



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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**September 29, 2019**

**Speaker:** Rev. Jeanette Mater

**Sermon:** Are You Listening?

**Scripture:** Psalm 121; John 10:1-11

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<b>Prelude</b>	Now Thank We All Our God Prelude on "Morning Hymn"	Ashdown Binckes
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## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**      The Eyes of the Lord are Upon You      Donald Moore

## **Call to Worship**

Leader:    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader:    Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader:    Like an eagle teaching her young to fly,

**People: The Lord keeps us from falling.**

Leader:    I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

**People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

**All:            Let us worship God.**

\* **Hymn #276** (Blue)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we admit that too often we see the circumstances of our lives as a burden to be borne. We fail to look for your presence in times of difficulty, conflict, trouble or sorrow. We forget that you give us life as a joy to be celebrated. Forgive us for getting bogged down in all our problems and heartaches. Help us to remember our Lord Jesus and to realize that we can rest in your unchanging and steadfast love even in the midst of discouragement and despair. Amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing Christ's Peace**

**Anthem**

Immortal, Invisible Arr. Patrick Liebergen

## Children's Chat

**Scripture**

Psalm 121; John 10:1-11

**Sermon**

Are You Listening?

### \* **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

### \* **Song**

Thy Word

*Chorus:*

*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.*

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.
  
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.

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\* **Song**

You Are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak;  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel;  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;  
Rising again, I bless your name.  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up.  
When I am dry, you fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.  
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**Note:** *After the second verse, this becomes a round. Men sing the chorus then verse 2, while women sing verse 1 then the chorus, End with chorus in unison.*

**Men:** V1, C, V2, C, V2, C

**Women:** V1, C, V2, V1, C, C

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

Pastoral Prayer

**Lord's Prayer**

Traditional

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 #324** (blue)

Open My Eyes That I May See

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

*Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine*

**Postlude**

Happy Are They Who Trust

Powell

*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Jimmy Zagurskie

**Next Week:** Ruth Fisher

**Elder:** Susan Ferguson

**Acolyte:** Lucas Garner

**Children's Chat:** Sue Garner

**Next Week:** Kari Cullen

**Ushers:** Karen McCurdy (head usher), Dale Henry, Dave Noss, Joyce Dixon, Cathy McClenahen, David Eichenlaub

**Children's Church:** Griffiths/Cunningham

**Next Week:** Communion – no Jr. church

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeanette Mater

**Next Week:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Infants/Preschool:** Tara Reeder

**Next Week:** Zoe Finan

**Deacon for the Month:** Zoe Finan

**Community Luncheon for October:** Tuesday Evening Study

**Counters:** Kari Cullen & Jack Wilson

**Next Week:** Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

### **John 10:1-11**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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## **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.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is beginning a new study entitled, "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" by Max Lucado. This study meets in the parlor on Sunday mornings at 9 AM, and is led by Pat Brown. All are welcome to join them!

**BACKYARD MINISTRIES:** We have some opportunities to serve and love our Backyard Ministry friends this Fall!

- **MITTENS AND HATS:** There is a mitten tree in the narthex with pink (girls) and blue (boys) paper mittens. Each set of mittens has a size on it. If you would like to help keep a few kiddos warm this winter, please pick a mitten and shop for a hat and mittens or gloves for the sex/size needed. Please return the **hat and mitten set by October 20** to the church in a plastic bag with the paper mitten inside.
- **PUMPKIN BREADS:** The week of Thanksgiving we will be delivering pumpkin breads to our backyard families. If you would like to make a bread, please bring it to the church by **November 24**. They can be made ahead and frozen! Small or large loaves are appreciated!

**NEW INTERIM PASTOR:** Plan to welcome our new Interim Pastor, Sarah Sedgwick, to the pulpit on October 6. There will be a welcome reception immediately following the worship service in the Baraca Room.

**YOUTH EVENT:** We will be going to the **Corn Maze** at Ard's Farm, Sunday, October 13! McVeytown Presbyterian youth will join us. Meet at the Downtown OIP for lunch after worship service. Cost of the maze is \$10/person plus any additional snacks you would like to purchase. Please see Ginny or Susan for a permission form. We will return to the church at 6:30 PM.

