



November 18, 2018

Guest Preacher: Rev. Anne Myers

“A Veiled Halo”

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jubilant Jig

Grichetchkine

Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Greeting of Peace

* Song

As the Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

Chorus:

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a king.
And I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
3. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

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* 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 on the next page)

Chorus:

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

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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Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Sermon

A Veiled Halo

***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 #288** (blue)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Postlude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Pethel

* *If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Chancel Choir: Doug Garner, director

Introit: Bell Choir; Doug Garner, director

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Kari Cullen

Next Week: Carole Auker

Acolytes for the Month: Noerr family

Worship Elder: Sue Garner

Next Week: Susan Ferguson

Children's Chat: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Joan Loewen

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. Anne Myers

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Larry Chottiner

Infants/Preschool: Leah Riden

Next Week: Mercy Westover

Deacon for the Month: Miranda Shoop

Counters: Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

Next Week: Lisa Snyder and Ginny Westover

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 Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Jean Patton in honor of Diane Griffith, Rachel Cunningham and Hannah Griffith for their good work with our young children.

WHAT IS YOUR CHRISTMAS STORY? As we near Christmas, we would like to learn about your story of the most memorable Christmas that you have experienced. What is the most meaningful Christmas you have had in your life? Please share your Christmas story by mailing it to the church, emailing it to lewispres@comcast.net or posting it on the church's "LPC Friends" Facebook page. We would love to read your story of Christmas. We would also like to share Christmas stories with other church members by including stories in the worship bulletin on December 23. Please send your stories by December 17. Thank you.

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!

GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/11/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 149,340.46
Received	\$ 3,574.00	YTD Received:	\$ 144,708.65

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOR YOU: The church has available two Advent devotionals that you can use. A hard-copy devotional, *God Lifts the Lowly*, includes a daily scripture passage, a brief commentary on the passage and suggested ways you can apply the passage in your life. To get a free copy of *God Lifts the Lowly*, please call the church office at 717-248-4561 or email lewispres@comcast.net. You can also pick up a hard copy in the church narthex. You can find an online daily devotional at "D365.org." This website, done in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (USA), also offers a Bible passage, short commentary and ways you can apply the scripture. You can read daily devotionals on this website during Advent and any other time of the year. You can also download this website as an app from the App Store and Google Play. If you want to share any comments about an Advent daily devotional, please post your comments on the church's "LPC Friends" Facebook page.

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!

ORGAN RECITAL: The Music Committee will host our bi-annual Advent Organ Recital on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM in the church sanctuary. Seasonal selections will be performed by local organists. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the Baraca Room. Please plan to join us for this event that will fill you with the spirit of the season.

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).

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

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.

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.

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. **On December 2, they will begin an Advent Study entitled, When God Comes Down by James A. Harnish.** In its introduction, he states, "In this study, we will meet some of the people who witnessed the miracle of the Incarnation – God becoming flesh in Jesus." These people include: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, and the Innkeeper. "Expect that as their stories become our story, we can also become witnesses to the light that the darkness has never been able to overcome." Everyone is very welcome to join us for this scripture-based five-week study. ~Pat Brown
- **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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. **30** When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. **32** Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. **33** When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. **34** But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, **35** they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. **13** We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. **14** But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. **15** Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. **16** But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. **2** Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 18 – November 25, 2018

SUNDAY, November 18 Deacons' Offering

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

MONDAY, November 19

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, November 20

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, November 21

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 22

THANKSGIVING DAY!

SUNDAY, November 25

- 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 AM Advent Decorating
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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. 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.