



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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**March 15, 2020**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sermon:**

Anything Mentionable is Manageable

**Scripture:**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
John 13:1-11

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring us salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

**All: Once we were lost and dead – now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### Anthem

Weep, Oh Mary Weep

Liebergen

#### Passing of the Peace

*During flu season, we respect the decision of anyone who chooses to not shake hands during the Passing of the Peace. If you prefer not to touch while extending peace, please place your hands together in a posture of prayer.*

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

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; John 13:1-11

#### Sermon

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\* **Hymn #438** (purple, screen)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:1,28,38,39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory            Adagio on Were You There?            Owens

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn #451** (purple, screen)    Open My Eyes That I May See

**Charge and Blessing**

So may the blessing of the God who calls the people out of Egypt, call us out from our comfort and our safety to embrace a journey of challenge and risk.

May the blessing of the Son who kneels and washes our feet call us out from our comfort and our safety to embrace and serve those we meet on the journey.

May the blessing of the Spirit who weaves dreams of a new community, call us out from our comfort and our safety to provide welcome and hospitality to strangers as well as friends.

~ written by Rev. Dr. Clare McBeath and Rev. Tim Presswood.~

Posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk>

**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**

O Lamb of God I Come

Broughton

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*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

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

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

**Acolyte:** Abi Riden

**Liturgist:** Kevin Kodish

**Next Week:** Tara Merry

**Children's Chat:** Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Joan Loewen

**Ushers:** Brad Siddons (head usher), Roger Barr, Jim Crimmel, Alex Garner, Danny Garner, Doug Knudson

**Children's Church:** Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Leah Riden

**Infants/Preschool:** Brett Buchanan

**Next Week:** Amy Smith

**Deacon for the Month:** Doug Knudson

**Counters:** Mercy Westover & Kari Cullen

**Next Week:** Michelle Knudson & Kari Cullen

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting with us, please complete the Visitor's Card located in your pew. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**DEACONS' OFFERING: Today** the loose offering in the collection plate is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

**LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:** The Lewistown Ministerium is sponsoring Lenten Luncheons on Wednesdays during Lent again this year. We begin at noon at the sponsoring church and end well before 1 PM. Each church will provide a meal and worship or a devotional thought. The schedule of host churches:

- March 18—Sacred Heart Catholic
- March 25—First United Methodist
- April 1—St. John's Lutheran

***Thank you to everyone who helped serve the Lenten lunch last Wednesday to our neighbors!***

***Session members are reminded to review their agenda packets prior to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Packets are located in Elder church mailboxes.***

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** will be held beginning Thursday, April 9, with a Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Worship in the Baraca Room at 6 PM. On Good Friday, please join community members at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11 AM for the Stations of the Cross service, followed by a Community Cross Walk at 12 noon. An Easter Vigil service will be held Saturday, April 11, at 7 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**OUR ALL CHURCH LENTEN STUDY:** 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: Sundays at 9 AM, 12 noon, 4:30 PM and 6 PM (Youth Group) and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**LENTEN KIDZ KLUB** is for children in Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They are enjoying Bible adventures, games, crafts and songs every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Supper is at 5:30 PM. This year's Kidz Klub is called **LOL** (Living our Lives, Loving our Lord)!

**WRAPPED CANDY IS NEEDED:** We are in need of small, individually wrapped candy to fit inside plastic Easter eggs for the egg hunt at the last Kidz Klub on April 5. Please bring donations to the church by April 1.

**BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST:** Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, March 28, 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.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!** You are invited to attend a "Fishers of Men Retreat," hosted by Big Valley Bible Church in Reedsville. The retreat will be held May 1 – 3 at Harman's Luxury Log Cabins in Cabin, WV. The cost is \$120 for lodging and meals. Golfers and fisherman will have an opportunity to do both during the spiritual retreat weekend organized by men, for men. Consider gathering your friends for a weekend away. If interested in going, contact the church at 717-667-3123 or email [bvbc03@gmail.com](mailto:bvbc03@gmail.com). Pastor Sarah has brochures for the retreat. Let her know if you would like one. **Deadline to register is Monday, March 23!**

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

### **John 13:1-11**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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## **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**

*What seems easier – offering forgiveness or asking for forgiveness?*

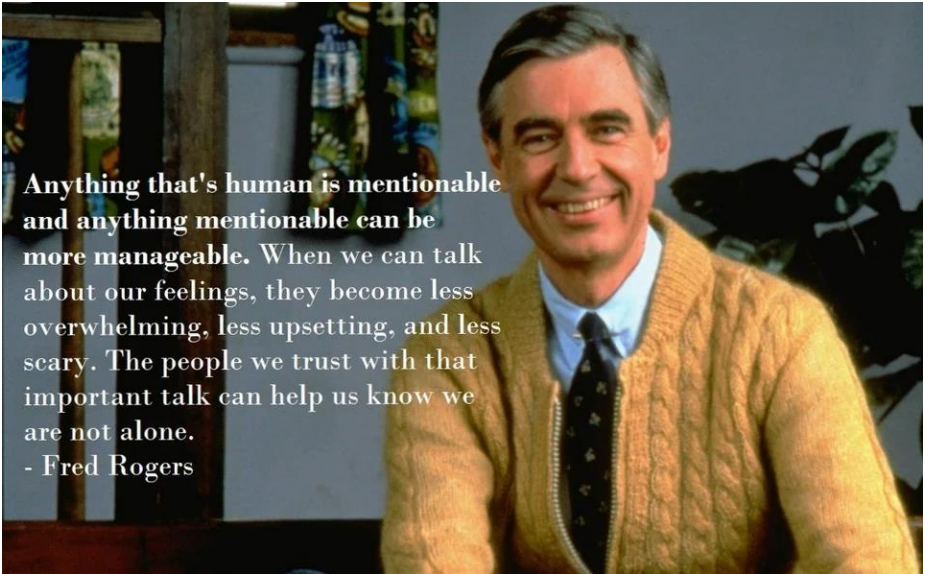
### **Morning Prayer**

God, on this most challenging day, be with me. Open my eyes to see moments of pain and suffering around me into which I may carry your loving presence. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Holy One, into your hands I commit this day that I have lived. Salvage what needs saving in me. Strengthen what is good in me. And in all things bind me closer to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anything that's human is mentionable  
and anything mentionable can be  
more manageable. When we can talk  
about our feelings, they become less  
overwhelming, less upsetting, and less  
scary. The people we trust with that  
important talk can help us know we  
are not alone.  
- Fred Rogers



## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, March 15**

- 9:00 AM Lenten Small Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Lenten Small Group – Library
- 4:30 PM Lenten Kidz Klub
- 4:30 PM Lenten Small Group – Manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Lenten Small Group – Manse

### **MONDAY, March 16**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, March 17**

- 6:30 PM Lenten Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, March 18**

- 12 Noon Lenten Luncheon – Sacred Heart
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, March 19**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

### **SUNDAY, March 22**

- 9:00 AM Lenten Small Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Lenten Small Group – Library
- 4:30 PM Lenten Kidz Klub
- 4:30 PM Lenten Small Group – Manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Lenten Small Group – Manse

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 3/8/2020**

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$30,561.70
Received: \$2,228.00	YTD Received: \$26,913.76