## **2019 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

*The session, along with the pastor, provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free go to any committee members with questions, commendations, or concerns:*

**Christian Education:** Facilitates spiritual growth through classes, small groups, and special events. Coordinates Nursery, Children's Chat and Children's Church volunteers; oversees Youth Group, Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Traveling Day Camp and other programs, working closely with the Christian Education Coordinator. Elders are Leah Riden and Susan Ferguson.

**Worship and Music:** Works with the pastor to provide and facilitate meaningful worship services. Oversees choirs and choir directors, supervises ushers, coordinates acolytes and liturgists, arranges special music. Elders are Sue Garner, Doug Garner and Cole Cullen.

**Property:** Maintains and improves church buildings and properties in order to facilitate effective ministry; supervises custodial and security staff and serves as official liaison with outside groups who use our building. Elders are Dave Noss and Carl Haldeman.

**Stewardship:** Oversees and directs financial and personnel resources, supervises the church treasurer, provides stewardship education, recommends and oversees budget, oversees endowment funds and special offerings. Manages all paid personnel. Elders are Ruth Fisher, Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry.

**Fellowship:** Facilitates spiritually edifying relationships within the church body, provides funeral lunches, organizes receptions, and meals for other events, oversees the church kitchen, provides opportunities for church members to get to know each other and deepen relationships. Elders are Bill Sisson and Carole Auker.

**Preschool:** Facilitates and directs the work of the Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool; establishes curriculum in conjunction with teachers; reviews teacher performance; oversees school finances, including scholarships; encourages congregational support and relationships with students' and families. Elder is Leah Noerr.

**Mission and Evangelism:** Inspires and facilitates the church's outreach to the community and to the world by determining mission budget, maintaining relationships with mission coworkers, representing the church in the community, and organizing member participation in hands-on mission. Elders are Karen McCurdy and Lisa Snyder.



**YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS**, working with your pastors, is responsible for caring-ministries of the church. If you have an idea for them or know of someone who needs special attention, please contact them. They are: Gerri Aitkin - Moderator, Lynn Curry, Elaine Siddons, Larry Welshans, Zoe Finan, Doug Knudson, Miranda Shoop, Diane Griffith, Kris Hill, Michelle Knudson, Janie Welshans

**NOMINATING COMMITTEES:**

- Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):  
Carole Auker, Lynn Curry, Ruth Fisher, Sue Garner, Diane Griffith, Carl Haldeman, Kathy Hardin, Lisa Snyder, Larry Welshans with COM Liaison Rev. Scott Andrews
- Congregational Nominating Committee:  
Elder Lisa Snyder (Chairperson), Elder Ed Curry (Vice-Chairperson), Deacon Diane Griffith  
At-Large: Kari Cullen, David Eichenlaub, Kris Hill and Ginny Westover

**LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:**

**Interim Pastor:** Sarah Sedgwick (October 1)

**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, Hope Staley

**Custodian:** Kathy Hardin

**Sexton/Security:** John Gregory

**PRAYER GUIDE**  
**September 29, 2019**

**Our Community**

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones

**For Our Programs and Growth**

- Our interim Pastor, Rev. Sarah Sedgwick beginning October 1
- Pastor nominating committee as they carry out their work
- Our Church staff, Deacons, Elders, Choirs, Volunteers

**Health Concerns**

- Reese Tussey, 6-year-old with a brain tumor; operation this week
- Jeffrey Glendye, health issues
- Kyler Sheetz: 6-year-old, malignant melanoma
- Brad Siddons: continued prayers
- Bill Carter; at home
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Evelyn Wilde: healing from a fall
- Rev. Bob Hicks

**Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger, Shirley Ferguson, Alice Black
- Elmcroft: Lavonne Ball
- 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
- 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
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate
- The LUMINA Center

**Families of the Week**

- Art & Pauli Belfiore, Ben Hain
- Derek & Katy Warke

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, September 29**

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

### **MONDAY, September 30**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 7:00 PM Nominating Committee

### **TUESDAY, October 1**

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, October 2**

- 11:30 AM Presbyterian Women @ Honey Creek Inn
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Music & Worship Committee

### **THURSDAY, October 3**

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 PM Property Committee

### **SUNDAY, October 6** World Communion Sunday

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

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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.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/22/19**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08	YTD Need: \$ 120,585.04
Received: \$ 1,225.00	YTD Received: \$ 114,460.36