



**Series:** Proverbs - The Pursuit of Wisdom  
**Week Four:** Wisdom Waits

*"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

**February 4, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

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**Prelude** Lord, Listen to Your Children Medema/Schrader  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse/Schrader  
Great is the Lord Smith/Schrader

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** O Worship the Lord McCutchan

**Call to Worship** Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; The Lord is gracious and merciful.

**People: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

**People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding.

**People: His praise endures forever.**

\* **Hymn #482** (blue)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

Leader: What do you believe about God?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Leader: What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

**People: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

Leader: What do you believe Jesus Christ accomplished?

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

Leader: What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

**People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

Leader: What do you believe about the Church?

**People: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **Song of Response #579** (blue)

Glory Be to the Father

**Children's Sermon**

**Anthem**

To Glory I Will Go

E E Ferguson

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hegarty

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Song

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there,  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—  
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### \* Song

Redeemer Savior Friend

1. I know You had me on Your mind,  
When You climbed up on that hill.  
For You saw me with eternal eyes,  
While I was yet in sin,  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

*Chorus: Redeemer, redeem my heart again.  
Savior, come and shelter me from sin.  
You're familiar with my weakness,  
Devoted to the end; Redeemer, Savior, Friend.*

2. Every stripe upon Your battered back,  
Every thorn that pierced Your brow,  
Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands,  
Said that Your love knows no end;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend

3. So the grace You poured upon my life,  
Will return to You in praise.  
I will gladly lay down all my crowns,  
For the name by which I am saved;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

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## **Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 9:1-18

## **Sermon**

Wisdom Waits

\* **Hymn #520** (blue)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You...  
Tune: Morecambe (#326)

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table  
Communion Prayer  
Distribution of the Bread  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Cup

## **Lord's Prayer**

Traditional

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

Redeemer Savior Friend (chorus)

*Redeemer, redeem my heart again.  
Savior, come and shelter me from sin.  
You're familiar with my weakness,  
Devoted to the end; Redeemer, Savior, Friend.*

**Postlude**

The Church's One Foundation

Scott

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Danny Garner

**Next Week:** Alex Garner

**Acolyte:** Bailey Cullen

**Children's Sermon:** Kari Cullen

**Next Week:** Leah Riden

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

**Children's Church:** Miranda Shoop

**Next week:** Leah Riden

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Infants/Preschool:** Susan Mowery and Riley Cullen

**Next week:** Leah Noerr and Margo Reeder

**Deacon for the Month:** Larry Welshans

**Counters:** Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry

**Next Week:** Brad Siddons 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.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held today after the worship service for the purpose of receiving the annual reports and any other business that may be presented.

**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.

**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.

**FAMILY POTLUCK SUPPER:** Come to the **Lumina Center on Sunday, February 18, 4-6 PM.** Bring the family and your favorite sandwich or salad or dessert. Christian Ed will provide the soup. Representatives from Krislund Camp will be there to lead us in some family friendly fun games and 2018 camp themed activities. We will learn about all the other opportunities that Krislund has to offer. The Christian Ed Committee will give a preview of the upcoming Kidz Klub too! Plan to attend!

**TROOP 4 FUNDRAISER:** Troop 4 will be serving breakfast this Saturday, February 10, 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.

## 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 5:30 PM 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 take this week off due to the Super Bowl.*

## GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/28/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 13,060.56
Last Week: \$ 3,710.00	YTD Received: \$ 11,359.30

## YOUTH GROUP:

- **No Youth Group meeting this evening.** Enjoy the Super Bowl with your family.
- **Combined Youth Event at the Lumina Center.** Sunday, February 25, 4:00 – 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 by February 11.



## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 9:1-18

<sup>9:1</sup> Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city, <sup>4</sup> "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight."

<sup>7</sup> Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. <sup>8</sup> Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. <sup>9</sup> Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. <sup>11</sup> For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. <sup>12</sup> If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

<sup>13</sup> Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing. <sup>14</sup> She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city, <sup>15</sup> calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way, <sup>16</sup> "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says, <sup>17</sup> "Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!" <sup>18</sup> But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.

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### Notes:

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

February 4, 2018

*"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado*

### **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
- 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 upcoming Lenten Study

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

- 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
- Barb Stahl: returned to work after 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**

- Jackie Botteicher: at Valley View rehab
- Irene Sauer, Elaine Siddon's mother: health concerns
- Jim Leister: recovering from hip surgery after a fall
- Brian Primozych: young father with a rare kidney disease
- Franklin Moist: recovering at William Penn after a fall
- Keri Corkery: young woman who had a stroke
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- Naomi DeBello: 14-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

## **Those in Care Facilities**

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

## **Our Mission Partners**

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- 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**

- Betsy Baker
- Eugene & Darla Wheeler

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

February 4 – February 11, 2018

### **SUNDAY, February 4** Communion

- 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
- 11:30 AM Annual Meeting
- ~ noon Adult Study – Parlor (following the meeting)
- 6:00 PM **No** Adult Study (Super Bowl)
- 6:00 PM **No** Youth Group

### **MONDAY, February 5**

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

### **TUESDAY, February 6**

- 5:30 PM Small Group – Hill's home

### **WEDNESDAY, February 7**

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

### **THURSDAY, February 8**

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

### **SATURDAY, February 10**

- 8:00 AM Boy Scouts' Fundraiser Breakfast

### **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
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
- 6:00 PM Adult Study – manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group