



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

Presbyterian

Shining the light of the gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785

December 10, 2017

Advent: Hope and Fulfillment

Looking Back to Promises Fulfilled

"When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. – Galatians 4:4-7

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Unison Prayer

Prince of Peace, we pray that your peace would fill our hearts. Remind us that there is nothing that can separate us from your love. And as our hearts are settled in this assurance, guide us to live at peace with each other; and to seek peace with others.

Anthem

Celtic Christmas Lullaby

Raney

Children's Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 5:1-6, 8-11

Leader: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

People: Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Leader: And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

People: At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Leader: For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

People: We boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

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* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Song**

Christmas Offering

1. Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star,
While angels sang to lowly shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,
Hoping to find the child from Heaven.
Falling on their knees,
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

Chorus

*I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.
I bring an offering to you.*

2. The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love.
There is no shadow in your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne.
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by your blood,
And its only through your mercy, Lord, I come.

Chorus

*I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.
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I bring an offering of worship to my King.
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I bring an offering to you.*

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*** Song**

Here I Am to Worship

1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

*So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

- 2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross.
No I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross.

Repeat Chorus

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Reception of New Member

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-4

Sermon

Advent Looking Back

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #44** (blue)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus # 29**

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

*Go, tell it on the mountain; Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain; That Jesus Christ is born.*

Postlude

Sussex Carol

Wood

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Miranda Shoop

Acolyte: Bailey Cullen

Advent Candle Lighting: Kevin and Mabelle Kodish

Next Week: Bruce and Barbara Nielsen

Children's Sermon: Leah Riden

Next Week: Pastor Jim Thomas

Ushers: Bill Sisson (lead usher), Don Pecht, Pam Pecht, Vicki Pecht, Miranda Shoop, Jeff Glendye

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Next week: Leah Riden

Sermon: Pastor Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Tara Reeder and Margo Reeder

Next week: Karissa Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Lynn Curry

Counters: Pat Brown and Kari Cullen

Next Week: Maryann Haines 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held following worship today for the purpose of electing officers, reviewing the 2018 budget and approving the pastor's terms of call for 2018.

ADVENT RECITAL: Grace United Methodist Church will host an Advent Recital today at 3 PM. Grace Church musicians and other local favorites, including InJoy, Jerry Stone's flute trio, and Joan and Phil Loewen will be performing. Refreshments will be served after the program. Plan to come for an enjoyable afternoon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED: Our Christmas Day luncheon for our friends and community will be held from 11:30-1:00 on Christmas Day. There are many ways that you can help. We will need help with set up/clean up, preparing food, donating cookies and serving at the luncheon. Please sign up in the narthex if you can participate.

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

- **CAROLING TODAY:** The Youth will be caroling at William Penn, leaving the church at 3 pm. We will carol, and eat supper at Vince's. Then we will walk through "Shining Light through the Darkness" at Kish Park. Pick up time is 6:00 PM at Kish Park. Let Ginny know if you need a ride. Remember to pick up a permission form to fill out and bring with you tonight.
- **Small Group Study** each Sunday morning at 9 AM on the third floor. We are in the midst of a five-week study called, "God's Call." Come join us!

SENIOR LADIES will suspend their lunch meetings at the Honey Creek Inn during the winter months of December, January, February and March. They will resume on April 4.

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 taking a break from studying "Ten Women of the Bible" to delve into Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born; Hope is Here." This is the partner piece to "He Chose the Nails" that we benefited from last year during Lent. Please join us!
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! The group meets on the third floor at 9 AM and is studying, "God's Call."
- **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 studying, "Being a Disciple: Counting the Real Cost" by Kay Arthur, Tom & Jane Hart. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** This group meets at 6:30 AM on Wednesday at the manse and is led by Pastor Jim. The current study is "Before Amen," a study on prayer by Max Lucado.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse (108 N. Brown St.) and is led by Pastor Jim and Devon Thomas. Their advent study is Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem."

THANK YOU! Joan and Phil Loewen would like to thank Lewistown Presbyterian for your many expressions of support and love in the loss of Phil's father. It was very much appreciated.

