



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
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July 29, 2018

Guest Preacher: Sam Strohm

Sermon: There is a Plan

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14

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10:30 AM

Prelude My Heart Ever Faithful Bach
Variations on "Come, Come, Ye Saints" Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 139

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

People: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

People: Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

* Hymn #339 (blue)

Be Thou My Vision

Special Music

Pete Marsh

Children's Sermon

Unison Prayer of Confession

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.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory He Hideth My Soul Young

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
It trembles at His voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God!

Sing with me, how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God.

2. From age to age He stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

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*** Song**

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!*

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

*** Song**

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You.*

You are my King! You are my King!
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor you.*

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Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Sermon

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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 #282** (Blue) If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

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How great is our God!

Sing with me, how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Postlude

O Glorious Day

Mansfield

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Liturgist: Danny Garner

Next Week: Jimmy Zagurskie

Acolyte: Bailey Cullen

Next Week: Abi Siddons

Worship Elder: Ruth Fisher

Next Week: Amy Smith

Children's Chat: Annalise Haines

Next Week: Joan Loewen

Children's Church: Annalise Haines

Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Special Music: Pete Marsh Hand Bells

Next Week: Scott Noerr/Cullen

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

Preaching: Rev. Sam Strohm

Next Week: Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann

Infants/Preschool: Zoé Finan and Jimmy Zagurskie

Next week: Chelsea Siddons and Danny Garner

Deacon for the Month: Gerri Aitkin

Counters: Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

Next Week: Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith

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.

PAINTERS NEEDED! We are painting the preschool room and need your help. We will begin Monday, August 6. Please let Carole Auker or Dave Noss know if you would be willing to help.

NURSERY SCHOOL ASSISTANT TEACHER POSITION AVAILABLE: 10 hours a week, must have experience and a clear understanding of social and emotional development of young children, High School diploma required. Send resumes to the church office, 17 E. Third Street, Lewistown, PA 17044.

YOUTH: Nick and Miranda will be leading tonight's Youth meeting. Hang out from 6-7:30 on the third floor and enjoy fun times of games and snacks, Bible study and conversation. All in grades 6-12 are welcome!

TRAUMA-DRAMA, a workshop helping educators, social workers, children's ministry leaders and parents understand the role of trauma that contributes to actions/reactions in the daily lives of children in classroom, community and home is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 9 AM—3 PM at the New Life Church Café, 101 N. Beech Street, Burnham. The event includes a multi-session DVD and discussion series using author, Heather Forbes' "*Help For Billy: A Beyond Consequences Approach to Helping Challenging Children in the Classroom.*" Cost is \$10. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information or to reserve your space now, call or text Ann at 717-437-4946.

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 they 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.

2018 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The session provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free to committee members with any questions, commendations, or concerns:

Christian Education: Facilitates spiritual growth through classes, small groups, and special events. Coordinates Nursery, Children's Chat and Children's Church volunteers; oversees Youth Group, Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Traveling Day Camp and other programs, working closely with the Christian Education Coordinator. Elders are Susan Ferguson and Leah Riden.

Worship and Music: Works with the pastor to provide and facilitate meaningful worship services. Oversees choirs and choir directors, supervises ushers, coordinates acolytes and liturgists, arranges special music. Elders are Sue Garner and Cole Cullen.

Property: Maintains and improves church buildings and properties in order to facilitate effective ministry; supervises custodial and security staff and serves as official liaison with outside groups who use our building. Elders are Carole Auker, Dave Noss, and Glenn Snyder.

Stewardship: Oversees and directs financial and personnel resources, supervises the church treasurer, provides stewardship education, recommends and oversees budget, oversees endowment funds and special offerings. Manages all paid personnel. Elders are Lonnie Griffith, Lisa Snyder and Ruth Fisher.

Fellowship: Facilitates spiritually edifying relationships within the church body, provides funeral lunches, organizes receptions, and meals for other events, oversees the church kitchen, provides opportunities for church members to get to know each other and deepen relationships. Elders are Bill Sisson and Ruth Fisher.

Preschool: Facilitates and directs the work of the Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool and Nursery School; establishes curriculum in conjunction with teachers; reviews teacher performance; oversees school finances, including scholarships; encourages congregational support and relationships with students' and families. Elders are Tara Reeder and Leah Noerr.

Mission and Evangelism: Inspires and facilitates the church's outreach to the community and to the world by determining mission budget, maintaining relationships with mission coworkers, representing the church in the community, and organizing member participation in hands-on mission. Elders are Amy Smith and Karen McCurdy.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

July 29 – August 5, 2018

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

MONDAY, July 30

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

TUESDAY, July 31

- 7:00 PM Mount Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

THURSDAY, August 2

- 7:00 PM Committee Night

SUNDAY, August 5

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

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD: The suggested donations for August are: macaroni, paper products, pancake mix, peanut butter, applesauce, cereal and canned/boxed juices, canned meats, vegetable soup, instant potatoes, Jello and puddings.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 7/22/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 96,898.85
Last Week:	\$ 3,984.25	YTD Received:	\$ 90,154.97