

*GATHERING*

*Prelude:* "Chorale on "Morning Star" Marsha Medley

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.

**All: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

One: Jesus says, "Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away."

**All: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Thanks be to God!**

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: #305 "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!" Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup> (see download)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Everlasting God, our times are in your hands. We confess that often in our busyness and continual mix of hope and fear, of joy and sorrow, of faith and doubt, we fail to take you seriously. We pray in Jesus' name, but do not strive to answer his call to newness of life. Forgive us and may being forgiven become for us a real process of redemption and liberating change. Give us the courage to confront our realities and, by your Spirit, transform them. Equip us for honest faith and true service through Jesus Christ who gave himself for us and whom you raised to be our Savior. Amen.**

Affirmation of Our Hope in God's Redemptive Love

**\*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) (seated)

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

#343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" Germany (see download)

New Testament Lesson: 1John 3:18-24

Sermon: **"Making it Real"**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (p.17)

\*Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Hymn: #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (see download)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Morning Prayers

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

\*Hymn: #686 "God of Our Life" Sandon (see download)

\*Benediction

*Postlude:* "Recessional on "St. Denio" Gordon Young  
The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. Richard Sindall, Guest Minister  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

## Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Lois & Douglas Snader

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of Billy's Birthday

Given by Carol & Dave Berkhimer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Christmas Joy Offering envelopes are in the pews.

This morning we welcome **Rev. Richard Sindall** to the pulpit. Dick retired in July of 2012 after 40 years in pastoral ministry, 13 in Tamaqua, PA and 27 in Bridgeton, NJ. Dick's wife Debbie is a member of Leacock Presbyterian, and together they worship here with us and participate in the church's life and ministry. The Sindalls live in Lititz, and they have two adult sons also living in Lancaster County.

**Next Sunday is Communion Sunday**

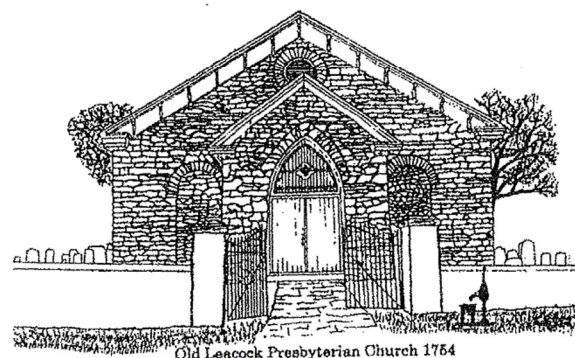
Today following worship, the **Chancel Choir** will rehearse in the Choir Room. Please join us!

**WANTED - INDOOR SEXTON.** Danielle is going back to school to further her education in the nursing field and will not be able to continue as our indoor sexton. If you are interested or know someone that is please call David Berkhimer at 717-442-8319, ASAP. Your support is always a big help to keep the church properties in good shape. The Trustees thank you.

**Bazaar 2023.** As you begin putting away your Christmas decorations and come across things you no longer have room for or no longer use, remember the bazaar! Items may be placed on the pew at the rear of Fellowship Hall so we can keep an inventory of what we receive. Thank you.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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