



LEWISTOWN

CHURCH

# Presbyterian

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

**March 8, 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sermon:**

Who Are You? The Prodigal or the Brother?

**Scripture:**

Psalm 121 & Luke 15:11-32

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10:30 AM

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## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

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

**All: And also with you!**

**Introit**                      Won't You Be My Neighbor                      Fred Rogers

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;  
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

\* **Hymn #485** (blue)                      To God Be the Glory

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**How easily we leave your side, Lord God, for a place far away. We are blind in our darkness, so open our eyes to our sins. Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew, we cannot make the journey home. Guide us to your welcoming arms; to the music and the dancing, for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us!

**All: For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

Leader: Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Praise the Lord and bless God's holy name forever.**

**Anthem**

Here I Am, Lord

D. Schutte

### **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: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ by exchanging signs of 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 121; Luke 15:11-32

### **Sermon**

Who Are You? The Prodigal or the Brother?

\* **Hymn #280** (blue)

Amazing Grace

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. 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 head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of 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 all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn #384** (blue)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

## **Charge and Blessing**

**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**

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*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Vicki Fensterbush

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

**Liturgist:** Cole Cullen

**Next Week:** Kevin Kodish

**Children's Chat:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover

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

**Children's Church:** Elaine Siddons

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover

**Infants/Preschool:** Donis Zagurskie

**Next Week:** Brett Buchanan

**Deacon for the Month:** Doug Knudson

**Counters:** Maryann Haines & Lisa Snyder

**Next Week:** Mercy Westover & Kari Cullen

## **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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are dedicated to God's glory and are given by the Hirakis, Harklerode, Zagurskie, Shoop, Conforte, Truesdale and Finan Families to glorify God with thankful praise, and to honor the memory of Marcia Ann Fleming Hirakis, and to thank God for salvation, grace and mercy and an eternal bond of love through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**OUR ALL CHURCH LENTEN STUDY, *The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: Healing and Freedom from Forgiveness*** is in process. 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: 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)! 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.

**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.

**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 11—Lewistown Presbyterian (Please let Carole Auker or Mercy Westover know if you can help)**
- March 18—Sacred Heart Catholic
- March 25—First United Methodist
- April 1—St. John’s Lutheran

**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.

**GIVING REPORT AS OF 3/1/2020**

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$27,505.53
Received: \$3,869.75	YTD Received: \$24,685.76



## Scripture Readings

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

### Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have

bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



## **WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE**

*The weekly reflection page is a resource for your use to dig deeper into today's scripture and worship theme.*

### **Create Your Own Beautiful Neighborhood**

Be extravagant to your neighborhood this week. Pick up trash you see on the sidewalk, bring your neighbor flowers, donate clothing or household goods to your local thrift store.

### **Morning Prayer**

Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day, and you send me out to live it fully and well. Help me to be attentive to your direction and leading. If you should call me to go in some direction, give me courage to try this new thing. Whatever this day may hold, I trust that you will keep me in all my comings and goings. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Gracious God, as the evening comes and the light fades, I look for you even in the shadows. Your love and protection stay with me through the night hours, and I rest in your promises. For the day as it has been, I give you thanks. For the gift of rest, I offer a hymn of praise. After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day. In gratitude, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, March 8**

- 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 9**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, March 10**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 11**

- 12 Noon Lenten Luncheon – Lewistown Presbyterian
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, March 12**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **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