



LEWISTOWN CHURCH  
**Presbyterian**

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**August 19, 2018**

**Guest Preacher:** Phil Loewen

**Sermon:** Ready for the Battle

**Scripture:** Luke 4:1-13, Eph. 6:10-20

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**Prelude** SuiteAntique: I. Preamble II. Pastorale Kidwell  
Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Pardini

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord.

**People: Cast away those things which detract from  
your faith in God.**

Leader: God will provide for all your needs.

**People: The love of Jesus Christ and his witness  
strengthens and sustains us.**

\* **Hymn #339** (blue)

Be Thou My Vision

### **Children's Sermon**

**Special Music** Daddy Sang Bass John Haubrick  
The Old Rugged Cross

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of strength and might, we confess our neglect of  
salvation's armor. We have not stood firm with the belt  
of truth buckled around our waist. The breastplate of  
righteousness is tarnished by our lax behavior. Our feet  
are caked with mud from battles fought unshod by the  
gospel of peace. We have laid aside the shield of faith,  
and weakened our defense in a hostile world. Help us  
once again to don the helmet of salvation and to raise  
the sword of the Word against the powers that oppose  
you, so that in all our struggles we may rely solely on  
your strength.**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Magnificat

Titelouze

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* 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.*

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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

### \* Song

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

*Chorus:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;*

*Worship His holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;*

*I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(continued on the next page)*

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*Chorus:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

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**Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:1-13  
Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon**

Ready for Battle

**Apostles' Creed #14** (blue, Traditional)

**Pastoral Prayer**

\* **Hymn #371** (blue)

Lift High the Cross

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

My Chains Are Gone

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

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**Postlude**

Variations on "Austrian Hymn"

Blake

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Liturgist:** Donis Zagurskie

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**Acolyte:** Liam Griffith

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**Worship Elder:** Lisa Snyder

**Next Week:** David Noss

**Children's Chat:** Kari Cullen

**Next Week:** Sue Garner

**Children's Church:** Miranda Shoop

**Next Week:** Sue Garner

**Special Music:** Kari Cullen and Sue Garner; flute

**Next Week:** 8TTB Sisters

**Ushers:** Ruth Fisher (lead usher), Ken Fisher, Harold and Gerri Aitkin, Elaine Siddons, Leah Riden

**Preaching:** Phil Loewen

**Next Week:** Krislund Traveling Day Camp

**Infants/Preschool:** Mercy Westover and Riley Cullen

**Next week:** Donis Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

**Deacon for the Month:** Donis Zagurskie

**Counters:** Dale Henry and Bill Sisson

**Next Week:** Kari Cullen and Elaine Siddons

## **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.

**WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT TODAY, PHIL LOEWEN.** Phil is a retired music teacher who lives in Lewistown with his wife, Joan. He is a member of Grace United Methodist Church, and has been a lay speaker in the United Methodist Church since 2000.

**JUMPING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!** The Nursery School/Preschool Committee would like to thank you for your prayers and support. We are very pleased to announce the addition of Miss Miranda Shoop to our school staff. She will be assisting our new Nursery School lead teacher, Mrs. Margie (Mar-jee) Henry, on Tuesday and Thursdays. Many of us know Miranda as a young woman who is committed to Jesus and to LPC. We have seen her serving as a deacon, choir member, CE committee member and youth leader. We are excited to welcome her to this new role as assistant Nursery School teacher.

### **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.
- **Wednesday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They are using the study by Andy Stanley, "What Makes You Happy."

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Natural disasters and public violence are both a part of our current landscape. How can we respond to support and heal communities while also caring for ourselves? In response to this question, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance disaster response training is being offered on September 6 at the **Providence Presbyterian Church in Altoona.**

- Morning Session: 9:30 AM, **Disaster Preparedness and Engagement**
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 PM, Select one; **Human Caused Disaster or Compassion Fatigue**

**Registration deadline is August 31.** For more information, see <http://www.syntrinity.org/pda/> or call the presbytery office to talk to Susan Ferguson. The cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 8/12/18**

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| Weekly Need: \$ 3,341.35 | YTD Need: \$ 106,922.90    |
| Last Week: \$ 2,887.00   | YTD Received: \$ 99,147.97 |

## **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.

**DEACONS' OFFERING:** The loose offering in the collection plate TODAY is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

**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.

**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. Call or text Ann at 717-437-4946.

**YOUTH:** There will **NOT** be youth this evening, due to the Nursery and Preschool 'Meet and Greet.'



## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Luke 4:1-13**

4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours."  
<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" <sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

### **Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

August 19 – August 26, 2018

### **SUNDAY, August 19** Deacons' Offering

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Nursery School 'Meet & Greet'
- 7:00 PM Preschool 'Meet & Greet'
- NO Youth this evening

### **MONDAY, August 20**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, August 21**

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 9:00 AM First Day of Preschool

### **THURSDAY, August 22**

#### **PANORAMA DEADLINE**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office

### **SUNDAY, August 26**

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

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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.

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.