Faithful God, you come to us; you call us—yes, even us. But then sometimes we are confused; we are afraid; we turn from you, from your call. Forgive us when we do. In the midst of the uncertain, grant us your peace. Teach us to sit till we understand what you ask, what you will. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

**\*Response:** (tune: refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

***PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD***

*Anthem:* “The First Noel” Sharon Elery

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (see download)

*Scripture Reading:* Luke 1:46-55

Sermon: **Pondering Mary**

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Installation of Officers

The Peace of Christ

\*Hymn: #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (see download)

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Joy to the World” Diane Bish

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:**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Stephan Englehart**

Thanks to all the people who helped make our **Bonbons** this year and to the people who purchased them. A special thanks to Loretta McClarigan for selling some of them in her shop. We made and sold about 200 dozen and raised \$1334.50 for the fundraising fund.

**ADVENT CALENDAR**

**Today, December 19 - Christmas Sunday with Communion**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
7:00 p.m. in the Paradise Sanctuary**

**January 2 - Epiphany Sunday**



If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, January 23 and January 30 are available. Please call the church office 717-687-6619.

# 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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