BACKYARD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNERS: We are collecting items for 22 dinner bags for Backyard Ministry Families. Each bag will need to contain: 1 can of corn, 1 can of beans, 1 box of stuffing mix, 1 box of instant potatoes and 1 gravy packet. The bags will be delivered on December 19. If you can collect these items, please place them in the box marked "Backyard" in the narthex by Sunday, December 17. Thank you!

GIVING REPORT AS OF 12/3/17

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| Weekly Need: | \$ 3,265.14 | YTD Need: | \$ 159,237.18 |
| Last Week: | \$ 5,422.00 | YTD Received: | \$ 158,790.46 |

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-6

- ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

PRAYER GUIDE

December 10, 2017

***Dear Heavenly Father,
Help me to hear your voice.
Touch me once again.
Give me the courage to be your beloved.
Give me courage to choose joy.
I need you now this Christmas.
Be born in me again. Today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.***

~Bonnie Gray

Pray for our Community, Nation and World

Our Community

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Marriages and other relationships in crisis
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

The World

- World leaders as they deal with North Korea
- Zimbabwe and the political unrest there
- Those impacted by the earthquake in Iraq and Iran

Pray for our Church:

Those Who Grieve:

- Art & Pauli Belfiore, Art's mother died on Thanksgiving Day

Our People and Ministries

- For visitors to join us and to find a spiritual home here
- The New Members Class
- Our ongoing Natural Church Development process
- For unity, openness, honesty, and commitment
- For the Holy Spirit to enliven us to God's presence
- The Nominating Committee as they seek people to serve

Those Battling Cancer

- Blain Hackenburg: stage 4 lung cancer
- Mike Macchiaverna: recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Joyce Nicholas: liver and lung cancer
- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments
- Barb Stahl: completed all chemo treatments and declared to be cancer free!
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Alex Pierce: 17-year-old who had tumor in chest
- Neil Knable

- Jim Marthouse: ongoing recovery from bone marrow transplant
- Bob Goodwin: leukemia
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

Other Health Concerns

- Taleea Sholey: 12-year-old who recently underwent successful surgery to remove a mass on her brain
- Charlie Warfel: recent hospitalization
- Keri Corkery: young woman who had a stroke
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- Naomi DeBello: 14-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: adjusting to MS treatments
- Mary Barger: strength & courage following a stroke
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility

Those in the Military

- 01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte: Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
- SPC Ian Shelly: attending Millersville University
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest: awaiting updated address
- SFC William Corson: 17836 Upland Dr SE, Yelm, WA 98597
- SGT John Dietz: PSC 560 Box 481, APO, AP 96376
- SSGT Tyler Treaster: 7294 Puckett Dr, Neroes Manor, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

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

Our Mission Partners

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate and their work with the people who live in the dump near Antigua, Guatemala
- Veraso family settling into a new home and beginning new ministries in West Philadelphia
- The LUMINA Center as they reach out to area children
- Miranda Shoop as she works at the LUMINA center

Our Families of the Week

- James Johnson
- Rev. Bob and Carol Zorn

**POINSETTIAS IN OUR
SANCTUARY THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON
HAVE BEEN DONATED**



In Loving Memory of:

- **Paul & Melissa Lehman**, by Bruce & Barbara Nielsen
- **Charles & Dorothy Nielsen**, by Bruce & Barbara Nielsen
- **Bob Notestine**, by Lois Notestine
- **Emma Greenwood**, by Rev. Robert & Carol Zorn
- **Ella Taylor**, by Rev. Robert & Carol Zorn
- **Louise Koller**, by Rev. Robert & Carol Zorn
- **Bradford G. Brown**, by Pat & Rachel Brown
- **Church family**, by Donis & Don Zagurskie family
- **Stacy Stimely Burd**, by Donis Zagurskie
- **Our Parents**, by Dan & Cathy McClenahen
- **Robert Bowman**, by his wife, Nancy Bowman
- **“Coach” Bob Bowman**, by his Loving family
- **Grandparents, Theodore & Alice Hirakis**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **Uncles Emanuel, Milton, George & Ted Hirakis**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **Marcia Fleming Hirakis**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **Leonard & Jean Zagurskie**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **Grandparents, Woodrow & Gertrude Fleming**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **John H. Ferguson**, by Shirley & Susan Ferguson
- **Emily Gould**, by Susan Ferguson

