



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

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

February 18, 2018

Series: Sacred Rhythms
Week One: Longing for God

"We Want More"

***"As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?"***

Psalm 42:1, 2

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10:30 AM

Prelude	Fairest Lord Jesus Abide with Me	Ashdown Parks
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Welcome and Announcements

Introit	Sarabande with Variations	G F Handel
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Call to Worship	Psalm 63
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Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in
a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**People: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld
your power and your glory.**

Leader: Because your love is better than life, my lips will
glorify you.

**People: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your
name I will lift up my hands.**

Leader: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of
foods;

People: With singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Leader: On my bed I remember you; I think of you
through the watches of the night. Because you are
my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I
cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

* Song	As the Deer
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1. As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

Chorus:

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a king.
And I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
3. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

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Unison Prayer of Confession

Memorial Drive

Merciful God, we have done a lot of running this week, but much of it was not in your direction. We have run in circles because we did not pause to ask Your guidance. We have run in loneliness because we did not run in love for others. We have tripped because the cares of this world captured our attention. We have run with great fatigue because we moved by our own power. Through Your Holy Spirit, show us those things that keep us from running the race marked out for us. Forgive us, Lord. Nourish and instruct us, that we may run in the path of Your commands, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the One who calls us by His Name and claims us by His love. Amen. (Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

Zion, Weep A-Low

R. Kent

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Cleansing Fountain

Martin

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn #435** (red)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

* **Hymn #392** (red)

Take Time to Be Holy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

Pastoral Prayer

* Song

I Need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling 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.

Repeat Chorus

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.*

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

I Need You (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.*

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Postlude

Postlude on "England's Lane"

Medlock

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Adult Bell Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Liturgist: Ken Fisher

Next Week: Olivia Smith

Acolyte: Bailey Cullen

Children's Sermon: Lynn Curry

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Children's Church: Lynn Curry

Next week: Annalise Haines

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Ushers: Dave Noss (lead usher), Barbara Nielsen, Larry and
Linda O'Dell, Ken Fisher, Roger Barr

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Diane Griffith and Ginny Westover

Next week: Cathy McClenahan and Alex Garner

Deacon for the Month: Larry Welshans

Counters: Dave Noss and John Gregory

Next Week: Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

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.

OUR ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER is TODAY from 4-6 PM at the Lumina Center. Bring your favorite sandwiches or dessert to share, and join your church family for some fun with Krislund. We will play some good ole camp games and hear the latest opportunities that Krislund is offering this year. There will be a sneak peek of Kidz Klub, too! Soup, drink and place settings will be provided.

YOUTH GROUP:

- **Lenten Study:** Don't miss the beginning of our Lenten study tonight from 6:00–7:30 PM on the third floor of the church!
- **Combined Youth Event at the Lumina Center:** Sunday, February 25, 4 – 6:00 PM. McVeytown Presbyterian youth will join us.
- **IMPACT:** March 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) at the Harrisburg Hilton. We will be meeting the church at 4:30 PM, Friday, March 2. We will load the van and drive to Downtown OIP for supper. We will leave OIP at 6:00 PM and head to IMPACT, returning Sunday, March 4 at 1:00 PM.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE: The Lewistown Ministerium is sponsoring Lenten Luncheons on Wednesdays during Lent again this year. We begin at noon at the sponsoring church and end well before 1 PM. Each church will provide a meal and worship or a devotional thought. At Lewistown Presbyterian we will meet in the sanctuary first and go to the Baraca room for lunch after a time of worship. The schedule of host churches:

- February 21: Lewistown Presbyterian
- February 28: First United Methodist
- March 7: Salvation Army
- March 14: Grace United Methodist
- March 21: Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Throughout the month of February, the choir is singing anthems based on gospel and spiritual songs from the African-American traditions to honor the Christian history of our African American brothers and sisters.

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. Available groups are:

- Sundays at 9:00 AM led by Pat Brown
- Sundays at 11:40 AM led by Susan Ferguson and Mary Bull
- Sundays at 6:00 PM led by Jim and Devon Thomas
- Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at Ruth and Ken Fisher's
- Wednesdays at 6:30 AM led by Pastor Thomas

Benefitting from Sacred Rhythms is very dependent upon the DVD curriculum which will be shared in our small groups. If you are unable to attend any of these groups, but would like to experience the curriculum, please contact the church office for a copy of the DVD to use in your family or in a group you would like to form.

LENTEN KIDZ KLUB: LIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER BEGINS NEXT WEEK! Lenten Kidz Klub will meet from 4 – 6 PM Sunday afternoons beginning February 25 through March 25. There will be hands-on Bible learning, games and songs for children age 3–grade 5. Supper will be provided each week at 5:30 PM. For more information, call the church office at 717-248-4561 or email lewispres@comcast.net.

GIFTS OF LOVE: The mission committee is organizing the collection of Hygiene Kits and School Kits to be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Information about what to provide and how to package the items is available in the narthex. Volunteers from the Huntingdon Presbytery will deliver the kits to the distribution center.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 2/11/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need:	\$ 19,590.84
Last Week:	\$ 2,578.00	YTD Received:	\$ 17,623.30

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. They are studying Sacred Rhythms, our Lenten focus study.
- **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 in the parlor after the Worship service for the Lenten focus, Sacred Rhythms. This study is led by Susan Ferguson and Mary Bull.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** will begin our Lenten Focus on Sacred Rhythms. **NOTE:** The group will be meeting at Ruth and Ken Fisher's home (20 White Rose Lane in Lewistown) rather than at the Hills'. The study begins at 6:30 PM, but all are welcome to join for dinner beforehand at 5:30 PM.
- **Wednesday Morning Group**: This group meets at 6:30 AM on Wednesdays at the manse and is led by Pastor Jim. They will begin our Lenten Focus with the study, Sacred Rhythms.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse (108 N. Brown St.) This is another opportunity to participate with the Lenten study, Sacred Rhythms.

OUR PROJECTION SYSTEM will now be used to highlight church announcements and activities during the gathering time before the service. If you would like to highlight an event or provide pictures of an activity, please get the pertinent information to Doug Garner by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like it to be displayed.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH: A new prayer meeting has begun at 11:30 AM on Thursdays in the counting room. The focus of prayer is the life and ministry of Lewistown Presbyterian Church. The meeting consists only of prayer and is kept to under twenty minutes. All are welcome.

DEACONS' OFFERING: The loose offering in the collection plate TODAY is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
- ² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
- ¹² LORD Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 18 – February 25, 2018

SUNDAY, February 18

- 9:00 AM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class – manse
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:40 AM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 4:00 PM All-Church Dinner at Lumina Center
- 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Study – Manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, February 19

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

TUESDAY, February 20

- 6:30 PM Adult Lenten Study – Fisher’s home

WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 6:30 AM Adult Lenten Study – Manse
- Noon Lenten Worship and Luncheon
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, February 25

- 9:00 AM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class – manse
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:40 AM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 4:00 PM Lenten Kidz Klub
- 4:00 PM Youth Group – Lumina Center
- 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Study – Manse