



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

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

May 6, 2018

In the End is the Beginning Confirmation Class Received

"I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." –

Romans 12:1-2

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10:30 AM

Prelude	O Christ, Our Light God of Grace	Manz Manz
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Welcome and Announcements

Introit	This is Amazing Grace	P Wickham
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Call to Worship		Psalm 146
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Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

**People: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing
praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in human
beings, who cannot save.

**People: When their spirit departs, they return to the
ground; on that very day their plans come
to nothing.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

**People: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the
sea, and everything in them—he remains
faithful forever.**

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives
food to the hungry.

**People: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives
sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down, the LORD loves the
righteous.**

Leader: The LORD watches over the foreigner and
sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he
frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**People: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations.**

ALL: Praise the LORD.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** Song of Response #579**

Glory Be to the Father

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount...

Broughton

* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

* 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.

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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**

This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus:

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life – that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me.*

2. Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son or daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me.*

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Meditation

In the End is the Beginning

Confirmation Class of 2018

Presentation of the Class

Alexander Banks Garner
James Theodore Hirakis Zagurskie
Margo Lynn Reeder
Riley Cole Marlin Cullen
Daniel Nelson Garner
Carolyn Mary Sims
Reece Cari Oliver Cullen

Membership Questions

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Anthem In Remembrance of Me B Greer

Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Lord's Prayer

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.

* **Hymn #155** (blue) Rejoice, the Lord is King (vv 1 & 2)

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus** Rejoice the Lord is King (v 3)

Rejoice in glorious hope!

For Christ, the Judge, shall come

To glorify the saints for their eternal home;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Postlude

Toccata on "Nicea"

Smith

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Liturgist: Hailee Weader

Next Week: Doug Garner

Acolyte: Abigail Siddons

Children's Sermon: Joan Loewen

Next Week: Leah Riden

Children's Church: Elaine Siddons

Next week: Leah Riden

Ushers: Karen McCurdy (lead usher), Brad Siddons, Maryann and Annalise Haines, Kevin and Machele Kodish

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Pam and Vicki Pecht

Next week: Linda O'Dell and Alex Garner

Deacon for the Month: Mercy Westover

Counters: Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry

Next Week: Brad Siddons and John Gregory

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 dedicated to God's glory and are given by Marlene Creighton in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Daniel Creighton.

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!

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.

THE LUMINA CENTER is seeking an enthusiastic, qualified candidate for the position of Program Director. He/she must desire to assist children and youth in succeeding. He/she will be expected to work closely with the Director, staff, board members, children and their families. He/she will be responsible for coordinating events, improving existing activities and developing new programs. He/she would be expected to adhere to the mission statement of the LUMINA Center as follows: LUMINA is a Community Center which offers the light of faith, hope and love "to" "for" and "with" the children, youth and families of Mifflin County in the name of Christ. Applications are available on the LUMINA Center's website or the LUMINA Center office. **For more information, please contact Debbie Wilt at 717-242-2888. Website: www.luminacenter.org**

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

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 4/29/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	YTD Need:	\$ 55,527.28
Last Week:	\$ 2,989.00	YTD Received:	\$ 51,780.25

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 on hiatus until June.*

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:

Pastor: James Thomas

Visitation Pastor: Robert Zorn

Christian Education Director: Ginny Westover

Choir Director: Doug Garner

Organist/Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Youth Choir Director: Leah Riden

Administrative Assistant: Deb Yetter

Financial Secretary: Susan Ferguson

Preschool Teachers: Sherri Powell & Ginny Westover

Custodian: Kathy Hardin

Sexton/Security: John Gregory

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

^{6:1} These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

¹⁰ When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 6 – May 13, 2018

SUNDAY, May 6 Confirmation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class – manse
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM No Adult Small Group at the manse this evening

MONDAY, May 7

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

TUESDAY, May 8

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – third floor

WEDNESDAY, May 9

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

THURSDAY, May 10

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY – SATURDAY, May 11-12

Youth Event – Down and Out Bout @ Kish Park

SUNDAY, May 13 Mother's Day

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

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.