



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

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

September 23, 2018

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Robert Zorn

Sermon: Come Before Winter

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:2-22

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

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10:30 AM

Prelude Claire de Lune Debussy
September Song Weill

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Whelpton

Call to Worship Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens.

People: Praise him in the heights. Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

People: He established them forever and ever. He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

* **Hymn 4#** (red) Come, Thou Almighty King

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and Eternal God, You are the sovereign Lord of creation, and in You we find our true identity. You have called us to a Christ-like character; a character of humility, a character of self-sacrifice, a character of unconditional love. Yet we often lapse into a worldly character; a character of arrogance, a character of self-centeredness, a character of selfish lust. We turn from our wicked and sinful ways, and confess our reliance on Jesus Christ. May we see ourselves as You see us, and reject thinking more highly of ourselves than we should. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, as we submit more fully to the Lordship of Christ. In His powerful Name we pray, Amen.

Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

* **Hymn #496** vs. 1-3 (red)

A Charge to Keep I Have

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

A Charge to Keep I Have (vs.4)

*Help me to watch and pray,
and still on Thee rely,
O let me not my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.*

Postlude Postlude on "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"
Ashdown

**If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Chancel Choir, director: Doug Garner

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Diane Griffith

Next Week: Carole Auker

Acolytes for the Month: Blake and Landon Cunningham

Worship Elder: Tara Reeder

Next Week: Lonnie Griffith

Children's Chat: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Children's Church: Diane Griffith, Rachel Cunningham,
Hannah Griffith

Ushers: Sue Garner (lead usher), Alex Garner, Cathy
McClenahan, Gloria Runk, Larry and Linda O'Dell

Preaching: Rev. Robert Zorn

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Sam Strohm

Infants/Preschool: Zoë Finan

Next Week: Brett Buchanan

Deacon for the Month: Zoë Finan

Counters: Kari Cullen and Dave Noss

Next Week: Maryann Haines 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting today immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

TREASURE HUNT FALL FEST! If you liked this summer's VBS Shipwrecked, you won't want to miss Treasure Hunt – a fun-filled family adventure for all ages on **Saturday, October 6, 9:00-11:00 AM**, right here at Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Come help uncover mystery messages, witness volcanic eruptions and find treasure along the way. Best of all, each experience will help you get to know Jesus in a fresh, new way. Bring a friend and join the fun!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mr. John "Ab" Reed, oldest member of our extended church family observed his 99th birthday on Friday, September 14 at his present residence, Ohesson Manor!

INSTALLATION SERVICE: The congregation of the Bedford Presbyterian Church, along with the Huntingdon Presbytery, invite you to share their joy as The Rev. Jack N. Miller is installed as Pastor on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM. The Bedford Presbyterian Church is located at 145 S. Juliana Street, Bedford, PA. There will be a reception to follow in the social hall.

DISCOUNT CARDS: The Lumina Center's new discount cards are available, offering discounts at 12 area restaurants through August 31, 2019. The cards sell for \$10 and are available in our church office or from Elaine Siddons.

MITTENS AND HATS: There is a tree in the narthex with mittens placed on it for Backyard Ministries. Pink is girls! Blue is boys! Sizes needed are on each mitten. Please help us keep kids warm this winter by taking a mitten and purchasing a hat and mittens for the size indicated. Thank you so much for helping with this valued ministry.

~Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative

THANK YOU: We want to gratefully acknowledge the final distribution of the James Duffman Estate for the Nursery School/Preschool Scholarship Fund. The \$1,500 will help families with tuition.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. October 14, 21 and 28 are available. For more information, call the church office at 248-4561. If you would like the church to order the flowers for you, the cost is \$50.00.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 will be held tonight 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 Study** meets in the youth room on the third floor at 6:30 PM. The study is, "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story. It focuses on learning to walk in God's plans instead of our own. All are welcome to join them!
- **Wednesday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They will begin a new study by Max Lucado, "Unshakable Hope" this week. There are things that seem unsteady in this life, but when we belong to God it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. Come and learn how to stand on the declarations of our mighty and loving God.

PRAYER MINISTRY: Two opportunities are available to gather together to pray for the life and ministry of the church. Mondays (church parlor) and Thursdays at 11:30 (church office).

GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/16/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 123,639.66
Last Week:	\$ 2,282.00	YTD Received:	\$ 119,339.97

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:

Moderator: Joy Kaufmann

Visitation Pastor: Robert Zorn

Christian Education Director: Ginny Westover

Choir Director: Doug Garner

Organist/Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Youth Choir Director: Leah Riden

Administrative Assistant: Deb Yetter

Financial Secretary: Susan Ferguson

Preschool Director: Ginny Westover

Preschool Teachers: Margie Henry, Miranda Shoop

Custodian: Kathy Hardin

Sexton/Security: John Gregory

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:2-22

4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

9 Do your best to come to me quickly, **10** for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. **12** I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. **13** When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. **15** You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

21 Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September 23 – September 30, 2018

SUNDAY, September 23

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting
- 6:00 PM Youth Group – third floor

MONDAY, September 24

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, September 25

- 9:00 AM Backyard Ministries cookie collection
- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, September 26

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

THURSDAY, September 27

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office

SUNDAY, September 30 – Nursery/Preschool Recognition

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group – third floor

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. Monday nights the **Joy Seekers Women's Bible Study** meet at 6:00 pm in the church parlor and the **Boy Scouts** meet at 7:00 pm on the third floor.