



LEWISTOWN CHURCH  
**Presbyterian**

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

**April 22, 2018**

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

**Week 2: Love and Light**

*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

**Prelude** Rigaudon Hegarty  
Have Thine Own Way, Lord Smith

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit** Rejoice, the Lord is King Darwall

**Call to Worship** Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place.

**People: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.**

Leader: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.**

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**People: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high!"**

Leader: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**People: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

**People: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.**

\* Hymn #489 (blue)

Open Now the Gates of Beauty



1. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Chorus:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

2. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

*Chorus:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

**\* Song**

Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind by now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

*Chorus:*

*My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

*Chorus:*

*My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.  
My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine; will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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**Scripture Reading**

1 John 2:3-14

**Sermon**

Love and Light

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present and boundless in love. Yet we fail to receive your love in its fullness. When we disregard your grace, we focus on our unworthiness and fear your judgement; or we trust in our own worthiness, and disregard our need for forgiveness.**

**When we focus too much on ourselves, we fail to love others – believing ourselves to be more deserving than they, or harboring jealousy of their giftedness and your grace toward them.**

**We take your grace for granted and fail to live in the gratitude and Christ-likeness it should create in us. Help us to believe and receive your love for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters in Christ – and to live as those who are made new in Him.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

\* **Hymn #335** (blue)

Though I May Speak

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**                      Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone

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My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
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Unending love, amazing grace.*

**Postlude**

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Annalise Haines

**Next Week:** Miranda Shoop

**Acolyte:** Noerr children

**Children's Sermon:** Lynn Curry

**Next Week:** Pastor Jim Thomas

**Children's Church:** Lynn Curry

**Next week:** Gerri Aitkin

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

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

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

**Next week:** Donis Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

**Deacon for the Month:** Ginny Westover

**Counters:** Kari Cullen and Ginny Westover

**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.

### **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. Their new 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. We will begin a new study by Andy Stanley tonight. Address the Mess, 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.

**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: Kits must be received by April 29.**

**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!

**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.

**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.

**GIVING REPORT AS OF 4/15/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need:	\$ 48,997.10
Last Week:	\$ 3,288.00	YTD Received:	\$ 45,788.30



**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 on Sunday, April 29. 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. You may RSVP by emailing: [jgerber@krislund.org](mailto:jgerber@krislund.org)

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### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

1 John 2:3-14

<sup>2:3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. <sup>13</sup> I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

April 22, 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
- 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
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

#### **For Our Programs and Growth**

- Our Confirmation Class
- Our Church Health Team
- Our Deacons and their ministry of help and care
- Visitors to join us and find a spiritual home here

#### **For Those Who Grieve**

- Family and Friends of Jackie Botteicher, who died Monday
- Family and Friends of Rev. Franklin Moist, who died Wednesday

#### **Those in Care Facilities**

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

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

- Ryland Ertley, 3-year-old son of Derick and Micheline (Redmond) Ertley: in treatment for Burkitt lymphoma
- Blain Hackenburg: stage 4 lung cancer
- Mike Macchiaverna: received marrow transplant
- 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: improving after marrow transplant
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor, now at William Penn

### **Other Health Concerns**

- Jeff Pyles: suffered a severe heart attack w/complications
- 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**

- 01/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
- 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 and seek new leadership upon the retirement of Debbie Wilt
- Miranda Shoop as she works at the LUMINA center

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

- Matt, Megan, Evan and Kyle Boyer
- Lowell and Dorothy Stephens

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

April 22 – April 29, 2018

### **SUNDAY, April 22**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

### **MONDAY, April 23**

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service – Rev. Franklin J. Moist
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### **TUESDAY, April 24**

- 9:00 AM Backyard Ministries cookie collection
- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – third floor
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, April 25**

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse
- 11:15 AM NSPS Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, April 26**

- 2:30 PM Church Health Team meeting

### **FRIDAY, April 27**

- 6:00 PM Staff Dinner

### **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 Adult Small Group – manse