



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

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

Transfiguration of the Lord February 23, 2020

Sermon:

A Divine Invitation

Scripture:

Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

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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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

A Divine Invitation

*** Song of Praise**

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**

The 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Duo in G

Dixon

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn #441** (blue)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Charge and Blessing

**Christ has been revealed to us
that we might follow him
and transform the world.**

Go in love; work for peace.

And may the self-revealing God

be a lamp on your way

as the day dawns and rises within you.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Young

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

Liturgist: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Sue Garner

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Sue Garner

Ushers: Ed Curry (head usher), Shelly & Kevin Kodish, Jean Burlew, Karen McCurdy, Donis Zagurskie

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Infants/Preschool: Pam Pecht

Deacon for the Month: Donis Zagurskie

Counters: Ed Curry & John Gregory

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES will be offered two times this Wednesday, February 26, in the sanctuary. A 12 noon service and 7 PM service will be held. Attend either at your convenience. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and communion by intinction. Let us prepare our hearts for Lent!

COME SEE THE MOVIE "A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:" A timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about kindness, love and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor." We will be showing the film at Lewistown Presbyterian **TODAY at 12:30 PM and Saturday, February 29 at 10 AM.** Childcare is available. If attending today, please RSVP with how many will be attending and their ages to Ginny Westover. If you are attending on Saturday, February 29, please RSVP to the church office 717-248-4561 or lewispres@comcast.net.

OUR ALL CHURCH LENTEN STUDY begins March 1. The study is: *The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: Healing and Freedom from Forgiveness.* The season of Lent provides a time for us to explore the necessity for forgiveness as we approach the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We can learn a lot about expressing our emotions and extending forgiveness through the lives of Jesus Christ and Fred Rogers.

You are encouraged to join one of several small groups to discuss "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" movie and lessons from Mr. Rogers. Small groups will meet once a week beginning the week of March 1. Sign up on the table in the narthex this month. Small groups will meet: Sundays at 9 AM, 12 noon, 4:30 PM and 6 PM (Youth Group), Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, Wednesday afternoon at 2 PM (Valley View), and Wednesday nights at 6 PM.

LENTEN KIDZ KLUB: MARCH 1 – APRIL 5. Children in Pre K – 5th grade will enjoy Bible adventures, games, crafts and songs every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Families are welcome to join us for supper at 5:30 PM. This year’s Kidz Klub is called **LOL** (Living our Lives, Loving our Lord)! Our verse is from Psalm 139, *“O Lord...you know everything about me. You are intimately acquainted with all my ways.”* Whether we’re glad, mad or sad Jesus loves us! We’ll be learning about the story of Joseph, and with the help of emoji’s, take a look at all of Joseph’s adventures. Kidz Klub will end with an emoji egg hunt on Sunday, April 5.

MOTHER HUBBARD’S CUPBOARD: Suggested donations for March: pork & beans, Ivory soap, tomato soup, canned luncheon meat, macaroni & cheese, cereal, canned/boxed juices, and paper products.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU! If you are interested in designing slides for the screen on Sunday mornings or simply using a laptop to move the slides forward during the service, please speak to Doug Garner or Cole Cullen. This is a great way to participate in our weekly worship together!

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, the choir will be singing anthems from the African and African American traditions during worship in honor of Black History Month.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 2/16/2020

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$21,393.19
Received: \$1,616.00	YTD Received: \$18,786.01

*Dear Members and Friends,
Thank you to everyone who attend my installation service and extended good wishes and blessings to Jim, McKenzie, and me. We appreciate those who participated in worship and provided a wonderful reception in the Baraca Room. It is good to be settled in our new home in Lewistown!*

In Christian Love – Pastor Sarah

2020 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 Doug and Sue Garner.

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 Brad Siddons 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 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 Carole Auker and Mercy Westover.

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. Elders are Leah Noerr and Tara Merry.

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.

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

Why does Jesus instruct the disciples to keep quiet about what they had seen "until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9)?

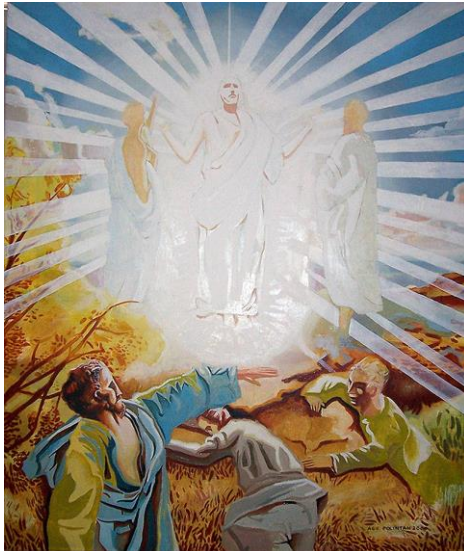
Morning Prayer

God, as this new day dawns, may your Spirit guide my feet and reveal you to me in new ways as I walk through your world today. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. Whatever has happened, whatever I've done and left undone, help me hear the voice of Jesus tonight, telling me to go to sleep as I am and not be afraid. Amen.

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



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, February 23

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Mr. Roger’s Movie – 3rd floor

MONDAY, February 24

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, February 25

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, February 26

- 12 Noon Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal following service.

THURSDAY, February 27

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

SATURDAY, February 29

- 10:00 AM Mr. Roger’s Movie – 3rd floor

SUNDAY, March 1

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- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

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.