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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Sermon:** Reformed and Always Reforming,  
According to the Word of God

**Guest Preacher:** Kate Sillman

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**purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. But the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very word of God.**

**\* Greeting of Peace**

**\* Song**

In the Bulb there is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
The butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

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**Children's Sermon**



3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

*Chorus:*

*My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.  
My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine; will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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**Scripture Reading**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Matthew 22:34-46

**Sermon**

Reformed and Always Reforming  
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**Pastoral Prayer**

\* **Hymn #526**

For All the Saints

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

My Chains Are Gone

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**Postlude**

Song for All Saints

McDonald

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit:** LPC Kid's Choir; Leah Riden, Director

**Liturgist:** Ken Fisher

**Next Week:** Doug Garner

**Acolyte:** Landon Cunningham

**Anthem** Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

**Children's Sermon:** Sue Garner

**Next Week:** Joan Loewen

**Ushers:** Dave Noss (lead usher), Jean Burlew, Gwen Knudson,  
Violet Miller, Leah Riden, Patricia Snyder

**Children's Church:** Sue Garner

**Next week:** Communion – No Jr. church

**Preaching:** Kate Sillman **Next Week:** Rev. Joy Kaufmann

**Infants/Preschool:** Karissa Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

**Next week:** Betsy Harper and Alex Garner

**Deacon for the Month:** Carol Zorn

**Counters:** Brad Siddons and Bill Sisson

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover and Bill Sisson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age four is available throughout the service. Children's church is available for children age 5 – grade 4 following the children's sermon on Sundays without the Lord's Supper.

**WELCOME KATE SILLMAN!** Kate is an elder in the Winburne Presbyterian Church, where she is also the organist and choir manager. Kate has been a certified lay preacher in our presbytery since 2010. She currently serves on Committee on Ministry and Presbytery Council. During the week, Kate supervises elementary student teachers in two school districts and teaches education classes at Penn State.

**REFORMATION RECITAL:** The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation is being celebrated with a musical recital at 3 PM TODAY at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lewistown. It will be followed by a light supper in St. John's church hall.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our youth are active in fellowship, study, and service. All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend these great opportunities:

- **TONIGHT:** The youth group meeting will be held at the Lumina Center from 6-8 PM. We will be joined by youth from McVeytown Presbyterian and First United Methodist. Join us for snacks, games, and of course, JESUS!
- **Small group study** each Sunday morning at 9 AM on the third floor. We are beginning a five-week study called, "God's Call." Come join us!
- **Youth Group Meetings**– Join us upstairs at 6 PM as we take a look at how Jesus defines "good" in the series "Re-framing Jesus – a new look at a familiar face." Games, snacks and great discussion, too!

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY:** Many small groups are available to encourage you in your faith:

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. We will be studying "Ten Women of the Bible – One by One They Changed the World" by Jenna Lucado Bishop from the writings of Max Lucado.
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! The group meets on the third floor at 9 AM.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** meets on the first Sunday of each month for growth and encouragement. They meet in the parlor following the worship service.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** meets at the home of Jim and Kris Hill at 6:00 PM. They are currently studying, *Ignite Your Passion for God: A 6-Week, No-Homework Bible Study* by Kay Arthur and Mark Sheldrake.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** This group, which meets at 6:30 AM on Wednesday is studying, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero. Pastor Jim leads this study. Note: the group will not be meeting this Wednesday, November 1, but will resume on November 8.
- **Sunday Evening Group:** This group, studying Andy Stanley's "Twisted" curriculum will not meet tonight but will resume next week.

**THE TROOP 4 BOY SCOUT** Committee is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Scoutmaster. Interested individuals should contact the Committee Chairman, Rick Cahill at rick.cahill@comcast.net

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT:



- Names will be available in the narthex Sunday, **November 12**. We will be purchasing Christmas gifts for children of Mifflin County who may not have a Merry Christmas. If you would like to purchase gifts for a child, please pick up a name in the narthex Sunday, November 12. **Gifts must be returned to the church (unwrapped) by Sunday, November 26**. Please attach the name tag to the gift. If you would prefer to make a donation, we will be glad to purchase gifts for you. There will also be a box by the Christmas tree for mittens, hats and socks. Thank you in advance for making a child's Christmas wish come true! The gifts will be wrapped Monday, December 4. You are welcome to join the wrapping party! Bring your own scissors. For more information, please contact Margie Smith, Amy Smith or Pat Brown.
- **Clothing Boxes and Wrapping Paper are Needed** for the Community Christmas Project this year. We are very much in need of boxes and wrapping paper. Please bring these into the church as soon as possible so we can prepare. Thank you.

