



November 11, 2018

Guest Preacher: Rev. Kari Swigart

“Gnarly Knots”

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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*** Song**

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you;
All of my days, I want to praise --
The wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing --
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares
To the promise I have in you.*

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Scripture Reading

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Sermon

Gnarly Knots

Small Group Ministry

Doug Knudson

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 403#** (blue)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

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Postlude Variations on "The President's Hymn" Muhlenberg

* *If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Chancel Choir: Doug Garner, director

Introit: Children's Choir; Leah Riden, director

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Doug Knudson **Next Week:** Kari Cullen

Acolytes for the Month: Noerr family

Worship Elder: Leah Noerr **Next Week:** Sue Garner

Children's Chat: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Susan Ferguson

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

Ushers: Tara Reeder (lead usher), Rob Reeder, Margo
Reeder, Bo Reeder, Ed and Lynn Curry

Preaching: Rev. Kari Swigart

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Anne Myers

Infants/Preschool: Mercy Westover

Next Week: Leah Riden

Deacon for the Month: Miranda Shoop

Counters: Dale Henry and Dave Noss

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 4 is available throughout the service. Children's church is available for children age 5 – grade 5 following the children's sermon.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given by Donald Hirakis to glorify, praise and thank God, the Creator, the Total Power of the universe, who is infinitely more. The flowers give thanks for salvation, grace, mercy and freedom; and to honor the memory on this day, November 11, Armistice Day, of those who served our country in WWI.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/04/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 146,999.11
Received	\$ 4,044.00	YTD Received:	\$ 141,134.65

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY: On Saturday, December 1, from 9 – 11 AM, we will be offering a “Smorgasbord for the Season.” Individuals and families are invited to browse the buffet of Advent resources and choose one (or more) that will help prepare for the celebration of Christ’s coming. There will be time to spend making any needed pieces and a game or two to help usher us into Advent. And, of course, there will be refreshments. Be sure to keep an eye on the bulletin board for details about the Advent resources and a place to sign up for them. We hope it’s an activity that you will put in your schedule as a means to make time to draw near to God and prepare to remember Christ’s coming!

BREAD BAKING NIGHT CANCELLED: Due to a conflict of church scheduling, Lynn Curry will not be hosting bread baking on November 19. **But we are still in need of pumpkin breads for Backyard Ministries.** Please bake pumpkin bread at home and freeze, then bring your bread to the church on Sunday, November 18. You can use either mini bread pans or a regular bread size. Please help us spread God’s love to the needy! Thank you!

PASTOR JIM THOMAS’ INSTALLATION: Pastor Thomas would like to invite everyone to his installation service at the Ridley Park Presbyterian Church in Ridley Park, PA on Sunday, December 2 at 4 PM. A dinner will be served at the church after the service. Also, Jim and Devon would like to welcome those of you traveling from out of town to an informal open house gathering at their home (382 Shaw Rd., Ridley Park) beginning at 2 PM and running until we need to leave for the installation. Please email them @ ThomasDevonM@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

ADVENT DECORATING: Please join us in helping to trim the tree, deck the halls, and spruce up the church for the Advent season on Sunday, November 25. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. When finished, we will have hot chocolate and cookies in the Baraca Room. All are welcome!

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. December 9, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 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. Their study is, "The Daniel Dilemma: How to Stand Firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise." All are welcome!
- **Thursday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They are doing a study by Max Lucado entitled, "Unshakable Hope." 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.

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

Ruth 3:1-5

3:1 One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. **2** Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. **3** Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." **5** "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered.

Ruth 4:13-17

4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. **14** The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! **15** He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." **16** Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. **17** The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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Sermon Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 11 – November 18, 2018

SUNDAY, November 11 Veterans Sunday/Pledge Dedication

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

MONDAY, November 12

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, November 13

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, November 14

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 15

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office

FRIDAY, November 16

PANORAMA DEADLINE (December & January combined)

SATURDAY, November 17

- 9:00 AM Dubois Presbytery Gathering

SUNDAY, November 18

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