



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

Shining the light of the gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785

November 10, 2019

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Speaker: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Sermon: The Spirit Abides

Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Luke 20:27-38

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10:30 AM

Prelude

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Harris

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

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

All: And also with you!

Introit

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart

Cedarmont Kids

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

All: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

* **Hymn #464** (blue)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them. Be assured: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Anthem

He Leadeth Me

Mary McDonald

Passing of the 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 & The Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation of the Font

Opening Words & Presentation for Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water – Edward Merry

The Baptism of Evelyn Rose Merry – Rev. Jeanette Mater

Welcome to the Body of Christ

*** Hymn of Praise**

In Christ Alone

Verses 1 & 2; Ryan and Tara Merry

Verses 3 & 4; All

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

The Spirit Abides

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer, Traditional

Remembrance of Veterans' video

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude in D

Fischer

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #304 (blue)

Jesus Loves Me

Charge and Benediction

Stand firm and hold fast to the grace you have received.
And may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our parent,
who loves us and, through grace, gives us eternal comfort
and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in
every good deed and word. Amen!

* **Closing Chorus #579** (blue) Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Postlude The Thankful Heart Rejoices Smith

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Children's Choir; Director, Leah Riden

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

Liturgist: Danny Garner

Next Week: Alex Garner

Acolyte: Liam Griffith

Children's Chat: Pastor Sarah Sedgwick

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Ushers: Sue Garner (head usher), Bob & Jean Patton
Paul Olbrich, Jack Wilson, Lynn Curry

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Next Week: Leah Riden

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Infants/Preschool: Donis Zagurskie

Next Week: Maryann Haines

Deacon for the Month: Lynn Curry

Counters: Kari Cullen & Maryann Haines

Next Week: Lisa Snyder & Dave Noss

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

On the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Word of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

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WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE

You are encouraged to use the reflection questions and prayers throughout the week to strengthen your relationship with Christ and all God's people.

Question for Reflection

When the opponents of Jesus tried to trick him by asking a convoluted question about what heaven is like after we die, Jesus replied saying that God is not the God of the dead but of the living because we are always alive to God (Luke 20:38). How does that inform our sense of Christian community, of the communion of saints, and of life everlasting?

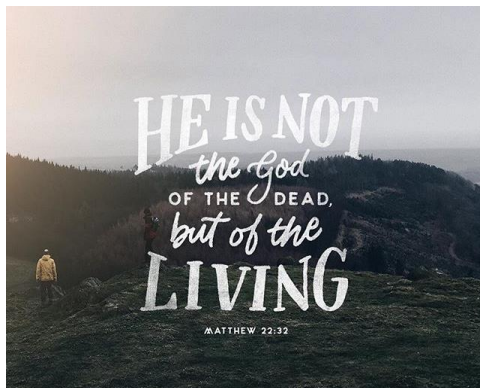
Morning Prayer

Holy One, I want to see you today in this world with my own eyes. Even though your greatness is unsearchable, today I want to meditate on your wondrous works all around me. Give me the eyes of faith through which to see you. Renew me, that I may praise you with a new song. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, thank you for guiding my steps on your paths today. Where my feet may have slipped, forgive me. You have wondrously shown me your steadfast love through the course of this day. Now let me fall asleep in the shadow of your wings, for I have seen today that you are my redeemer, the living God. Amen.

Feel free to share some thoughts on the reflection question with Pastor Sarah by emailing her at pastorsedgwick@gmail.com



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.

BACKYARD MINISTRIES: Thank you for considering these requests to serve the families in our community!

- **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!
- **GIVING TREE:** Socks and "One Gift" per child. There is a tree in the narthex with tags indicating a boy or girl and size of the socks. Then purchase a toy for the boy or girl of no more than \$10 in value. **No need to wrap the gifts.** Gifts will be returned to the church by **December 8**. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well, if shopping is not an option.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER BAGS:** We are accepting donations of instant potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy packet, canned corn and beans for Christmas dinners. You may bring donations to the narthex.

THANK YOU to all of you who helped to purchase hat and mitten sets for children in our community! 28 children are warmer on these cold days because of your generosity! It was awesome to see the smile on the face of one little girl - thrilled with her new pink hat! *Lynn Curry, LPC Backyard representative*

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, November 16, 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.

