



November 4, 2018

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jeanette Mater

“The Most Essential Thing”

Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shining the light of the gospel into the
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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

November 4, 2018

10:30 AM

Prelude Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Lau
Fanfareon "Ein Feste Burg" Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit It Is Well With My Soul Beck

Call to Worship

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, who
always was, and who is still to come;

People: The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the
End.

Leader: This is our God!

People: The One who loves us, and who gave himself for
us;

Leader: The One who gathers us together in this place, and
bids us to come and seek his face.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

* **Hymn 376#** (blue) Love Divine All Loves Excelling

* **Greeting of Peace**

Children's Sermon

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess
our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is
among us as our peace, we are a people divided
against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken
world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste
the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies
that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and
nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of
imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and**

1. When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way.
Still, you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear,
As long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus:

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.*

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And a light unto my path.*

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus by my guide, and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Repeat Chorus

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

The Most Essential Thing

***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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Distribution of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

* **Hymn #391** (blue)

Take My Life and Let It Be

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Thy Word

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.*

Postlude

A Litany of Praise

Ashdown

* *If comfortably able, please stand.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Chancel Choir: Doug Garner, director

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Ken Fisher

Next Week: Doug Knudson

Acolytes for the Month: Noerr family

Worship Elder: Bill Sisson

Next Week: Leah Noerr

Children's Chat: Elaine Siddons

Next Week: Miranda Shoop

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. Jeanette Mater

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Kari Swigart

Infants/Preschool: Zoë Finan

Next Week: Mercy Westover

Deacon for the Month: Miranda Shoop

Counters: Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith

Next Week: Dale Henry and Dave Noss

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given by Jane Mauery in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller.

VETERANS: We would like to honor our veterans on Sunday, November 11. If you know of any veterans who are affiliated with Lewistown Presbyterian and who are not already on our list from last year, please send us their name, branch of the military and years of service. You can call the church 717-248-4561 or email the church at lewispres@comcast.net.

BACKYARD MINISTRIES: Thanks to the generosity of our church family, **50 children** will be warmer as the temperature starts to drop. Thank you, for the hats and mittens! The children *Thank You!*

BREAD BAKING: We were asked again this year to contribute to Backyard Ministries for Thanksgiving. Kevin suggested pumpkin breads instead of pies because they would be so much easier to distribute. We will gather to make breads on Monday, November 19 at 6:00 PM in the church kitchen. Please join us for fellowship and to spread God's love to the needy! All supplies will be provided; just show up!
~Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative

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!

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, November 10, 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.

HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY is Making Changes! All Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend the November 17 Presbytery Meeting at the DuBois Church from 9:00 AM—3:30 PM. Learn more about the Presbytery, your role and how you can share in the ministry. Please let Susan Ferguson know before November 10 by calling the church office or by speaking to her on Sunday. The DuBois Church will be providing childcare during the meeting, and so they will need to know as soon as possible. They would also like to have the ages of the children. The church is located at 43 West Scribner Street, DuBois, PA 15801.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. December 2 and 9 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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER SCHOOL? About 25 children in grades 2-7 report to the LUMINA Center's after-school program Monday - Thursday. They wind down with a little fun followed by supper and then it's time for homework. If you can commit to one or more days a week from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, please contact Miranda Shoop at miranda.shoop@gmail.com or the church office at 717-248-4561. Clearances are required. Volunteers help supervise, serve already-prepared meals to the children and/or help with homework. Many of these children simply need to know somebody cares about them. You can be that positive role model. Many came to Krislund Traveling Day Camp. Please prayerfully consider how you can help in this important Lewistown ministry.

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.

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).

GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/28/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 143,657.76
Received	\$ 3,146.00	YTD Received:	\$ 137,090.65

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." ³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 4 – November 11, 2018

SUNDAY, November 4 Communion

- 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 5

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

TUESDAY, November 6

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

WEDNESDAY, November 7

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

THURSDAY, November 8

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

SATURDAY, November 10

- 8:00 AM Boy Scouts' Breakfast

SUNDAY, November 11

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

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.