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September 9, 2018

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Chottiner

Sermon: And He Said This Plainly

Scripture: Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:27-38

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10:30 AM

Prelude Prelude and Toccata J. Wayne Kerron
"Praise to the Lord Almighty"

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Rejoice, the Lord is King John Darwall

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, you who worship the Lord; stand in awe of God and give glory to God's name!

People: For the Lord does not despise the poor and needy; but when they cry out, God answers them.

Leader: The hungry shall eat and be satisfied and those who love the Lord shall offer praise.

People: All the ends of the earth shall worship God, for the Lord rules over every nation.

Leader: Come, then, let us join our voices and sing praises to the Lord!

* **Hymn #487** (blue) When Morning Gilds the Skies

Volunteer and Staff Recognition

Children's Sermon

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, look upon us in mercy, for we have not walked in the way of Jesus. We have not laid down our lives for the Gospel, but have sought to advance and defend ourselves. Our faith in you has wavered; we have trusted more in our own strength and understanding. In loving kindness, forgive us. Empower our faith by your Spirit, that we would be courageous enough to embrace the way of the cross. Enable us to trust that this way of life,

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Hymn #536 (blue)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

And He Said This Plainly

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 #84** (blue)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy,

Lord, make us more holy, Until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy, Until we meet again.

Postlude

Dir Dir Jehova will ich Singen

Max Drischner

*If comfortably able, please stand.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: H. Ryan Ditmer

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Mercy Westover

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Acolytes for the Month: Blake and Landon Cunningham

Worship Elder: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Sue Garner

Children's Chat: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Sue Garner

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. Dr. Lawrence R. Chottiner

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Anne Myers

Infants/Preschool: Leah Riden

Next Week: Pam Pecht

Deacon for the Month: Zoë Finan

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

Next Week: Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given by Don Hirakis in honor of the Fleming, Sager, McAlister, Collins and Hirakis families.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL today is in honor of the birth of Perry Blassi, son of Anthony and Becca Blassi, grandson of Jennifer Creighton and great grandson of Sharon Havice.

THE FLOWER BASKET is given by the Hirakis family in honor of the Chottiner family.

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT TODAY, REV. DR. LARRY CHOTTINER, Larry Chottiner served as the pastor of Lewistown Presbyterian Church from 1979 to 1984. He was actively involved in the community and served the Presbytery of Huntingdon in a variety of capacities. He and Nancy have been married for 43 years. They are the parents of two children, Brett and Meghan. Brett was just a little over two years old when the family arrived in Lewistown and Meghan, although born in Pittsburgh, arrived home to the manse as a newborn in April of 1979. Brett and his wife Kristin live in Baltimore, Maryland and are the parents of Brett Jr. (11) and Caroline (7). Meghan and her husband Jim live in Limerick, Pennsylvania and are the parents of James (8) and the late Emily Gould, who passed away in September of 2016 at the age of 23 months from a rare form of brain cancer. Larry is now retired from active ministry, having been named the Pastor Emeritus of the Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia. He and Nancy are now living in Mount Joy, PA and enjoying life in the slow lane!

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*

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. **NO** Youth Group this evening because of the Fall Event this weekend.
- **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 this Tuesday, September 11, in the youth room on the third floor at 6:30 PM. They will begin a new study by Laura Story, "When God Doesn't Fix It." 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."

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.

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 or (717) 513-3342. You may also register through their website sevenacresministry.org.

YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS: If you have an idea you would like to discuss with your church leaders, you are more than welcome to contact them.

- **Your Session** is responsible for the leadership of various aspects of the church's ministry. The following is a list of all your currently-serving elders & their respective committee responsibilities:
 - **Moderator:** Rev. Joy Kaufmann
 - **Clerk:** Susan Ferguson
 - **Buildings & Grounds:** Carole Auker, Dave Noss, Glenn Snyder
 - **Christian Education:** Susan Ferguson & Leah Riden
 - **Fellowship:** Bill Sisson & Ruth Fisher
 - **Mission & Evangelism:** Amy Smith & Donis Zagurskie
 - **Music/Worship:** Sue Garner & Cole Cullen
 - **Nursery/Preschool:** Leah Noerr & Tara Reeder
 - **Stewardship:** Lonnie Griffith, Lisa Snyder, Ruth Fisher
- **Your Board of Deacons**, working with your pastors, is responsible for caring-ministries of the church. If you have an idea for them or know of someone who needs special attention, please contact them. They are: Gerri Aitkin - Moderator, Elaine Siddons, Larry Welshans, Lynn Curry, Ginny Westover, Mercy Westover, Doug Knudson, Donis Zagurskie, Zoë Finan, Carol Zorn, Miranda Shoop, Janie Welshans

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!"

he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September 9 – September 16, 2018

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

MONDAY, September 10

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, September 11

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, September 12

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
No Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 13

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

SUNDAY, September 16

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

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.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/2/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 116,946.95
Last Week:	\$ 4,862.00	YTD Received:	\$ 109,198.97