



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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

**February 25, 2018**

**Series:** Sacred Rhythms

**Week Two:** Solitude and Silence

## **"Time Out"**

***"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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## Scout Sunday

**February 25, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

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**Prelude**      Two Meditations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm      Ashdown

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**      Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain      Cedarmont

**Call to Worship**      Psalm 46

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People:** **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

**Leader:** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**People:** **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Leader:** Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

**People:** **He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

**All:** ***The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

\* **Hymn # 260** (blue)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A Word from our Troop**

Scoutmaster, Rick Cahill

**Children's Sermon**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

Suite for Carillon: III

Barber

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\* Song**

Here I am to Worship

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
Hope of a life spent with you.

*Chorus:*

*So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

2. King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above;  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

**Bridge:**

And I'll never know how much it cost,  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost,  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
No I'll never know how much it cost,  
To see my sin upon that cross.

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**\* Song**

Grace Alone

1. Every promise we can make,  
Every prayer and step of faith,  
Every difference we can make, is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb,  
Every ray of hope we shine,  
Every blessing left behind, is only by his grace.

*Chorus:*

*Grace alone, which God supplies,  
Strength unknown, He will provide.  
Christ in us our cornerstone,  
We will go forth in grace alone.*

- 2. Every soul we long to reach,  
Every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.

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**Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2  
Matthew 11:25-30  
Luke 5:16

**Sermon**

Time Out

**The Practice of Silence**

**Pastoral Prayer**

\* **Closing Hymn #527** (blue)                      Near to the Heart of God

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**                      Near to the Heart of God (chorus)

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.*

**Postlude**

O Jesus Most Wonderful

Wood

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Hunter Corbin, Troop 4

**Next Week:** Brad Siddons

**Acolyte:** Bailey Cullen

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

**Children's Sermon:** Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Maryann Haines

**Children's Church:** Ginny Westover

**Next week:** Leah Riden

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

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Next Week:** Phil Loewen

**Infants/Preschool:** Cathy McClenahan and Alex Garner

**Next week:** Rachel Cunningham and Riley Cullen

**Deacon for the Month:** Larry Welshans

**Counters:** Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

**Next Week:** Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith

## **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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of John Ferguson by Shirley and Susan Ferguson.

**THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL** today is in honor of the birth of Benjamin Wilson, son of Abby and Nicholas Wilson, grandson of Michael and Susan Mowery. Benjamin was born February 7, 2018.

**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.

**KIDZ KLUB:** Hey, Kids! Put on your hiking boots, pick up your walking stick and get ready to set out on a journey to Jerusalem for the annual Passover celebration! You will meet Clive, the chameleon, our colorful guide, set up camp for the night and listen to stories of God's mighty power around the campfire. Don't miss the fun Bible learning that begins this afternoon and continues every Sunday through March 25, 4:00-6:00 PM. Invite a friend and join the journey!

### **YOUTH GROUP:**

- **TONIGHT! Combined Youth Event at the Lumina Center:**  
We will meet at the Lumina for some fun and games with the McVeytown Youth from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **IMPACT:** March 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) at the Harrisburg Hilton. We will be meeting the church at 4:30 PM, this 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. The schedule of host churches:

- **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.

**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 2/18/18**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 22,855.98
Last Week: \$ 2,208.00	YTD Received: \$ 19,831.00

**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.

## **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. The group is meeting at Ruth and Ken Fisher's home (20 White Rose Lane in Lewistown). 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 are participating in our Lenten 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. The group will meet at the manse this evening, but in the **church parlor on March 4.**

## **SPECIAL OFFERINGS:**

- **YELLOW EASTER ENVELOPES** will be used to support the work of the Mifflin/Juniata Abuse Network. The mission of the Abuse Network is to assist and educate victims and community members about violence and abusive behaviors to promote a more peaceful, violence-free community.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ENVELOPE:** Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**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.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

<sup>5:1</sup> Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.<sup>2</sup> Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. <sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Luke 5:16

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

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**PRAYER GUIDE**  
February 25, 2018

***"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in  
quietness and trust is your strength."*** ~Isaiah 30:15

**How to Be Involved in Prayer**

- Use the prayer cards in the pew racks to let us know how we can pray for you or for someone you know
- You can e-mail requests to [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net)
- Join the prayer chain by calling Margie at 248-0427 or email [mcsmith12@verizon.net](mailto:mcsmith12@verizon.net)
- Join us at 11:30 AM on Mondays in the Baraca Room
- Join us in prayer for the church on Thursdays at 11:30 in the church office
- Use this prayer guide in your daily prayers

