



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

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November 24, 2019

Christ the King Sunday

Speaker: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Sermon: Giving Thanks to Christ

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20

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10:30 AM

Prelude We Gather Together Wood
 Now Thank We All Our God Crueger/Kellner

Welcome and Announcements

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

All: And also with you!

Introit All God's Gifts WIR PFLÜGEN

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Leader: Praise be to God who provides for us.

All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

Leader: Hallelujah! Let us worship God with our whole selves!

* **Hymn #142** (blue) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is actually comprised of two words: "holy and day." Forgive us when we treat the "holiday" as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Remind us that there are those for whom this season holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Canon of Thanks

Donald Moore

Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Chat

Special Music/Recitation

Preschool

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon

Giving Thanks to Christ

* Praise Song

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord; He is holy and just.
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord; He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus:

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord!
Now lift up your voice; Now lift up your voice:
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Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord! I lift up my voice;
I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are you Lord!

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Affirmation of Faith – Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

Toccata for the Flutes

Penfield

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #554 (blue)

Let All Things Now Living

Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace, declaring Christ the king and ruler over all creation. **Go out into the world with courage, supporting the ways he gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace.**

And may the holy triune God, the visible and invisible, guide your feet, strengthen your hands, and fortify your heart this day and evermore. In the name of the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. **Amen.**

* Closing Chorus

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord
Has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.**

Postlude

Counter-Theme on the Doxology

Wilson

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

Special Music: Preschool

Liturgist: Lynn Curry

Next Week: Sue Garner

Acolyte: Liam Griffith

Children's Chat: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Pastor Sarah

Ushers: Sue Garner (head usher), Bob & Jean Patton

Paul Olbrich, Jack Wilson, Lynn Curry

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Infants/Preschool: Mercy Westover

Deacon for the Month: Lynn Curry

Counters: Jack Wilson & Dave Noss

Next Week: Lisa Snyder & Lynn Curry

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

"Gratitude is the gift of "yes" -- yes to life, yes to blessing, yes to God, yes to possibility, and yes to others. Gratitude is the awareness that we can shape our lives to bless and heal and love out of the bounty we have received. So, throughout the day give "thanks" -- remember those who have supported you and upon whom you depend today; notice your interchanges with others; and look for the movements of God in every interaction. This is a wonderful life that beckons us to give thanks at every turn."

Bruce Epperly, Patheos

Who can you express "thanks" to today?

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom and enable me to live today for the attainment of paradise, that as far as I am able I may be a sign of God's kingdom. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Lord Jesus, if I have not honored you with all my heart, forgive me. If I have offended out of ignorance, pardon me. Let me sleep in peace and rise with a renewed dedication to serve you. Amen.

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



Happy Thanksgiving!

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 would like to welcome our Preschool students, parents and grandparents! We are glad you are here today!**

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

BACKYARD MINISTRIES:

- **PUMPKIN BREADS:** Today is the deadline to bring in breads.
- **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.

ADVENT DECORATING: Please join us in helping to trim the tree, deck the halls, and spruce up the church for the Advent season this evening at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. When finished, we will have hot chocolate and cookies in the Baraca Room!

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent means "Coming." It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. Part of our preparation for Christ's birth will be decorating our sanctuary during next Sunday's worship service. Please join us for an "interactive" service as we learn about the Christian meaning behind our beloved Advent/Christmas décor.

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 lmsnyder61@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, November 24

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 10:30 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Sanctuary Decorating and Refreshments

MONDAY, November 25

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, November 26

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, November 27

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

SUNDAY, December 1 Hanging of the Greens

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GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/17/19

Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08	YTD Need: \$ 145,969.68
Received: \$ 2,067.00	YTD Received: \$ 144,939.61

There is STILL time to return your 2020 pledge card to the church office. Just as we make commitments towards car payments, magazine subscriptions, utility bills, and so on, we can make a future commitment to God’s church. Pledging allows the Session to make smarter decisions about spending and saving and provides for faithful stewardship.