



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

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

June 10, 2018

Easter Series: Love and Truth
The Message of 1 John

Week 7: Test Your Truth

"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 Two Meditations on Psalm 23: Ashdown
"Faithful Shepherd, Lead Me"
"Brother James' Air"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

Leader: Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

People: Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

People: Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

Leader: Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

People: How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.

* **Hymn #327** (blue)

O Word of God Incarnate

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God. We know that your word is true and your guidance is trustworthy. However, we find ourselves trusting the words of the world over the guidance of God. We are directed by our vacillating hearts rather than by your steady hand. We believe that which does not challenge our presuppositions and then close our ears and hearts to your voice of challenge. Forgive us, and open us to your word and your will, that we may live in faith and obedience to your good, pleasing and perfect will.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Affirmation of God's Forgiveness

Honoring our Graduates

Words of Witness

Nick Smith

Special Music

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Spiritual

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Lasky

* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

* 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.
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.
Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me.*

* **Song**

You Are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel;
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up.
When I am dry, you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

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Note: *After the second verse, this becomes a round. Men sing the chorus then verse 2, while women sing verse 1 then the chorus, End with chorus in unison.*

Men: V1, C, V2, C, V2, C **Women:** V1, C, V2, V1, C, C

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:1-6

Sermon

Test Your Truth

* **Hymn #281** (blue)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Forever

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.*

Postlude

Postlude on "Cwm Rhondda"

Lovelace

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Liturgist: Brad Siddons **Next Week:** Paul Olbrich

Acolyte: Lucas Garner **Next Week:** Landon Cunningham

Children's Chat: Elaine Siddons **Next Week:** Lynn Curry

Children's Church: Elaine Siddons

Next Week: Lynn Curry

Special Music: Danny Garner

Ushers: Amy Smith (lead usher), Marilyn Miller, Violet Miller,
Carl Haldeman, Patricia Snyder, Paul Olbrich

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Karissa Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

Next week: Rachel Cunningham and Riley Cullen

Deacon for the Month: Donis Zagurskie

Counters: Kari Cullen and John Gregory

Next Week: Dale Henry and Ginny Westover

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 ROSE ON THE CHANCEL this morning is in honor of the birth of Oliver Jacob Ertley, son of Micheline and Derick Ertley.

COMMUNITY VBS is coming soon! Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28, 6:00-8:30 PM. Kids, come ashore this summer with Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema, Ship Rec Games, Imagination Stations, Tropical Treats and Oceans of Fun! We are hosting this year's VBS and serving together with First United Methodist, Sacred Heart and St. Johns Lutheran. VBS will conclude with a Swim Party for all VBS families on Friday evening, June 29 at Rec Park! **To register, call the church office, 717-248-4561.** We are in need of volunteers to help kids go between stations (no preparation is needed) and also volunteers to serve suppers at 5:30 PM. Please contact the church office or one of the members of the Christian Ed committee: Ginny Westover, Susan Ferguson, Leah Riden, Elaine Siddons or Miranda Shoop.

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be held at Kish Park on Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6PM. The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

GRADUATE RECEPTION: Join us just outside the sanctuary for refreshments and fellowship after today's service and take the opportunity to congratulate our graduates.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 24 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to process Pastor Thomas's announcement that he has received another call.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: You can participate in Crossroads Pregnancy Center's fund-raiser by taking home a baby bottle bank and filling it with your loose change (or bills if you choose!) and then return it on Father's Day, June 17.

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.
- **Tuesday Evening Group:** This group is taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A new study by Anne Graham Lotz will begin this week. The study called The Daniel Prayer will focus us on praying like Daniel, whose prayer life led him to have great strength and influence in a very difficult situation. All are welcome to join us as we begin this new study.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. Address the Mess, by Andy Stanley which will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives. Join us this evening at the manse.

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.

