



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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

**November 17, 2019**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Speaker:** Rev. Robert Zorn

**Sermon:** Remember, Reflect, Rejoice

**Scripture:** Psalm 138; Ephesians 4:25-5:4

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**10:30 AM**

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<b>Prelude</b>	A Thankful Heart Now Thank We All Our God	Groden Helman
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## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

**All: And also with you!**

<b>Introit</b>	Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken This is My Father's World	Haydn Sheppard
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## **Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and sorrows.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

\* **Hymn #551** (blue)                      Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem**                      What a Friend We Have in Jesus                      H. Best

## **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Children's Chat**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture**    Psalm 138; Ephesians 4:25-5:4

**Sermon**    Remember, Reflect, Rejoice

\* **Hymn of Praise**    Give Thanks

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, I am strong;  
Let the poor say, I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, I am strong;  
Let the poor say, I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks.

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## **Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and the 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.**

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory                      Prepare the Way, O Zion                      Lau

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn #276** (blue)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

### **Charge and Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace. Live fully. Build homes. Plant vineyards. Work for what is right. And now may the God of our salvation, our strength and our comfort, guard your hearts and minds this day and evermore. Amen.

**\* Closing Chorus #276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*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!*

**Postlude** Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!      Wagner

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*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Psalm 138**

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### **Ephesians 4:25-5:4**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving.

## **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**

Is prayer a habit (or pattern) for you, or is it constant, or is it occasional? Do you feel that your prayers "bother" God?

### **Morning Prayer**

God of comfort, we give thanks for the dawning of a new day. Even though we have turned from you, you have reached for us. Even though we have been afraid, you have been our strength and our might. May we draw life-giving water with joy this day, giving thanks for the multitude of gifts and challenges we face, singing praises to the Lord throughout all the earth. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

God of salvation, we are reminded of the myriad of ways you have strengthened and supported us today. In the midst of challenge and promise you reach for us. You create a new heaven and a new earth and call us to participate in the renewing of hearts and minds. Be with us and those we love this night. Be with your beloved whose fear prevails over your comfort, and bring us through this night to the dawning of a new day. Amen.



## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit:** Bell Choir; Director, Doug Garner

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

**Liturgist:** Alex Garner **Next Week:** Lynn Curry

**Acolyte:** Liam Griffith

**Children's Chat:** Ginny Westover **Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**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. Robert Zorn

**Next Week:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Infants/Preschool:** Maryann Haines

**Next Week:** Mercy Westover

**Deacon for the Month:** Lynn Curry

**Counters:** Lisa Snyder & Lynn Curry

**Next Week:** Jack Wilson & Dave Noss

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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.

### **BACKYARD MINISTRIES:**

- **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.

**DEACONS' OFFERING:** The loose offering in the collection plate TODAY is designated to the Deacons' Fund. Please support the faithful work of our Deacons in the church and community.

**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!

**YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:** If you have an idea you would like to discuss with your church leaders, you are more than welcome to contact them.

- **Your Session** is responsible for the leadership of various aspects of the church's ministry. The following is a list of all your currently-serving elders & their respective committee responsibilities:
  - **Moderator:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick
  - **Clerk:** Susan Ferguson
  - **Property:** Dave Noss & Carl Haldeman
  - **Christian Education:** Susan Ferguson & Leah Riden
  - **Fellowship:** Bill Sisson & Carole Auker
  - **Mission & Evangelism:** Karen McCurdy & Lisa Snyder
  - **Music/Worship:** Doug & Sue Garner & Cole Cullen
  - **Preschool:** Leah Noerr
  - **Stewardship:** Ruth Fisher, Lonnie Griffith, Ed Curry
- **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, Donis Zagurskie, Diane Griffith, Kris Hill, Michelle Knudson, Janie Welshans

***We need church members to serve as Elders or Deacons beginning in 2020. Please prayerfully consider serving God in this way. We need your gifts and abilities as we discern our steps moving forward. If you are willing to serve, please contact Lisa Snyder at [lsnyder61@gmail.com](mailto:lsnyder61@gmail.com)***



## **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 to contact committee members with any 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 and Nursery School; 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.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, November 17**

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

### **MONDAY, November 18**

#### **PANORAMA DEADLINE**

11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, November 19**

6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, November 20**

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, November 24**

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

*Mifflin County Habitat for Humanity Open House  
Sunday Nov 24, 2019 1pm - 4 pm  
New Home Dedication @ 3:00 p.m.  
**320 Lindy Lane Lewistown Pa 17044**  
Light refreshments served*

*Join our neighbors as we celebrate another new home built in Mifflin county. LPC was a big contributor to the project!*

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/10/19**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08    YTD Need:        \$ 142,796.60  
Received:        \$ 3,204.25    YTD Received: \$ 142,872.61

***We do not give in order to get something back from God. That would be a form of spiritual selfishness likely to damage us more than help us. Yet, the Bible is clear—in both the Old Testament and the New Testament— that we will receive in the same measure that we give. Our offerings each week in worship do more than help with God’s work. They also give God a chance to deliver on that promise from Scripture.***