

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

***GATHERING***

*Prelude:* "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gordon Young

Greeting and Welcome

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

**People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People: Tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

\*Hymn: #839 "Blessed Assurance"

**\*Call to Confession**

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

**Prayer of Confession** (based on Psalm 51:10-12)

**Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

**Assurance of Pardon** (based on Romans 8:34)

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*Response to Assurance** "Gloria Patri"

***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

*Anthem:* "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33

Sermon **The Growing Kingdom**  
Rev. Sameh Shaker

\*Hymn: #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, bless our offering today. Use our time, talent, and money. We lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. Amen.**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: #697 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* "Once in Royal David's City" Victor Johnson  
(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 Person this week: Lori Smith**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Ralph & Janice Homsher  
Given by the David Homsher Family**

**Announcements**

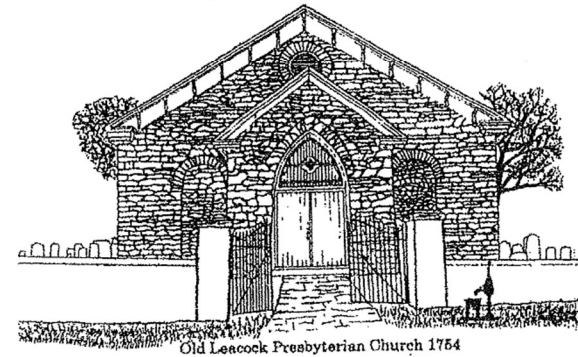
Next Sunday, January 12, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.

The Worship Committee will meet **Monday January 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

If you would like to order Sanctuary Flowers in Memory of or in Honor of someone or a special occasion, Sunday **February 16** is open. 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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