PRAYER GUIDE

June 10, 2018

"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer." - Beth Moore

How to Be Involved in Prayer

- Submit prayer requests using the prayer cards in the pew
- E-mail requests to lewispres@comcast.net
- Join the prayer chain by calling Margie at 248-0427 or email mcsmith12@verizon.net
- Use this prayer guide in your daily prayers

Pray for our Community, Nation and World

Our Community

- Those suffering the devastating effects of the volcanic eruption in Guatemala, only 20 miles from where our team served last summer
- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

For Our Programs and Growth

- Our Church Health Team processing the last Natural Church Development survey
- Our Deacons and their ministry of help and care
- Visitors to join us and find a spiritual home here

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

Birth

- Oliver Jacob Ertley was born on Monday to Micheline and Derick Ertley

Those Battling Cancer

- Ryland Ertley, 3-year-old son of Derick and Micheline (Redmond) Ertley: in treatment for Burkitt lymphoma
- Heather Creighton: long-term treatment for breast cancer
- Kerry Whiteman, Nancy Bowman's daughter: praise, no cancer!
- Betsy Baker: recovering from knee surgery
- 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

Other Health Concerns

- Tom Fletcher: ill health and depression
- Dan Pierce: triple bypass
- 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: 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: recently reenlisted
- 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 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

- Dr. Robert and Sheila Burns
- Michael, Stephanie and Nora Smith

2018 GRADUATES



Annalise Haines – During her High School years, she participated in yearbook, spirit club, student council, drama club (Patty in GREASE), and as co-director of film and drama at the middle school. She has been in concert choir since 9th grade and in Cantare during her senior year. She played volleyball for the high school during her sophomore and junior years and managed the boy's basketball during those same years. This summer she plans to work at the Lewistown Creamery and to make the most of the warm days. In the fall she will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in English Education and possibly a minor in Theater. Annalise is the daughter of Bryan and Maryann Haines.



Mercy Westover, daughter of Ginny Westover, is a 2018 high school graduate of the Susquehanna Valley Homeschool Association. Mercy has been active in many facets of ministry here at LPC, participating in Youth, helping with VBS, Kidz Klub, and serving in the nursery. She has enjoyed mission trips and singing in the choir. Mercy currently serves as a deacon. Outside of church, her passion is her horses, both big and small. This summer will find Mercy showing in the Hunt Seat and Miniature Driving and Jumping arenas when she is not working at the Allensville Planing Mill. She plans to work at APM before pursuing further education.



Liam Shelly, son of Donald Shelly and Cora Beaver-Shelly, will be graduating from Manchester (NH) Central High School in June. He is an alum of the LPC Preschool and attended Mifflin County schools from Kindergarten until his family's move in January 2018. He still "identifies" as a Mifflin County Husky. Liam plans to study Media Arts & Technology at Lakes Region Community College (NH) this fall.



Chelsea Ann Siddons is the daughter of Brad and Elaine Siddons of Lewistown. She graduated in May from Slippery Rock University's Graduate School of Physical Therapy with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. While at The Rock, Chelsea received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award in 2017 and an Academic Excellence Award in

2018, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She's now studying for her PT license and plans to pursue a travel physical therapy career throughout the country. She was salutatorian of the Lewistown Area High School Class of 2011 before graduating summa cum laude in 2015 from Slippery Rock, with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. She has been a life-long member of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church family.



Rachel Brown graduated summa cum laude from the Honors College of West Chester University on December 17, 2017. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmaceutical product development. She will begin medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in August. Rachel is also engaged to be married to Patrick Fitzgerald in 2020. Rachel is the daughter of Pat Brown and the late Bradford G Brown.



Victoria Pecht will be graduating from South Hills School of Business & Technology in September 2018 with an Associate's Degree in Specialized Business, Administrative Professional. After graduation, she will pursue a career in the administrative field and will be moving to New Jersey to start a new journey with her future husband, Brandon Wain. The BIG DAY will be June 1, 2019!



Michael Werrick is the son of Saturn Werrick and Michael Werrick. He graduated from MCHS, attending the Academy, earning a diploma in Production Agriculture. He enjoys four wheeling, fishing and camping. He is currently working for the Lewistown Borough.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:1-6

4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 10 – June 17, 2018

SUNDAY, June 10 Graduation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting
- 11:30 AM Lemonade Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

MONDAY, June 11

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

WEDNESDAY, June 12

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

SUNDAY, June 17

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

See the schedule in the Third Street vestibule for the various support groups supported by the church.

If you would like to schedule any meetings or events at the church, please inform the church office so that it can be assured that your desired room is available and that your event can be properly publicized.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 6/3/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,341.35	YTD Need: \$ 73,509.70
Last Week: \$ 4,240.00	YTD Received: \$ 68,551.89