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September 30, 2018

Guest Speaker: Rev. Sam Strohm

Sermon: Everyone's Story

Scripture: Psalm 32

*"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from
trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."*

Psalm 32:7

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Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ready

Pethel

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today,
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Chorus

* Song

Grace Alone

1. Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we can make, is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind, is only by his grace.

Chorus:

*Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.*

*Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

(Continued)

2. Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.
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Chorus

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Sermon

Everyone's Story

***Apostles' Creed p.14** (blue, Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin 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, 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,
The power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen.**

*** Hymn #407** (red)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Grace Alone

*Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

Postlude

Danza Rustica

Grichetchkine

**If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Chancel Choir, director: Doug Garner

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Carole Auker

Next Week: Kevin Kodish

Acolytes for the Month: Blake and Landon Cunningham

Worship Elder: Lonnie Griffith

Next Week: Ruth Fisher

Children's Chat: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Leah Riden

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. Sam Strohm

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Jeanette Mater

Infants/Preschool: Brett Buchanan

Next Week: Karissa Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Zoë Finan

Counters: Maryann Haines and Jack Wilson

Next Week: Ed Curry and Lisa Snyder

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 by Nancy Bowman in honor of Gold Star Mother's Day, in loving memory of Nancy's mother, Mary L. McKinney Loomis and her brother, Army Pvt. Charles Wesley Loomis, who became missing in action on December 3, 1950 in North Korea at the age of 19.

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 this **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!

THANK YOU to friends who provided comfort and care to Rachel and me following the death of her grandfather and my father-in-law, R. Bradford Brown, Jr. Your kindness is appreciated! A special thank you to Rev. Zorn who visited Brad two days prior to his passing and offered prayer and comfort to Brad as well as to those of us sitting with him at that time. ~Pat Brown

OUR DEACONS ARE IN NEED OF HELP: We have had several unusual requests for funds and our funds are getting low. Thank you for your help. ~Board of Deacons

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. **Please return the hats and mittens by October 21.** Thank you so much for helping with this valued ministry.

~Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Baraca room. They will be serving a full breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and children under five are free with a paying adult. Proceeds benefit summer camping scholarships.

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 today at 3:00 PM. The Bedford Presbyterian Church is located at 145 S. Juliana Street, Bedford. Reception to follow.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 and 25 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.

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).

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.

2018 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The session, along with the pastor, 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

Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

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Sermon Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September 30 – October 7, 2018

SUNDAY, September 30

- 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

MONDAY, October 1

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, October 2

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, October 3

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 11:30 AM Presbyterian Women at Honey Creek Inn
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 4

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting
- 7:00 PM Committee Night

SATURDAY, October 6

- 9-11 AM Treasure Hunt Family Event

SUNDAY, October 7

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

GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/23/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 126,981.01
Last Week:	\$ 1,647.00	YTD Received:	\$ 120,986.97