***Pray for our Community, Nation and World***

**Our Community**

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Marriages and other relationships in crisis
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

***Pray for our Church***

**For Our Programs and Growth**

- For visitors to join us and to find a spiritual home here
- The ongoing Confirmation Class
- The Lenten Study, Sacred Rhythms: that we would grow in our experience of and love for God

**Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang, Jackie Botteicher
- William Penn: Frank Moist
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

**Those Battling Cancer**

- Ryan Ertley, 3-year-old son of Derick and Micheline (Redmond) Ertley: recently diagnosed with stage 3 Burkitt lymphoma; undergoing treatment
- Blain Hackenburg: stage 4 lung cancer
- Dean Dunmire: comfort and relief from pain
- Mike Macchiaverna: recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Joyce Nicholas: liver and lung cancer

- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Neil Knable
- Jim Marthouse: struggling after marrow transplant
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

### **Other Health Concerns**

- Jim Leister: recovering from hip surgery after a fall
- Ray Wilde's mother who recently fell and broke her hip
- Brian Primozich: young father with a rare kidney disease
- Keri Corkery: young woman who had a stroke
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- George Cockerill: upcoming medical tests
- Naomi DeBello: 15-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: adjusting well to MS treatments
- Mary Barger: strength & courage following a stroke
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility
- Those who are homebound

### **Those in the Military**

- O1/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte: Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
- SPC Ian Shelly: attending Millersville University
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest: 68 Peary Street, Pier #2 Newport, RI 02842
- SFC William Corson: 17836 Upland Dr SE, Yelm, WA 98597
- SGT John Dietz: PSC 560 Box 481, APO, AP 96376
- SSGT Tyler Treaster: 7294 Puckett Dr, Neroes Manor, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

### **Our Mission Partners**

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Camp Krislund as they seek a new director upon the resignation of Gene Joyner
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate and their work with the people who live in the dump near Antigua, Guatemala
- The Veraso family transitioning out of their work with Adventures in Missions and seeking other employment.
- The LUMINA Center as they reach out to area children
- Miranda Shoop as she works at the LUMINA center

### **Our Families of the Week**

- Dan, Ruth Ann and Amanda Baxter
- Hailee Weader

## **TROOP 4**

We are very happy to welcome Boy Scout Troop 4 to our worship service today and proud to sponsor the longest continuously-chartered scout troop in the country! Troop 4 includes:

### **New Scouts:**

Blake Hale  
Keytinn Hocker  
Ethan Rapp

### **Scout Rank:**

Keragyn Hocker  
Skylar Jacko  
Devon Webb

### **Tenderfoot Rank:**

Hunter Corbin

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Rank:**

None

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class Rank:**

Billy Cooper  
Alex Hale  
Trevor Harris  
Gerrick Walters

### **Star Rank:**

Dillon Barlett  
Isaac Ironcloud

### **Life Rank:**

Alex Shoemaker (Pending Eagle Board of Review, aged out 2/1/2018)  
Ian Shoemaker (Pending Eagle Board of Review, aged out 2/1/2018)

### **Eagle Rank:**

Remington Walters (Aged out 1/10/2018)

### **Troop Leadership:**

Executive Officer: Carl Haldeman  
Chartered Organization Representative: Paul Olbrich  
Troop Committee Chairman: Neil Purcell  
Committee Members: Brian Barlett, Greg Corbin, Paul Olbrich, Brenda Walters, Joe Young  
Scoutmaster: Rick Cahill  
Assistant Scoutmasters: Brian Barlett, Chip Mauery, Don Walters

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

February 25 – March 4, 2018

### **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
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 4:00 PM Lenten Kidz Klub
- 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Study – Manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group – Lumina Center (pick up at 8 PM)

### **MONDAY, February 26**

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

### **TUESDAY, February 27**

- 6:30 PM Adult Lenten Study – Fisher’s home
- 9:30 AM Food prep for Backyard Ministries
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, February 28**

- 6:30 AM Adult Lenten Study – Manse
- 12 Noon Lenten Luncheon – First United Methodist
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, March 1**

- 7:00 PM Committee Night

### **FRIDAY - SUNDAY, March 2-4**

YOUTH IMPACT

### **SUNDAY, March 4**

- 9:00 AM Adult Lenten Study – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:00 AM No Confirmation Class due to IMPACT
- 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
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Study – Church parlor