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September 16, 2018

Guest Speaker: Rev. Anne Myers

Sermon: Revenge is Sweet

Scripture: I Samuel 13:20-22

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10:30 AM

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
Appalachian Pastorale

Wood
Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

The Meek

R. Herbek

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: He gathers his people from east and west and north and south.

Leader: Those who cried to the Lord in times of trouble God delivered from their distress.

People: Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love and wonderful works to all the earth.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn 115#** (blue) Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us. Help us to seek you instead of those things that do not last.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing The Love Of Christ

Leader: Jesus loves you.

People: And there is nothing you can do about it!

Anthem

In the Valley Flows a River

D. Nolan

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Wood

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Song**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there,
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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* **Song**

Redeemer Savior Friend

1. I know You had me on Your mind,
When You climbed up on that hill.
For You saw me with eternal eyes,
While I was yet in sin,
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

*Chorus: Redeemer, redeem my heart again.
Savior, come and shelter me from sin.
You're familiar with my weakness,
Devoted to the end; Redeemer, Savior, Friend.*

2. Every stripe upon Your battered back,
Every thorn that pierced Your brow,
Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands,
Said that Your love knows no end;
Redeemer, Savior, Friend

3. So the grace You poured upon my life,
Will return to You in praise.
I will gladly lay down all my crowns,
For the name by which I am saved;
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

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Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

We pray, Lord that you will open the door of our hearts to receive you within our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 13:20-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:14-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Revenge is Sweet

***Apostles' Creed p.14** (blue, Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn #306** (blue)

Fairest Lord Jesus

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Redeemer Savior Friend (chorus)

Redeemer, redeem my heart again.

Savior, come and shelter me from sin.

You're familiar with my weakness,

Devoted to the end; Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Postlude

Ode to Joy

Broughton

**If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Bell and Chance Choir, director: Doug Garner, director

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Diane Griffith

Acolytes for the Month: Blake and Landon Cunningham

Worship Elder: Sue Garner

Next Week: Tara Reeder

Children's Chat: Sue Garner

Next Week: Miranda Shoop

Children's Church: Diane Griffith, Rachel Cunningham,
Hannah Griffith

Ushers: Sue Garner (lead usher), Alex Garner, Cathy
McClenahan, Gloria Runk, Larry and Linda O'Dell

Preaching: Rev. Anne Myers

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Robert Zorn

Infants/Preschool: Pam Pecht

Next Week: Zoë Finan

Deacon for the Month: Zoë Finan

Counters: Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

Next Week: Kari Cullen and Dave Noss

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.

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT TODAY, REV. ANNE MYERS.

The Reverend Anne Myers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, is the Pastoral Associate for Congregations for Carlisle Presbytery. While serving as Chaplain for Homeland Hospice in Harrisburg, PA, Anne completed three Temporary Interim Pastor Positions in the Presbytery. Prior to her employment as the Facility Chaplaincy Program Director (FCPD) at the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill Prison Rev. Myers served as the Associate Pastor at Pine Street Presbyterian in downtown Harrisburg for 17 years. A native of North Carolina, Anne is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Princeton [NJ] Theological Seminary. Anne is married to the Reverend Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers and has two adult children.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, September 23 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

DEACONS' OFFERING TODAY: The loose offering in the collection plate TODAY is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 will be held tonight from 6-7:30 PM on the third floor of the church. All are encouraged to attend and to bring their friends for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly, growth in relationship to God.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. The study is "Ten Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado.
- **Tuesday Evening Study** meets in the youth room on the third floor at 6:30 PM. The study is, "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story. It focuses on learning to walk in God's plans instead of our own. All are welcome to join them!
- **Wednesday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They are using the study by Andy Stanley, "What Makes You Happy."

PRAYER MINISTRY: Two opportunities are available to gather together to pray for the life and ministry of the church. Mondays (church parlor) and Thursdays at 11:30 (church office).

DISCOUNT CARDS: The Lumina Center's new discount cards are available, offering discounts at 12 area restaurants through August 31, 2019. The cards sell for \$10 and are available in our church office or from Elaine Siddons, who has replaced Pastor Jim on the Lumina Center Board of Directors.

MITTENS AND HATS: There is a tree in the narthex with mittens placed on it for Backyard Ministries. Pink is girls! Blue is boys! Sizes needed are on each mitten. Please help us keep kids warm this winter by taking a mitten and purchasing a hat and mittens for the size indicated. Thank you so much for helping with this valued ministry. ~*Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative*

THANK YOU: We want to gratefully acknowledge the final distribution of the James Duffman Estate for the Nursery School/Preschool Scholarship Fund. The \$1,500 will help families with tuition.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/9/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 120,288.30
Last Week:	\$ 7,859.00	YTD Received:	\$ 117,057.97

2018 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The session, along with the pastor, provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free to contact committee members with any questions, commendations, or concerns:

Christian Education: Facilitates spiritual growth through classes, small groups, and special events. Coordinates Nursery, Children's Chat and Children's Church volunteers; oversees Youth Group, Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Traveling Day Camp and other programs, working closely with the Christian Education Coordinator. Elders are Susan Ferguson and Leah Riden.

Worship and Music: Works with the pastor to provide and facilitate meaningful worship services. Oversees choirs and choir directors, supervises ushers, coordinates acolytes and liturgists, arranges special music. Elders are Sue Garner and Cole Cullen.

Property: Maintains and improves church buildings and properties in order to facilitate effective ministry; supervises custodial and security staff and serves as official liaison with outside groups who use our building. Elders are Carole Auker, Dave Noss, and Glenn Snyder.

Stewardship: Oversees and directs financial and personnel resources, supervises the church treasurer, provides stewardship education, recommends and oversees budget, oversees endowment funds and special offerings. Manages all paid personnel. Elders are Lonnie Griffith, Lisa Snyder and Ruth Fisher.

Fellowship: Facilitates spiritually edifying relationships within the church body, provides funeral lunches, organizes receptions, and meals for other events, oversees the church kitchen, provides opportunities for church members to get to know each other and deepen relationships. Elders are Bill Sisson and Ruth Fisher.

Preschool: Facilitates and directs the work of the Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool and Nursery School; establishes curriculum in conjunction with teachers; reviews teacher performance; oversees school finances, including scholarships; encourages congregational support and relationships with students' and families. Elders are Tara Reeder and Leah Noerr.

Mission and Evangelism: Inspires and facilitates the church's outreach to the community and to the world by determining mission budget, maintaining relationships with mission coworkers, representing the church in the community, and organizing member participation in hands-on mission. Elders are Amy Smith and Karen McCurdy.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 13: 20-22

²⁰ So all Israel went down to the Philistines to have their plow points, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. ²¹ The price was two-thirds of a shekel for sharpening plow points and mattocks, and a third of a shekel for sharpening forks and axes and for repointing goads.

²² So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

Romans 12: 14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September 16 – September 23, 2018

SUNDAY, September 16 - Deacon's Offering

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – church parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir
- 9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group – third floor

MONDAY, September 17

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, September 18

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, September 19

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 20

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office

FRIDAY, September 21

PANORAMA DEADLINE

SUNDAY, September 23

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting
- 6:00 PM Youth Group – third floor

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

A number of **12 Step Groups** meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times. Monday nights the **Joy Seekers Women's Bible Study**, meet at 6:00 pm in the church parlor and the **Boy Scouts** meet at 7:00 pm on the third floor.