



July 8, 2018

Series: Love and Truth
The Message of 1, 2 & 3 John

Week 10: Love and Truth in the Balance

"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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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:30 AM

Prelude

Petite Passacaglia
Berceuse

Anonyuk
Ashdowne

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-22

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church;

Leader: He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

People: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Leader: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

*** Hymn #200** (red)

The Church's One Foundation

*** 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 #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Reception of New Member: Michelle Knudson

Sacrament of Baptism:

Khloe Jade Stitt and Zayden Richard Stitt, children of Travis and Courtney (Knudson) Stitt

Special Music

In the Garden

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Take My Life and Let it Be

Portman

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* 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:

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**

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.

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.

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Sermon

Love and Truth in the Balance

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for doubting that you love and accept us in Jesus Christ. Help us to live secure in your love, confident that nothing can separate us from you. We confess our failure to love others as you love us. Fill us with your loving Spirit so that we overflow with love to others, loving them as you love us.

We acknowledge that all truth is found in you, yet lies and distortions surround us. We find ourselves repeatedly believing lies rather than truth. Forgive us and guide us to trust solely in your revealed truth.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* **Hymn #373** (red)

All to Jesus I Surrender

* **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

Intrada

Pethel

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Liturgist: Sue Garner

Next Week: Alex Garner

Acolyte: Blake Cunningham

Next Week: Leland Mitchell

Children's Chat: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Children's Church: Gerri Aitkin

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Special Music: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: St. John's Brass

Ushers: Carole Auker (lead usher), Scott Auker, Jan Headings, Gwen Knudson

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Betsy Harper and Danny Garner

Next week: Mercy Westover and Alex Garner

Deacon for the Month: Gerri Aitkin

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

Next Week: Lisa Snyder 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.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION: Please join us in worship on July 22, as this will be the last Sunday that Pastor Jim will be in the pulpit as our pastor. After worship we will have an opportunity to show our love and appreciation for both Devon and Pastor Jim, which will include a luncheon in the Baraca Room. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Please speak to Susan Ferguson this morning or call the church office to RSVP.

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

KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP is returning to Lewistown Presbyterian for the third consecutive summer of ministry this July! During the week of July 16-20 volunteers from LPC partner with Krislund staff for a unique and powerful time of sharing Jesus with 100 kids in grades K-8. LOTS of hands go into making this week a meaningful one. There are many opportunities to use your talents! How will you serve?

- lead a group of kids (as many days as you are able: one day, two days or all five!)
- help serve lunch (as many days as you are able; Mon - Wed)
- donate snack items (cereal bars, goldfish crackers, pretzels, Chex snack mix, or cookies), there is a box in the narthex to place items
- give a monetary donation
- Pray

Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee (Ginny Westover, Susan Ferguson, Leah Riden, or Elaine Siddons) with your choice or with any questions. Thank you! You are storing up treasure in heaven!

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 will be held Sunday, July 22 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 and is studying The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz. All are welcome!
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse and is studying, Address the Mess by Andy Stanley.

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL is currently accepting resumes for the Assistant to the Preschool Director/Lead Nursery School Teacher position (5 days per week). A BA in Early Childhood Education and/or Elementary Education and a minimum of two years classroom experience is required. Candidates should also be aligned with our mission to provide a quality educational program in a Christ-centered environment. Resumes accepted at the church office Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM or send to Lewistown Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Third Street, Lewistown, PA 17044 by July 19.

GOSPEL CONCERT: The Bethel AME Church is hosting their Second Annual Gospel Concert and Pew rally on July 22 at 3 pm. A number of local groups vocalists will perform. All are welcome!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

2 John 1:1-13

¹ The elder, to the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth— ² because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

⁴ It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵ And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

⁷ I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what we^[a] have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

¹² I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

July 8 – July 15, 2018

SUNDAY, July 8

9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

MONDAY, July 9

11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
6:00 PM Joy Seekers

TUESDAY, July 10

6:00 PM Church Picnic – Kish Park

WEDNESDAY, July 11

6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

THURSDAY, July 12

7:00 PM Session Meeting

SUNDAY, July 15 Deacon's Offering

9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Krislund Counselors arrive
6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

GIVING REPORT AS OF 7/1/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 86,875.10
Last Week:	\$ 2,914.43	YTD Received:	\$ 78,457.02