



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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## **The Baptism of the Lord** **January 12, 2020**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

**Sermon:** Wade in the Water

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**10:30 AM**

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**Prelude**

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O Worship the King

Penfield  
Broughton

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

**Introit**

The Eyes of the Lord Are Upon You

D. Moore

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**All: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

Leader: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**All: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**All: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ. Praise be to God Almighty!

\* **Hymn #492** (blue)

Baptized in Water

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, you show no partiality yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Praise the Lord and bless God's holy name forever.**

## Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

Ritter

## Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ by exchanging signs of peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Children's Chat

## Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

## Sermon

Wade in the Water

## \* Song

He Knows My Name

1. I have a Maker, He formed my heart;  
Before even time began  
My life was in His hands.

*Chorus:*

*He knows my name.  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
And hears me when I call.*

2. I have a Father, He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me  
No matter where I go.

*Chorus:*

*He knows my name.  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
And hears me when I call.  
He knows your name.  
He knows your every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
And hears you when you call.*

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## Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of New Officers

Pastor: As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you? **I do.**
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you? **I do.**
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you, with God's help? **I will, with God's help.**

The 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.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory                      Amazing Grace

Smith

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn** (screen)

We Are One in The Spirit

## Charge and Blessing

God shows no partiality between people  
According to class, color, or country  
But accepts people of all backgrounds  
Who love God and do what is right.  
Go in peace and do likewise.

And may the God who called Jesus "beloved"  
Speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters,  
And empower you to bring that good news to  
Others who still need to hear it.  
Amen.

\* **Closing Chorus**                      We Are One in the Spirit (*chorus*)  
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love; yes, they'll know we are  
Christians by our love.*

**Postlude**              Christian, Dost Thou See Them?                      Martin  
*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit & Anthem:** Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

**Liturgist:** Paul Olbrich

**Next Week:** Kevin Kodish

**Acolyte:** Lucas Garner

**Children's Chat:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover

**Ushers:** Sue Garner (head usher), Shelly & Kevin Kodish,  
Derek Warke, Gloria Runk, Larry Welshans

**Children's Church:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover

**Infants/Preschool:** Donis Zagurskie

**Next Week:** Brett Buchanan

**Deacon for the Month:** Larry Welshans

**Counters:** Lisa Snyder & Lynn Curry

**Next Week:** Kari Cullen & Bill Sisson

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

### **Matthews 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Brochure. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**WE CELEBRATE THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS TODAY!** Being ordained and installed today as a deacon are: Cathy McClenahan, Kathy Hardin, Bill Sisson and Larry Welshans. Our new ruling elders being ordained and installed are: Derek Warke, Mercy Westover, Brad Siddons and Sue Garner. Tara Merry will be ordained and installed as a ruling elder next Sunday. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to lead and serve God's church.

**DID YOU GET YOUR "STAR WORD?"** Last Sunday, Pastor Sarah, passed out "star words." A star word is one word you receive that you will focus on for the year. Think of it as a spiritual discipline for 2020! Star words are available at the table in the narthex. Discover what God speaks to you through your "star word!"

Also, on the table in the narthex you can find chalk and a handout on blessing your home in honor of Epiphany Sunday. Take this resource home with you if you didn't receive it last Sunday.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at the end of the worship service next **Sunday, January 19**, to receive a motion from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Reports for the **Annual Report are DUE NOW.**

**TUESDAY SMALL GROUP:** The Tuesday night group is starting the new year with a new study! Join us as we begin "*Circle Maker: Praying circles around your biggest dreams and greatest fears.*" This is a DVD/discussion study by Mark Batterson. All are welcome! They meet at 6:30 PM on the third floor of the church.

**YOUTH:** It's IMPACT time! March 6-8 at the Radisson, Camp Hill. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to attend this high energy, Jesus-focused weekend youth conference. See Ginny Westover or Susan Ferguson for a brochure and registration form.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, January 12**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service  
Ordination & Installation of Deacons & Elders
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting

### **MONDAY, January 13**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, January 14**

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, January 15**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, January 16**

#### **PANORAMA DEADLINE**

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

### **SATURDAY, January 18**

- 10:00 AM PNC Brunch

### **SUNDAY, January 19**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Special Congregational Meeting

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/5/20**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,057.69	YTD Need: \$ 3,057.69
Received: \$ 3,717.00	YTD Received: \$ 3,717.00

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.



## **WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE**

*The weekly reflection page is a resource for your use to dig deeper into today's scripture and worship theme.*

### **Question for Reflection**

What does your baptism mean to you? In what ways are you living out your baptism in your life and in the life of the church?

### **Morning Prayer**

God, you make old things pass away and declare new things to be. As I am renewed in my baptism this morning, help me to confirm my baptismal vows in my life today. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Holy One, you stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth, and in that context I give you this small day that I have lived. Now may I sleep, safe and secure in your covenant promise to me that I am your beloved child, in whom you are well pleased. Amen.

*Feel free to share some thoughts on the reflection question with Pastor Sarah by emailing her at [pastorsedgwick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsedgwick@gmail.com)*

