



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

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February 11, 2018

**Series:** Proverbs - The Pursuit of Wisdom  
**Week Five:** Wisdom Satisfies

***"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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February 11, 2018

10:30 AM

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**Prelude**

Pastorale  
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Ashdown  
Broughton

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 139 (NLT)

Leader: O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

**People: You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.**

Leader: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

**People: You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.**

Leader: You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

**ALL: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!**

**People: You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

**People: You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book.**

Leader: Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

**People: How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!**

**ALL: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.**

\* **Hymn #466** (red)

God of Grace and God of Glory

# Children's Sermon

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy Creator and God, you call us to whole-hearted commitment, yet our hearts are divided. We seek the benefits of life in you but neglect the responsibilities. We fail to trust in the guidance of your word, preferring instead to create our own rules. We sin without giving it much thought, presuming upon your forgiveness, but disregarding the cost. We confess faith in you, but put our trust in things. Help us. Our faith is divided. Our love is shallow. Our dedication falls short.**

**Build us into a deeply faithful people. Help us to discover that your will for us is truly good. Stir in our hearts a passionate dedication to your Kingdom. Build our compassion for others and our desire to share your love with them.**

**We have fallen short. Forgive us and make us wholly yours.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

**Anthem**

I See the Light

Joyce Eilers

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Off. on "Long-Sought Home"

Martin

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Song

Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord.  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant, Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And these are the days of great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and sword.  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

*Chorus:*

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!*

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of Your servant, David  
Rebuilding the temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are all white in the world.  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord!

*Chorus:*

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!*

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**\* Song**

Forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus:*

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

3) From the rising, to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus:*

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,  
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.*

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**Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 30:1-9

**Sermon**

Wisdom Satisfies

\* **Hymn #248** (red)

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

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Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

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**Postlude**

How Firm a Foundation

Wood

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit & Anthem:** Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

**Liturgist:** Alex Garner

**Next Week:** Ruth Fisher

**Acolyte:** Bailey Cullen

**Children's Sermon:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Lynn Curry

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

**Children's Church:** Leah Riden

**Next week:** Lynn Curry

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Infants/Preschool:** Leah Noerr and Margo Reeder

**Next week:** Diane Griffith and Jimmy Zagurskie

**Deacon for the Month:** Larry Welshans

**Counters:** Brad Siddons and Jack Wilson

**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.

### **YOUTH GROUP:**

- **Youth Group** for youth in grades 6-12 meets each week from 6 – 7:30 PM on the third floor of the church building.
- **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. 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 or Susan. **TODAY is the registration deadline!**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Amy Eichenlaub Snyder by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. David Eichenlaub, and her brother, David.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** We will be having a short service on Ash Wednesday (February 14) as a preparation for the season of Lent. The service will begin at 6:30 PM and will conclude by 7:00. Imposition of ashes will be available if desired.

**ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** The Christian Education Committee will be providing soup and ask that you bring either some sandwiches or a dessert to share on **Sunday, February 18 from 4-6 PM** at the Lumina Center. Please see today's insert.

**LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:** The Lewistown Ministerium will be sponsoring Lenten Luncheons again this year. Meet at noon each Wednesday with believers from other area churches for a nutritious lunch and meaningful devotional time. The schedule:

- 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

**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 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:** Attention kids age 3 through grade 5! Lenten Kidz Klub will meet from 4 – 6 PM Sunday afternoons, February 18 – March 25 (the first week will be in conjunction with the all-church fellowship dinner). We will learn what the Lord's Supper is all about in fun and interesting ways. We will be making bread, looking at the story of Moses and the plagues in Egypt, and lots more! Supper will be provided each week at 5:30 PM.

**GIFTS OF LOVE:** The mission committee is organizing the collection of Hygiene Kits to be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Hygiene kits include 1 hand towel (approx. 16" x 28"), 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper, 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), 1 toothbrush, and 10 Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips. All items should be sealed in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure.

### **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 not meet this Tuesday, but will resume on February 20 as they 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. The current study, "The Forgiveness of Jesus," is a Deeper Connections study edited by Matt Williams 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.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 2/4/18**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 16,325.70
Last Week: \$ 3,710.00	YTD Received: \$ 15,065.30



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Throughout the month of February, the choir will be singing anthems from the African and African American Traditions to worship in songs, hymns, and spiritual songs.

**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.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

Proverbs 30:1-9

The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh—an inspired utterance. This man's utterance to Ithiel: "I am weary, God, but I can prevail. <sup>2</sup> Surely I am only a brute, not a man; I do not have human understanding. <sup>3</sup> I have not learned wisdom, nor have I attained to the knowledge of the Holy One. <sup>4</sup> Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Whose hands have gathered up the wind? Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is the name of his son? Surely you know! <sup>5</sup> "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. <sup>6</sup> Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. <sup>7</sup> "Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: <sup>8</sup> Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. <sup>9</sup> Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

February 11 – February 18, 2018

### **SUNDAY, February 11**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – 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
- 11:45 AM Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 PM Adult Study
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

### **MONDAY, February 12**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, February 14**

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

### **THURSDAY, February 15**

#### **Panorama deadline**

- 11:30 AM Prayer for the Church

### **SUNDAY, February 18**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – 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
- 4:00 PM All-Church Dinner at Lumina Center
- 6:00 PM Adult Study – manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group