



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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**September 2, 2018**

**Moderator:** Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann

**Sermon:** The Journey is Home

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-9

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Genesis 12:1,2

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

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## **Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

**People: God is a very present help in times of trouble.**

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change.

**People: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

**All: "Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

\* **Hymn #379** (blue) My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, forgive us when we have not trusted you. We have lived as if we are in charge of our lives, alone in the world, without you as our comfort and guide. We have prayed as if this life were the best of all the promises you have given us. We have turned from you and followed other voices. Forgive us, great God, and grant us your Spirit moving within our spirits, so that wherever we are, whatever our circumstance, we know we belong to you and live by faith, not by sight. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Meditation

Hughes

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

#### Chorus

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace & mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

#### Chorus

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace & mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

#### Chorus

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Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace & mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus:*

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

3. From the rising, to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus:*

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,  
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.*

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**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-9

**Sermon**

The Journey is Home

**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.**

\* **Hymn #263** (blue)                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

Traditional

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

Forever

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,  
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.*

**Postlude**

March

Handel

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*\*If comfortably able, please stand.*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Liturgist:** Bill Sisson

**Next Week:** Mercy Westover

**Acolytes for the Month:** Blake and Landon Cunningham

**Worship Elder:** Carole Auker

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**Children's Chat:** Elaine Siddons

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**Children's Church:** NO children's church (Communion)

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

**Preaching:** Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann

**Preaching Next Week:** Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Chottiner

**Infants/Preschool:** Mercy Westover

**Next Week:** Leah Riden

**Deacon for the Month:** Zoë Finan

**Counters:** Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith

**Next Week:** Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

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## **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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Rev. Robert and Carol Zorn in honor of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 5.

**MITTENS AND HATS:** Backyard Ministries has asked for a collection of hats and mittens for children in our community. There is a tree in the narthex with mittens placed on it. 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.

*~Blessings, Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative*

## **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.
- **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."

**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD:** Suggested donations for September are: canned meats, spaghetti sauce or pasta, soup, Beef Ravioli, macaroni & cheese, cereal, canned/boxed juices and paper products.

**YOUTH FUN FALL EVENT!** Kick off the beginning of the new school year with your friends at the annual combined youth overnight at **McVeytown Presbyterian, September 7 and 8.** Games and campfire food will begin at 6 PM; flashlight tag and a movie get started after the football game. Dave's famous chocolate chip pancakes are on the menu for breakfast. Krislund staff arrives later in the morning with Ga-Ga, 9 Square in the Air, and other camp favorites. We'll head home at 1:00 PM after pizza. Grab a release form from Miranda or Ginny, then bring your sleeping bag, Bible, and a snack to share and join the fun!

**GRACE SUPPORT GROUP:** A support group for individuals and families affected by mental health will meet at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Belleville. This group provides peer accountability as well as various coping strategies and techniques for those affected by mental health concerns in a safe and confidential setting. They will meet the second and fourth Tuesday nights at 7 PM in September and October, starting September 11, 2018. Additional nights will be planned for November and December. Please contact Michelle Spicher at [michelle@sevenacresministry.org](mailto:michelle@sevenacresministry.org) or (717) 513-3342. You may also register through their website [sevenacresministry.org](http://sevenacresministry.org).

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

September 2, 2018

*"How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God! May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen."* ~ Book of Common Prayer

### **How to Be Involved in Prayer**

- Use the prayer cards in the pew racks to let us know how we can pray for you or for someone you know
- You can e-mail requests to [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net)
- Join the prayer chain by calling Margie at 248-0427 or email [mcsmith12@verizon.net](mailto:mcsmith12@verizon.net)
- Join us at 11:30 AM on Mondays in the Baraca Room
- Join us in prayer for the church and school on Thursdays at 11:30 in the church office
- Use this prayer guide in your daily prayers

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

#### **Our Community**

- Teachers, Parents, Staff, Sunday School Teachers and Educators as they begin a new school year
- Mennonite Canning Project
- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

#### **For Those Who Grieve**

- Family and Friends of Karen Gehrett, who died August 12
- Matt and Stephanie Beckenbaugh family, as Matt's father, Wayne Beckenbaugh, II died August 10

#### **For Our Programs and Growth**

- For the session as they process next steps following Pastor Thomas's departure
- The Nominating Committee as they prayerfully prepare to nominate the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Pastor Jim and Devon as they make their transition
- Church members to find new ways to serve in the transition
- Our Church Health Team
- Our Deacons and their ministry of help and care
- Visitors to join us and find a spiritual home here

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments



- Ryland Ertley: Burkitt lymphoma
- Heather Creighton: long-term treatment for breast cancer
- Mike Macchiaverna: received marrow transplant
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Neil Knable
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

### **Other Health Concerns**

- Paul Zarkovich: bacterial infection in his hand
- Tom Fletcher: ill health and depression
- Jeff Pyles: suffered a severe heart attack w/complications
- Brian Primozich: young father with a rare kidney disease
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- George Cockerill: medical tests
- Naomi DeBello: 15-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: adjusting well to MS treatments
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility
- Those who are homebound

### **Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger, Abe Reed
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

### **Those in the Military**

- 01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte
- SPC Ian Shelly
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster

### **Our Mission Partners**

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Camp Krislund as they seek a new director
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate as they assist those impacted by recent volcanic eruption in Guatemala
- The LUMINA Center

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

- Jason, Rachel, Landon, Blake and Ainsley Cunningham
- Christopher, Venus and Benjamin Shade

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Genesis 12:1-9**

**12:1** The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. **2** I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**4** So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

**6** Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

**8** From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

**9** Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

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### **Notes:**

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

September 2 – September 9, 2018

### **SUNDAY, September 2** Communion

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

### **MONDAY, September 3**

**Labor Day (office closed)**

### **WEDNESDAY, September 5**

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

### **THURSDAY, September 6**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting
- 7:00 PM Committee Night

### **FRIDAY, September 7**

- 6:00 PM Youth Fun Fall Event! McVeytown Presbyterian

### **SUNDAY, September 9**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- No** Youth Group

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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.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 8/26/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 113,605.60
Last Week:	\$ 2,513.00	YTD Received:	\$ 104,336.97