



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 19, 2020**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42

**Sermon:** What Are You Looking For?

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10:30 AM

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**Prelude**

Reverie  
Prelude on "Mt. Holyoke"

Harris  
Eliot

## Welcome and Announcements

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

**All: And also with you!**

## Introit

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God  
in his holy temple.

**All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and  
to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Teach us  
your ways and make straight our paths in this hour  
of worship and always.

\* **Hymn #461** (blue)

God is Here!

### Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we have chased after foolish things, and  
spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in  
vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-  
concern that we may find our reward with you, as  
servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we  
pray. Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who  
bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust  
in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes  
our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

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

### Anthem

## **Sharing Christ's 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 Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42

### **Sermon**

What Are You Looking For?

### **\* Song**

He Is Lord

1. He is Lord, he is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.
2. He is King, he is King.  
He is risen from the dead and he is King.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is King.
3. He is love, he is love.  
He is risen from the dead and he is love.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is love.

### **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.**

## **Ordination & Installation of Ruling Elder Tara Merry**

Statement on Ordination and Installation

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Presentation of New Officers

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

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

Lauda Anima

Norris

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn #275** (blue)

God of our Life

### **Charge and Blessing**

\* **Closing Chorus #542** (screen)

God Be with You

*God be with you till we meet again;*

*Loving counsels guide, uphold you,*

*With a shepherd's care enfold you:*

*God be with you will we meet again.*

**Postlude**

Postlude on "Madrid"

Lasky

*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

**Church members are asked to be seated for a special called congregational meeting. Thank you!**

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

**Liturgist:** Kevin Kodish

**Next Week:** Ed Curry

**Acolyte:** Lucas Garner

**Children's Chat:** Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

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

**Children's Church:** Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Elaine Siddons

**Infants/Preschool:** Brett Buchanan

**Next Week:** Amy Smith

**Deacon for the Month:** Larry Welshans

**Counters:** Kari Cullen & Bill Sisson

**Next Week:** Jack Wilson & Maryann Haines

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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 ANNUAL MEETING** of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Please submit your **Annual Report to the church office if you have not done so already. Thank you.**

**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.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP** meets at 6:30 PM on the third floor and invites you to join them as they begin a study on the book, *The Circle Maker*, written by Mark Batterson. Take a new look at praying as you draw circles around your requests.

**HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR 2020 STAR WORD:** Find the word in Scripture or a passage that connects with your word; Look for a hymn or song that speaks about your word or reminds you of your word; discover all the antonyms of your word. Need a Star Word? Contact Pastor Sarah or the church office.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, January 19**

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

### **MONDAY, January 20**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, January 21**

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, January 22**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, January 26**

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

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/12/20**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,023.69	YTD Need: \$ 6,046.00
Received: \$ 2,900.00	YTD Received: \$ 6,617.00

## Scripture Readings

### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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## **John 1:29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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## **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**

Andrew invited his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus, and Peter's life was changed forever. Do you invite others to come and see Jesus? How do you show the world God's love made real in Christ?

### **Morning Prayer**

You inclined your ear and heard my cry and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service as I carry your light in the world. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Jesus, fill me with your peace that I may be strengthened to the end and find my rest in you. 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)*