**BLANKET COLLECTION:** As the weather starts to turn cold, we are reminded there are children in our county that do not have a warm house to sleep in at night. Help us to collect fleece throw blankets (size 50in x 60in) in neutral colors that we can give to children in Mifflin County. Distribution will be coordinated through the LUMINA Center. There will be boxes in the back of the Sanctuary labeled for you to drop off donations. If you would rather just give money, you can give it to Devon Thomas and she will make the purchases for you. Please have all money and blankets in by December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**PASTOR THOMAS** is out of town till November 6 to attend CREDO, a continuing education event sponsored by the Presbyterian Board of Pensions.

**BACKYARD MINISTRIES:** Reminder **today is the deadline** to return the hats and mittens for children in our area.

**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD:** Suggested donations for November are pancake syrup, Ivory soap, rice, evaporated milk, applesauce, cereal and canned/boxed juices.



**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in joining Lewistown Presbyterian Church or in learning more about us, join us for New Members Classes, which will be held at the church manse (108 N. Brown St. – the yellow brick house next to the church on Brown St.) at 9 AM Sundays, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3. Those who wish to join the church will be welcomed during worship on December 10.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:34-46

#### **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

<sup>34</sup> Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup> all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." <sup>5</sup> And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. <sup>6</sup> He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. <sup>7</sup> Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. <sup>9</sup> Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup> For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

#### **Matthew 22:34-36**

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

<sup>41</sup> While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup> "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

<sup>44</sup> "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

<sup>45</sup> If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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## **PRAYER GUIDE**

October 29, 2017

*"The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."*

- Mother Teresa

### ***Pray for our Community, Nation and World***

#### **Our Community**

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Marriages and other relationships in crisis

### ***Pray for our Church:***

#### **Our People and Ministries**

- For visitors to join us and to find a spiritual home here
- Our ongoing Natural Church Development process

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

- Blain Hackenburg: stage 4 lung cancer
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Joyce Nicholas: liver and lung cancer
- Matt Ellis: that his 2nd marrow transplant is not rejected
- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Alex Pierce: 17-year-old who had tumor in chest
- Neil Knable
- Jim Marthouse: ongoing recovery from stem cell transplant

- Bob Goodwin: leukemia
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- The Nagel family: dealing with cancer in their children
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

### **Other Health Concerns**

- Betty Burlew: improving after parathyroid surgery
- Keri Corkery: young woman who had a stroke
- Phil Torbert: recent surgery for heart valve infection
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant,
- Naomi DeBello: 14-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: recently began new MS treatment
- Mary Barger: strength & courage following a stroke
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility

### **Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Berry's (Oakland Mills): Doris Hoverter

### **Those in the Military**

- O1/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte: Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest: USS IWO JIMA LHD7, Unit 100318 Box 1 AA 34094
- SPC Ian Shelly: attending Millersville University
- SSG Christopher Griffith: 3035A Richards Court, Fort Meade, MD 20755
- SFC William Corson: 17836 Upland Dr SE, Yelm, WA 98597
- SSG John Dietz: PSC 560 Box 481, APO, AP 96376
- SGT Tyler Treaster: 7294 Puckett Dr, Neroes Manor, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

### **Our Mission Partners**

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Shelter Services as they continue to provide an invaluable resource for our community and are in need of volunteers
- Backyard Ministries
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate and their building program, medical center and school at the local dump near Antigua, Guatemala
- Veraso family settling into a new home and beginning new ministries in West Philadelphia

### **Our Families of the Week**

- Jarod, Allison and Henry Hill
- Jane Mauery

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 29 – November 5, 2017

### **TODAY, October 29**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group @ the Lumina Center

### **MONDAY, October 30**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

### **TUESDAY, October 31**

- 6:00 PM Small Group @ Jim & Kris Hill’s home

### **WEDNESDAY, November 1**

- No** Small Group Study this week
- 11:30 AM Senior Ladies @ Honey Creek Inn
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **SATURDAY, November 4**

- 10:00 AM Pen Pal Party

### **SUNDAY, November 5** Communion

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 6:00 PM Adult Study Group – manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/22/17**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	YTD Need:	\$ 139,646.34
Last Week:	\$ 2,064.00	YTD Received:	\$ 138,973.46