



Series: Proverbs - The Pursuit of Wisdom
Week Three: Wisdom Works

"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
heart of Lewistown since 1785

January 28, 2018

10:30 AM

Prelude Prelude on "Ellers"
I Love to Tell the Story Hegarty
Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Oh, How I Love Jesus RingLeader

Call to Worship Colossians 1:9-10, 13-20

Leader: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

People: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church;

Leader: He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

People: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

* **Hymn #75** (red)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Unison Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Worship

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

I am Thine, O Lord

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Brother James' Air

Wood

* Doxology #572 (red)

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Song**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a lamb could
Rescue the souls of men;
O, you rescue the souls of men.
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way;
O, we've hopelessly lost our way.

Chorus:

*You are the One that we praise.
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
O, our hearts always hunger for.*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us
Falling before your throne;
O, we're falling before your throne.

(repeat chorus)

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*** Song**

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

(repeat chorus)

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(repeat chorus)

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

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Witness to God at Work

The Spiritual Power of Music
Doug Garner

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:12-36

Sermon

Wisdom Works

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #225** (red)

Standing on the Promises

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Postlude

The Golden Trumpet

Ashdown

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Children's Bell Choir; Leah Riden, Director

Liturgist: Ginny Westover

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Sermon: Joan Loewen

Next Week: Kari Cullen

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

Children's Church: Kate Pecht

Next week: Miranda Shoop

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Amy Smith and Alex Garner

Next week: Susan Mowery and Riley Cullen

Deacon for the Month: Elaine Siddons

Counters: Maryann Haines and Jack Wilson

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.

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, phone calls and acts of kindness during the passing of my husband, Charlie. Special thanks to Rev. Zorn and Pastor Jim for their visits.

Virginia Warfel & Family

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: Many thanks for the Christmas greetings that I received from my dear friends at Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and love, Lois Notestine

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** will meet at the home of Ken and Ruth Fisher at 5:30 PM this Tuesday, January 30 for supper, discussion on "Wisdom Works" and prayer.
- **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.) Their current study is: "How to Be Rich: It's Not What You Think" by Andy Stanley. The group will meet this evening but will take next week off due to the Super Bowl.

2018 SESSION: *The session provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free to contact 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.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL today is in honor of the birth of Cillian Joseph Finan, son of Zoé and Ciarán Finan, grandson of Donis and Don Zagurskie and great-grandson of Don Hirakis. Cillian was born on Wednesday.

DAFFODIL DAYS OF HOPE BY THE BUNCH may be purchased in memory or in honor of special individuals for your donation to the American Cancer Society. Bunches of 10 cut daffodils are available for a \$10 donation and potted mini daffodils are available for a \$15 donation. Please see Susan Ferguson for order forms. The deadline to order is January 31.

LENTEN STUDY: Our all-church Lenten study this year is Ruth Haley Barton's Sacred Rhythms. This study is based on the premise that we function best when we establish regular practices that connect us with the flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world around us. Sacred Rhythms will not only provide an opportunity to learn about spiritual disciplines, but also to practice them. As we learn and experience together, we will be able to discern with the Holy Spirit, our individual path of growth with God.

YOUTH GROUP:

- **Due to our retreat this weekend, there will be no youth group meeting this evening**
- **IMPACT:** March 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) at the Harrisburg Hilton. This high-energy weekend of worship, speakers and special seminars is a highlight of many of our Youth. Please return registration forms and \$50.00 to Ginny by February 11.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held next Sunday, February 4 for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the Congregation and Corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian and any other business that may be presented.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/21/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need:	\$ 9,795.42
Last Week:	Unity Service	YTD Received:	\$ 7,649.30

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 8:12-36

¹² "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. ¹³ To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. ¹⁴ Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power. ¹⁵ By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; ¹⁶ by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth.

¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. ¹⁸ With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. ¹⁹ My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, ²¹ bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

²² "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; ²³ I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. ²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; ²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, ²⁶ before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. ²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. ³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, ³¹ rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

³² "Now then, my children, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. ³³ Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it. ³⁴ Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. ³⁵ For those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD. ³⁶ But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death."

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 28 – February 4, 2018

SUNDAY, January 28

- 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 Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Adult Study @ the manse
- NO** Youth Group

MONDAY, January 29

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

TUESDAY, January 30

- 5:30 PM Small Group @ Ken & Ruth Fisher's home
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 31

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

THURSDAY, February 1

- 7:00 PM Committee Night

FRIDAY, February 2 – SATURDAY, February 3

Session Retreat @ Krislund

SUNDAY, February 4 Communion

- 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 Annual Meeting
- ~noon Adult Study – Parlor (following the meeting)
- 6:00 PM **NO** Adult Study (Super Bowl)
- 6:00 PM Youth Group