



LEWISTOWN CHURCH  
**Presbyterian**

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

**April 29, 2018**

**Easter Series: Love and Truth**  
**The Message of 1 John**

**Week 3: Truth and Spirit**

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:7-10*

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10:30 AM

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**Prelude**                      A Tuscan Adagio                      Ashdown  
   All Hail the Power                      Smith

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit**                      Lead Me, Lord                      Wesley

**Call to Worship**    Psalm 95

**Leader:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout  
aloud to the rock of our salvation.

**People:** **Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

**Leader:** For the LORD is the great God, the great king above  
all gods.

**People:** **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and  
the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is  
his, for he made it, and his hands formed the  
dry land.**

**Leader:** Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel  
before the LORD our Maker;

**People:** **For he is our God and we are the people of his  
pasture, the flock under his care.**

\* **Hymn #151** (blue)                      Crown Him with Many Crowns

\* **Affirmation of Faith**                      PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

**Leader:** In life and in death we belong to God.

**People:** **We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba,  
Father.**

**Leader:** In sovereign love God created the world good and  
makes everyone equally in God's image, male and  
female, of every race and people, to live as one  
community.

**People:** **But we rebel against God; we hide from our  
Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. we  
violate the image of God in others and**

**ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

Leader: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation....

**People: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**People: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture....,**

Leader: In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior...,

**People: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\* **Song of Response #577** (blue)                      Glory Be to the Father

### **Children's Sermon**

**Anthem**                      Great is Our God                      Courtney

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory                      Carillon                      Simone

\* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Song**    Indescribable

1. From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation's revealing your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.  
All exclaiming:

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*Chorus:*

*Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And you know them by name.  
You are amazing God;  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.*

2. Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light;  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom.

*Chorus:*

*Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And you know them by name. You are amazing God;  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.  
Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And you know them by name. You are amazing God;  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.*

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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.*

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.

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.
  
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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**Scripture Reading**

1 John 2:15-29

**Sermon**

Truth and Spirit

**Pastoral Prayer**

\* **Hymn #476** (blue)

O Worship the King

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

Indescribable

*Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And you know them by name.  
You are amazing God;  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.*

**Postlude**

Postlude on "Azmon"

Phillips

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Miranda Shoop

**Acolyte:** Noerr children

**Children's Sermon:** Pastor Jim Thomas

**Next Week:** Joan Loewen

**Children's Church:** Gerri Aitkin

**Next week:** Elaine Siddons

**Ushers:** Glenn Snyder (lead usher), Lisa Snyder, Dale Henry,  
Esther Henry, Bob and Jean Patton

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Infants/Preschool:** Donis and Jimmy Zagurskie

**Next week:** Pam and Vicki Pecht

**Deacon for the Month:** Ginny Westover

**Counters:** Maryann Haines and Dave Noss

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

## **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.

**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR NEEDED:** We are in need of an assistant/substitute sound board operator for when John Gregory is unavailable. Please let him know if you can help.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** hygiene kits and school kits are being collected for distribution to those in crisis situations. More information is available in the narthex. **Note: Today is the last day.**

**YOUTH DOWN AND OUT BOUT, May 11, 12 at Kish Park:** The Youth of our church, McVeytown Presbyterian and 1st United Methodist Church will be having an overnight designed to open our eyes and our hearts to the reality of homelessness and hunger in Mifflin County. To help accomplish this, youth and adult leaders will spend the night in and around the Brown Pavilion of Kish Park, sleeping in make-shift tents and cardboard boxes. We will experience a soup kitchen, simulate what it might be like to find food to eat and hear from representatives from The Shelter Services. Part of Saturday afternoon will be spent in service projects in the park, followed by supper at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Youth will be collecting hygiene products, cleaning products and monetary donations for the Shelter Services in Lewistown.

Youth, be sure to pick up a permission form and additional information sheet from Ginny, Susan or Miranda. Cost for the event (to cover T-shirt expenses) is \$10.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Minister to our youngest set (and their parents!) by offering about an hour of your time during the worship service on a given Sunday morning. Clearances and a cheerful heart required. Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee to join the nursery rotation. Committee members are: Leah Riden, Elaine Siddons, Susan Ferguson, Miranda Shoop and Ginny Westover. Clearances can be obtained through the church office. Thank you to those who have already responded!

**YARD SALE TO BENEFIT SHELTER SERVICES:** The thrift shop is having a yard sale **May 3, 4 and 5** (Thursday and Friday, 9AM-4 PM, Saturday, 9 AM-1 PM). All proceeds go to the shelter to continue their mission of serving the homeless of our community. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the yard sale on those days. If any individuals or small groups are interested, please call 717-248-0102. The Shelter is located at 13 Depot Street, Lewistown.

**KRISLUND FUNDRAISING AUCTION:** You can help the camp and have a great evening in the process at the Krislund Fundraising Auction. The event begins with a wine and cheese reception at 3 PM followed by a delicious meal at 4 PM today. You will also have the opportunity to bid on beautiful hand-crafted items by local artisans. The cost for the event is \$50 per person. If you have not RSVP'd you are still welcome to attend!

## **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held every Sunday evening from 6-7:30 PM on the third floor of the church. All are encouraged to attend – and to bring their friends for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly, growth in relationship to God.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. The study is Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** meets on the first Sunday of each month in the parlor, following the worship service.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** meets on the third floor of the church at 6:30 PM. The study is "Prayer; Does it Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. All are welcome!
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A Clash of Kingdoms, by Ray Vander Laan, is part of the very popular "That the World May Know" series in which Vander Laan guides participants to a deeper understanding of the context of scripture to allow them to apply it more faithfully to their own lives.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. Address the Mess, by Andy Stanley encourages participants to embrace, rather than avoid, the challenging aspects of life to find how God may be at work in them. The Christian life is not always easy or neat. Address the Mess will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives. Due to messy and busy schedules, the group is not able to meet this week or next.

**MISSION TRIP:** Plans are being made for an adult mission trip to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. The trip will take place in the fall and details will be announced in early summer.

## **GIVING REPORT AS OF 4/22/18**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 52,262.24
Last Week: \$ 3,003.05	YTD Received: \$ 48,791.25



## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

1 John 2:15-29

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

April 29 – May 6, 2018

### **SUNDAY, April 29**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class – manse
- 9:00 AM Session Meeting with Confirmation class – manse
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM No Adult Small Group at the manse this evening

### **MONDAY, April 30**

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

### **TUESDAY, May 1**

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – third floor
- 11:30 AM Presbyterian Women – Honeycreek Inn

### **WEDNESDAY, May 2**

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse
- 6:00 PM Adult Bells Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, May 3**

- 7:00 PM Committee Night

### **SUNDAY, May 6 Confirmation Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM New Members Reception – Baraca Room
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM No Adult Small Group