



November 25, 2018

Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Chottiner

“The Man With No Name”

Amos 7:7-9

Luke 10:25-37

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Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 25, 2018

10:30 AM

Prelude

Adagio Sostenuto
Now Thank We All Our God

Haydn
Hegarty

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #559** (blue)

We Gather Together

Children's Sermon

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to bend our knees before him. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom; through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Special Music

It is Well

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Reflection on "Conditor alme siderum" Lasky

Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Greeting of Peace

* Song

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* 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 on the next page)

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:

Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-9
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

The Man With No Name

***Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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 #150** (blue)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*** Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus**

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Ashdown

* *If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Special Music: Miranda Shoop

Liturgist: Carole Auker

Next Week: Alex Garner

Acolytes for the Month: Noerr family

Worship Elder: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Lonnie Griffith

Children's Chat: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Joan Loewen

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

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

Preaching: Rev. Larry R. Chottiner

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Robert Zorn

Infants/Preschool: Mercy Westover

Next Week: Pam Pecht

Deacon for the Month: Miranda Shoop

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Ginny Westover

Next Week: Jack Wilson and John Gregory

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 in loving memory of Rev. Bruce A. Hinderliter by his wife, Phyllis Hinderliter and his family.

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!

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

THANK YOU FROM BACKYARD MINISRIES: Thank you to all who baked pumpkin bread for Backyard Ministries! We supplied 29 loaves of bread to the community. You were the hands of Jesus! Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

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 next 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.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/18/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 152,681.81
Received	\$ 1,962.00	YTD Received:	\$ 146,670.65

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** *Please note, there will not be youth group tonight or next week. Come out tonight and help decorate for Advent!*
- **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.

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. 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.

PRAYER GUIDE

November 25, 2018

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Ephesians 1:16-19

How to Be Involved in Prayer

- Use the prayer cards in the pew racks to let us know how we can pray for you or for someone you know
- You can e-mail requests to lewispres@comcast.net
- Join the prayer chain by calling Margie at 248-0427 or email mcsmith12@verizon.net
- Join us at 11:30 AM on Mondays in the Baraca Room
- Join us in prayer for the church and school on Thursdays at 11:30 in the church office
- Use this prayer guide in your daily prayers

Pray for our Community, Nation and World

Our Community

- Families and communities affected by recent violence
- Those affected by hurricanes
- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

For Our Programs and Growth

- The interim Pastor nominating committee and the regular Pastor nominating committee as they carry out their work
- Our Preschool and Nursery School programs
- Pastor Jim and Devon as they make their transition
- Church members to find new ways to serve in our transition
- Our Church Health Team
- Our Deacons and their ministry of help and care
- Visitors to join us and find a spiritual home here

Those Battling Cancer

- Brad Siddons: new stem cell transplant on November 21
- Bill Carter, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Ryland Ertley: Burkitt lymphoma

- Heather Creighton: long-term treatment for breast cancer
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Neil Knable
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

Other Health Concerns

- Denny Dixon, recovering from surgery and pneumonia
- Paul Zarkovich: bacterial infection in his hand
- Tom Fletcher: ill health and depression
- Jeff Pyles: suffered a severe heart attack w/complications
- Brian Primozich: young father with a rare kidney disease
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- George Cockerill: medical tests
- Naomi DeBello: 15-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: adjusting well to MS treatments
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility
- Those who are homebound

Those in Care Facilities

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Lavonne Ball, Etta Majestic, Mary Barger, Ab Reed
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

Those in the Military

- 01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte
- SPC Ian Shelly
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster

Our Mission Partners

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Camp Krislund as they seek a new director
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate as they assist those impacted by recent volcanic eruption in Guatemala
- The LUMINA Center
- Miranda Shoop as she works at the LUMINA center

Our Families of the Week

- Susan Ferguson
- Daniel Pietropaolo

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Amos 7:7-9

7:7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 9 "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Luke 10:25-37

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 25 – December 2, 2018

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 PM Advent Decorating

MONDAY, November 26

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, November 27

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

WEDNESDAY, November 28

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 29

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

SATURDAY, December 1

- 9-11 AM Family Advent Event

SUNDAY, December 2 Communion

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

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.