- **Jeffrey Smith**, by the Smith Family
- **Mother Charity Spickler**, by Carolyn Sims
- **Adam L. Earnest, Jr.**, by Bob & Jean Patton
- **Blanche Narehood**, by the Narehood Family
- **Anna Kitty Packer**, by Saturn, Mikey & Austin Wirrick
- **Anna Kitty Packer**, by Venus, Benjamin & Chris Shade
- **Anna Kitty Packer**, by Jean Clark and April Paige
- **Peggy & Whitey Shilling**, by Ed & Lynn Curry
- **Harriet & Jack Curry**, by Ed & Lynn Curry
- **Carl & Audrey McCurdy**, by Jack, Karen & Ali McCurdy
- **Jerry Carruth**, by Jack, Karen & Ali McCurdy
- **Mr. & Mrs. John W. Miller**, by Jane Mauery
- **Linda Benner**, by Jane Mauery
- **Our parents, Rev. Dick & Marie Oostenink; and Stan & Marie Fisher**, by Ken & Ruth Fisher
- **My friend, Dr. Dan Creighton**, by Ken Fisher
- **Rev. Bruce Hinderliter**, by his Family
- **Richard (Bud) Dixon**, by Joyce Dixon
- **Our Parents**, by Larry & Janie Welshans
- **Elizabeth & John Belfiore**, by Art & Pauli Belfiore & family
- **Jeanne & George Saylor**, by Art & Pauli Belfiore & family
- **Aunts Doris Rhoades & Marjorie Caldwell**, by Art & Pauli Belfiore & children
- **McClintic & Ruth Aitkin**, by Harold & Gerri Aitkin
- **Edward & Georgia Chapman**, by Gerri & Harold Aitkin

And in Honor of:

- **John Irrgang**, by Pat & Rachel Brown
- **Rachel Brown**, by Pat Brown

- **Ginny Westover**, by Pat Brown
- **Sherri Powell**, by Pat Brown
- **Our Family**, by Larry & Linda O'Dell
- **Church family**, by Don & Donis Zagurskie family
- **Family & Friends**, by David Noss
- **Doug Garner & the Choir**, by Dan & Cathy McClenahen
- **Joan Loewen, our organist**, by Dan & Cathy McClenahen
- **Donald Hirakis**, by Don, Donis, Zoe, Ciaran, Karissa & Jimmy Zagurskie
- **Susan Ferguson**, by Shirley Ferguson
- **Children's Choir**, by Bob & Jean Patton
- **Children & grandchildren, Tara, Rob, Margo & Bo, and Wade, Maxi, Jack & Lily**, by Ed & Lynn Curry
- **Our Family**, by Jack, Karen & Ali McCurdy
- **Children Tim, Jenn & Tracey**, by Ken & Ruth Fisher
- **Susan, Callie, Chris, Simon, India, Philip & Andy**, by Phyllis Hinderliter
- **Our Choir**, by Larry & Janie Welshans

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 TO THE NEWBORN
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 10 – December 17, 2017

TODAY, December 10

- 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 Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting
- 3:00 PM Youth Caroling and Supper/meet @ church
Pick up at 6 PM at Kish Park
- 6:00 PM Adult Study Group – manse

MONDAY, December 11

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 6:00 PM Big Brothers/Sisters Christmas Party
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, December 12

- 6:00 PM Small Group @ Jim & Kris Hill's home
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 13

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study @ the manse
- 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 14

- 7:00 PM Session

SATURDAY, December 16

- Children's Choir dress rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 17

- 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 Open House @ the manse
- 5:00 PM Potluck Supper
- 6:00 PM Children's Musical