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 24. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:00PM. When finished, we will have hot chocolate and cookies in the Baraca Room. All are welcome!

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Honor Roll 2019

On this Veterans Day, we offer sincere thanks and appreciation to those who have served in defending our freedoms. Among them are the following. Please express your gratitude to them.

- **Don Black**, U.S. Navy 1944-1946 on board ship in Pacific Ocean
- **William Carter**, U.S. Army 3rd Division Infantry, Combat Engineers 1943-1945 Europe during WWII
- **Lynwood Clinger**, U.S. Air Force 1969-1970 McGuire AFB New Jersey
- **David Eichenlaub**, U.S. Navy 1967-1972 Brooklyn Navy Yard, USS Dixon AS37
- **Kenneth Fisher**, U.S. Marine Corps., 1962-1966, Camp Lejeune, NC, 6th Fleet Med Cruise, Puerto Rico & NAS Pensacola, FL
- **Ryan Fultz**, U.S. Navy 1986-1992 Panama & Mayport, FL
- **Christopher C. Griffith**, U.S. Army, 2009-2017
- **Tom Gross**, U.S. Army 1961-1963 Philippines
- **Carl Haldeman**, U.S. Air Force 1955-1959 France
- **Kevin Hardin**, U.S. Air Force, 1982-1988 Keesler Air Force Base Biloxi, MI
- **Rich Harper**, U.S. Air Force, 1977-1981 Eglin Air Force Base, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- **Donald Hirakis**, U.S. Army 1953-1955 Germany
- **John Irrgang**, Army Air Corp 1953-1958 Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
- **Doug Knudson**, U.S. Navy 1989-1993 NAS Lemoore, California
- **Ralph Meachum**, U.S. Army Air Force, February 1945-October 1945 Phoenix
- **Bruce Nielsen**, U.S. Marine Corps 1957-1961 Quantico, VA, Pendleton, CA & Pickle Meadows, CA; 1961-1964 (Reserve) Philadelphia, PA
- **David Noss**, U.S. Army 1968-1969, Vietnam
- **Larry O'Dell**, U.S. Air Force Captain 1955-1959 Turkey, Wright Paterson Dayton, OH
- **Leon Smith**, U.S. Army Reserves 1969-1975
- **Lowell Stephens**, U.S. Air Force 1953-1958 Korea and Europe
- **John "Jack" M. Wilson**, U.S. Navy 1951-1955 Mediterranean & North Atlantic

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, November 10

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

MONDAY, November 11

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, November 12

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, November 13

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 14

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

SATURDAY, November 16

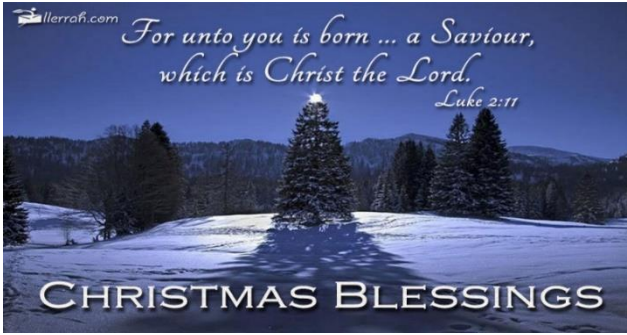
- 8:00 – 11:00 AM
Boy Scouts’ Breakfast

SUNDAY, November 17

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

GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/3/19

Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08	YTD Need: \$ 139,623.52
Received: \$ 4,466.50	YTD Received: \$ 139,638.36



CHRISTMAS CARDS 2019: The Deacons will be providing a box in the narthex to collect Christmas cards for our shut-ins. Please bring in your cards by Sunday, December 8, and the Deacons will deliver them. We will be collecting cards for:

Lavonne Ball
Nancy Bowman
Bill and Nancy Carter
Shirley Ferguson
Doris Hoverter
Mary Lou Ingram
John Irrgang
Etta Majestic

Lois Notestine
April Paige
Shirley Setzler
Brad Siddons
Lowell & Dottie Stephens
Virginia Warfel
Ida Wheeler

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