

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00 PM

Prelude	O Little Town of Bethlehem O Holy Night A Carol Fantasy	Smith Hughes Ashdown
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Welcome

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Call to Worship	Isaiah 9:2-7
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Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

People: **You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.**

Leader: For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

People: **Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, fuel for the fire.**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

People: **And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

People: **He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.**

* **Hymn #38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Giving our Gifts in Gratitude to God

Offertory

Away in a Manger

Wells

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father 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.

* **Song of Response #579**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Changed by a Baby Boy

Gaither

Children's Sermon

ADVENT PROMISES FULFILLED

Advent Promise One: Hope

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-11

Meditation

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Unison Prayer

We thank you, our Creator and Redeemer, for the hope that we have in you. Help us to believe the promises you made through the prophets and

through Christ. We confess that we often put more hope in the things of this world than we do in your Kingdom. Forgive us and give us eyes to see the truth of eternity so that we avoid the sin that seeks to destroy us and choose instead to seek wholeheartedly your glorious, eternal Kingdom. Amen.

*** Hymn #44**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Advent Promise Two: Peace

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9

Video: The Christmas Truce

Meditation

Lighting the Candle of Peace

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. Empower us to reflect your grace and mercy so that we live peaceable lives that faithfully demonstrate your coming Kingdom. In Jesus's name, Amen.

*** Hymn #30**

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

Advent Promise Three: Joy

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:4-15

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Meditation

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to understand and receive the great news of our Savior's birth. May the joy that fills our hearts overflow so that we share it with others as generously as you have shared it with us. Amen.

* **Hymn #29** (blue)

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Advent Promise Four: Love

Scripture Reading

John 3:13-21

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Meditation

Lighting the Candle of Love

Unison Prayer

God of love, we are humbled by the magnitude of your sacrifice for us. Guide us to live in full assurance of your love. And, as you pour your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, let it generously overflow so that we love others as you love us. In Jesus name, Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Bread

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Cup

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.

Promises Fulfilled in Christ

Lighting the Christ Candle

* Candle Lighting Ceremony

* Carol #60

Silent Night, Holy Night

Please remember only to tilt unlit candles

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born."

(lower candles during verse 3)

3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

(raise candles during verse 4)

4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born.

* Benediction

Postlude

A Carol Medley

Hughes

* *If comfortably able, please stand*

**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 McClenahan
- **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

