

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

**Theme:** Going Back to Go Forward  
“Journeying On”

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.” Hosea 11:1

### *GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* “”

Invocation

*\*Call to Worship* Psalm 71:1-6

Leader: Lord, we have gone to you for safety. Let us never be put to shame.

**People: You do what is right, so save us and help us. Pay attention to our lives.**

Leader: Give the command to save us for You are our rock and our fortress.

**People: Be our rock of safety that we can always go to.**

Leader: You have always been our hope. We have trusted in you ever since we were young.

**People: From the time we were born we have depended on you. We will praise you forever!**

*\*Hymn:* #154 “Jesus Entered Egypt” (see download)

Prayer of the Day: (unison)

**Gracious LORD, direct us through holy dreams to change direction when needed and guide us by Your Spirit to our true home in You. Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. AMEN**

*Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: In the light of the radiant Christ may we understand our vocation to follow Him in this often dark and dreary world.

**People: Let us believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*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:* “”

*Children’s Sermon*

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*\*Hymn:* “When Jesus Went to Egypt” Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2018

Tune: O Sacred Head Now Wounded (see insert and download)

*Scripture Reading:* Hosea 11:1-4 and Matthew 2:19-23

*Sermon:* “The Incredible Journey Home”

### *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

*\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) - Psalm 138*

**We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole heart because that is the right and fitting thing to do. We humble ourselves and bow down in this sacred place giving thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Exalted is your name and your word above everything. This day and all days we call on your name, you answer and increase the strength of our souls. May rulers everywhere praise you, O LORD, for great is Your glory. Though You are on high, yet You regard the lowly. When we walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve us from evil and wrath; You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers us. You, the LORD, will fulfill your purpose for us; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. This is the faith we affirm today.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

The Peace of Christ

*\*Hymn: #748 “Go With Us, Lord” (repeat 3 times: 1<sup>st</sup> time, regular voice; 2<sup>nd</sup> time, as a whispered prayer; 3<sup>rd</sup> time, as a bold affirmation (see download)*

*\*Benediction*

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

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

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of Emily Birch's Birthday  
Given by June Stannard and Sandy Schoettle**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Stephanie & Sean, Seth & Sean Gray**

**HOW TO REACH OUR INTERIM PASTOR:**

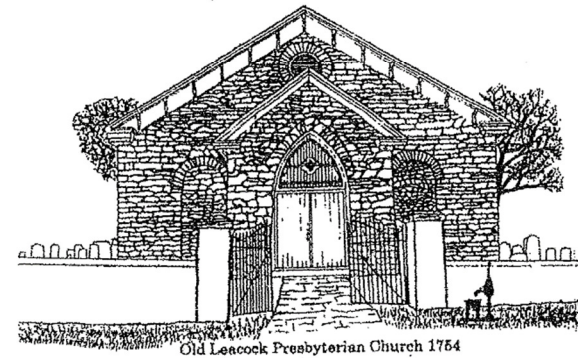
Email Jim using [shuler6@gmail.com](mailto:shuler6@gmail.com) or contact his cell using **717-586-2017**. His mailing address is Jim Shuler, 104 Chell Rd., Joppa, MD 20185. He will also periodically check the church pastor's email: [leacock.minister@gmail.com](mailto:leacock.minister@gmail.com) The fastest way to get his attention is by texting. When calling, make sure to leave a voicemail with your name, number, time of your call, and a brief message for him to best prioritize and plan a response. Jim looks forward to serving among you and assisting your pastoral needs.

**INTERIM MINISTRY KICK-OFF...** join us in worship Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for a formal presentation and affirmation of our current interim ministry with the Rev. James B. Shuler. The service will include covenant and charges both to him and the congregation and special prayer. Jim began as interim transitional pastor Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY is around the corner on Wednesday, March 2:** Please see the accompanying insert for more information!

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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