



Series: Proverbs - The Pursuit of Wisdom
Week Two: Guard Your Heart

"If you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding – indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:1-5

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shining the light of the gospel into the
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January 14, 2018

10:30 AM

Prelude Prelude on "Shout On"
 The Lord's My Shepherd Broughton
 Denton

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Bless the Lord, O My Soul Ippolitov-Ivanov

Call to Worship Philippians 4:4-9

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice!

People: Let our gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

People: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

People: Whatever we have learned or received or heard of God's truth, we must put it into practice.

All: And the God of peace will be with us all.

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

Unison Confession Adapted from Memorial Drive Pres.

Gracious God, we know that you are with us. We believe your Word which tells us that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. Yet, we allow shame to clench tightly around our hearts and

paralyze our emotions. We allow fear to make us small and to limit our impact for your kingdom. Doubt steals our hope and convinces us that we are stuck. Renew our faith and set us free from the past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your image and likeness. Show us where we are weak and how you will make us strong.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem I Love to Tell the Story G Martin

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation on "Martyrdom" Penfield

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the worlds began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, but now you're raised above all.

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* Song

I Need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest.
 And without you, I fall apart.
 You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

2. Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

Bridge:

*So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.*

Last Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.
Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 4:1-27

Sermon

Guard Your Heart

Thanks and Farewell

The Beaver-Shelly Family

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #339**

Be Thou My Vision

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

I Need You

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Smith

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Liturgist: Brad Siddons

Next Week: Danny Garner

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Sermon: Elaine Siddons

Next Week: Maryann Haines

Ushers: Sue Garner (lead usher), Danny Garner, Alex Garner,
Nancy Machmer, Art Belfiore

Children's Church: Elaine Siddons

Next week: Leah Noerr

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Donis Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

Next week: Diane Griffith and Olivia Smith

Deacon for the Month: Elaine Siddons

Counters: Dave Noss and Bill Sisson

Next Week: Lisa Snyder and Ginny Westover

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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY: Lewistown Presbyterian will be joining with a number of other local churches for a joint worship service on **January 21 at 10 AM** at the Mifflin County Middle School auditorium. Therefore, there **will not be a service here next Sunday**. You are all strongly encouraged to attend the service of unity. United Methodist Bishop Jeremiah Park will be the speaker and combined adult and youth choirs will participate. If you'd like to sing, please join choir practice here on Wednesday evening and at 9 AM on the 21st in the choir room at the school.

YOUTH GROUP:

- **Regular Meetings:** Our youth group for youth in grades 6-12 meets from 6–7:30 PM Sunday evenings. Their current study is "Relationships: They're Complicated." Youth and leaders from the McVeytown Presbyterian Church will be joining us for this study during the month of January. All meetings will take place here at Lewistown Presbyterian in the youth room on the third floor.
- **Overnight at Krislund, January 26-27:** We will be wrapping up our January focus on relationships with some warm conversations and cool winter activities Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Krislund friends/staff, Luke and Julie Brady and Booker and Megan Holly will share their stories and answer questions on dating, sex, and relationships. Cost is \$30.00/student. Youth will bring home the weekend schedule and packing list tonight.
- **WinterJam:** Ten popular Christian bands are coming to the Bryce Jordan Center on Friday, January 19. Bands include Skillet, Building 429, Kari Jobe and others. The cost is \$15 at the door for the concert, plus money for supper. Since there is no school that day, the van will leave the church at 3:30 PM and make a stop for supper on the way. Youth will return by midnight. If you plan to participate, please make sure to sign up and pick up a release form on the bulletin board outside the front door of the sanctuary.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL today is in honor of the birth of Nora Agnes Hardin, daughter of Dexter and Jessica Hardin, granddaughter of Kevin and Kathy Hardin. Nora was born January 10, 2018.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES are available to pick in the narthex.

TROOP 4 FUNDRAISER: Troop 4 will be serving breakfast this Saturday, January 20, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Baraca room. They will be serving a full breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and children under five are free with a paying adult. Proceeds benefit summer camping scholarships.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held on February 4. Reports for the Annual Report are due by January 19.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/7/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 3,341.35
Last Week: \$ 4,271.00	Received: \$ 4,271.00

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. We are studying "Ten Women of the Bible – One by One They Changed the World" by Jenna Lucado Bishop from the writings of Max Lucado.
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! The group meets on the third floor at 9 AM.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** meets on the first Sunday of each month 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 group begins a new study: "The Forgiveness of Jesus," a Deeper Connections study edited by Matt Williams and featuring professors from a number of Christian colleges and seminaries who illuminate the parables and actions of Jesus.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse (108 N. Brown St.) This evening they will complete Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem."

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 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

Proverbs 4:1-27

¹ Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. ² I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. ³ For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. ⁴ Then he taught me, and he said to me,

"Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them.

⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. ⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. ⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. ⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown."

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. ¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. ¹⁴ Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. ¹⁶ For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble. ¹⁷ They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. ¹⁹ But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;

²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. ²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 14 – January 21, 2018

SUNDAY, January 14

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class @ the manse
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Study @ the manse

MONDAY, January 15

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

TUESDAY, January 16

- 6:00 PM Small Group @ Jim & Kris Hill’s home

WEDNESDAY, January 17

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

THURSDAY, January 18

PANORAMA DEADLINE

FRIDAY, January 19

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

- 3:30 PM Youth leave for WinterJam

SUNDAY, January 21

- 10:00 AM **Unity Service @ Mifflin Co. Middle School**
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Study @ the manse

There will not be any morning services, including Adult Bible study, confirmation class or children’s choir rehearsal next week, January 21 at Lewistown Presbyterian. Please join us at Mifflin Co. Middle School’s auditorium at 10 AM for a service of unity.