



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

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

July 22, 2018

Farewell Sunday

Sermon: I Have Called You Friends

Text: John 14:8-19

"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

A Litany of Praise
A Franciscan Pastorale

Ashdown
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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Close to Thee arr. Gordon Schuster

Call to Worship

Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all
his benefits.**

Leader: He forgives all your sins and heals all your
diseases, he redeems your life from the pit and
crowns you with love and compassion, he satisfies
your desires with good things....

**People: The LORD works righteousness and justice
for all the oppressed.**

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to
anger, abounding in love. He will not always
accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**People: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or
repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has
he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the
LORD has compassion on those who fear him....

**People: From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's
love is with those who fear him...**

**ALL: *The LORD has established his throne in
heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.***

* **Hymn #478** (blue) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Children's Sermon

Anthem The Gospel of Grace arr. Mark Hayes

Unison Prayer of Confession Memorial Drive

Almighty God, you have told us to trust you with all of our hearts. You have encouraged us to lean on you, rather than depend upon our own understanding. You invite us to be still, and know that you are God. You desire us to commit our moments, our days, our plans, and our lives to You. However, we often prefer independence. We are a self-sufficient people; impatient, and fearful of losing control. We confess our frequent failure to trust you. Help our unbelief. By the Cross of Christ, enable us to die to sin so we may be raised to new life in Jesus. By Your Holy Spirit, grow our trust in you, that we might live wholeheartedly for your sake, and for the sake of the world which you love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee Manz

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* 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.
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!

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*** Song**

Forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

3. From the rising, to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

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Scripture Reading

John 15:8-19

Sermon

I Have Called You Friends

Pastoral Prayer

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 #210** (blue) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vv 1-4)

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (v 5)

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.*

Postlude

Cantate Domino

Hassler

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Liturgist: Doug Garner

Next Week: Danny Garner

Acolyte: Bailey Cullen

Next Week: Bailey Cullen

Worship Elder for Next Week: Ruth Fisher

Children's Chat: Devon Thomas

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Children's Church: No Children's Church this week

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Special Music: Phil and Joan Loewen

Next Week: Pete Marsh Hand Bells

Ushers: Larry Welshans (lead usher), Janie Welshans, Jan Headings, Gwen Knudson

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Next Week: Sam Strohm

Infants/Preschool: Elaine Siddons and Riley Cullen

Next week: Zoe Finan and Jimmy Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Gerri Aitkin

Counters: Bill Sisson and Kari Cullen

Next Week: Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

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 given in loving memory of John H. Ferguson by Shirley and Susan Ferguson.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION: It is with sadness for us and joy for Pastor Jim and Devon that we celebrate Pastor's Jim last Sunday in the pulpit as our pastor today. 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. All are welcome!

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.
- **Other Small Groups** will resume in the fall, or regroup with as new leadership emerges after the departure of Pastor Jim and Devon

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.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. July 29, August 5, 19 and 26 are available. For more information, call the church office 248-4561.

LUMINA CENTER BOARD: A volunteer is needed to serve on the board of the LUMINA Center, as Pastor Thomas has served in that role during his tenure here. The board meets monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving in this way.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FORMER PASTORS: Huntingdon Presbytery has formulated the following rules concerning departing pastors in order to facilitate a smooth pastoral transition for member churches.

The departing pastor will:

- Not discuss pastoral concerns with parishioners
- Not discuss current church leadership but guide parishioners to discuss concerns with current leadership.
- Defer to the present pastor or moderator when asked to officiate a baptism, wedding, funeral or service of worship.
- Share these guidelines with the congregation and session prior to leaving
- Acknowledge receipt of the above policy and agree to abide by its provisions.

The session will:

- Provide pastoral care for the members of the congregation. They will refer members with need of pastoral services to the current pastor and/or moderator.
- If the session receives information that a former pastor has been called by a parishioner about a pastoral concern, the ruling elders of the session will explain that the former pastor can no longer be involved and that the parishioner should contact the current moderator or pastor.
- Direct members not to discuss concerns about current leadership with the former pastor.
- Acknowledge receipt of the above policy and agree to abide by its provisions.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

John 15:8-19

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **17** This is my command: Love each other.

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. **19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

July 22 – July 29, 2018

SUNDAY, July 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Farewell Celebration for Devon and Pastor Jim
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, July 23

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

TUESDAY, July 24

- 9:30 AM Backyard Ministries cookie collection

SUNDAY, July 29

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

A number of 12 Step Groups meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times.

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.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 7/15/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 93,557.80
Last Week:	\$ 4,752.00	YTD Received:	\$ 86,170.72