



**November 22, 2020**

**Thanksgiving Service  
On Christ the King Sunday**

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# LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

~Respond by reading the words printed in **BOLD** during our  
worship together~

## Prelude

Rondeau on "Royal Oak"  
Now Thank We All Our God

Helman  
Hegarty

## Welcome and Announcements

**L:** This is a day of thanksgiving. Our God has been very good  
to us. It is a day for celebration!

**A: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service this morning. Today  
is November 22, 2020 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from  
Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

We begin our service with a few announcements:

- A poinsettia order form is attached to today's bulletin. Orders are due by Sunday, December 6.
- Thank you to everyone who donated hats, scarves and gloves for our Backyard Ministries children. Your generosity will keep kids in our community warm with winter. For Christmas, the Mission and Evangelism committee invites the congregation members to donate packages of socks (6 to a pack) and a \$10 gift card for each child. If you would like to help provide a gift, contact Lynn Curry for either a girl or boy and the age of the child.
- Submissions for the December/January Panorama are due today.
- A note from Bill Sisson: *"Thank you to my church family for all your prayers and cards as I recover from heart surgery. I greatly appreciate you and what you have done for me."*

Let us worship God as we join together in the Call to Worship, led  
by Susan Ferguson

## Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before  
him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**All: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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## Call to Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another. Please read with me the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing.

Forgive us, Lord, if we believe that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy.

Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world, and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them," for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world.

Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to insure freedom and justice for all.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

However long we wander, however far we stray,  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
Sisters and brothers, be assured:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## **Choral Anthem**

## **Children's Chat**

Kari Cullen

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us pray for illumination as we hear the reading of God's Word:

Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## **Giving Thanks Always: Through Scripture, Poetry & Hymns**

Give Thanks for the Bountiful Earth – Psalm 33:1-11

“We Live on Glimpses” – Poem and Meditation

For the Beauty of the Earth (insert)

Give Thanks for Human Relationships – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

“Soggy Cereal and Tepid Tea” – Poem and Meditation

Give Thanks for God's Redeeming Work & Sustaining Hand

2 Timothy 3:14-17

“The Reason to Give Thanks” – Poem and Meditation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (insert)

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

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the blessings we share this day. For all of those who have gone before, people strong and brave, willing to put their lives on the line for the causes they believe in, we give you thanks.

**Grant us, our God, the courage to step out in faith for that which is true and right.**

We pray for the praises and prayers voiced in our church family this day and for those whose names are written in our church prayer guide.

**In your mercy, hear our prayers, and show us how we can attend to and encourage one another in the valleys and mountaintops of our faith experiences.**

For freedom of speech and of the press, for the avenues open to expressing ourselves and for opportunities to effect change, we give you thanks.

**We pray for those who are voiceless victims of unjust governments.**

For fertile soil, abundant rain and seasons of refreshment, we give you thanks.

**We pray for those whose land is parched and whose wells are dry.**

For our families, friends and the church, who provide us with food and drink for our journey, we give you thanks.

**We pray for those who are hungry and tired, hopeless and wandering, finding no place to rest.**

For strong bodies and minds, for opportunities that encourage us to grow and become more the servants of thanksgiving you call us to be, we give you thanks.

**We pray for the sick, as well as for the stagnant who are unwilling to dream or change.**

Help us, O God, to be responsible stewards of your blessings, people who care for the earth and all its people. Keep us connected with all humanity, even though miles and cultures tend to separate us. May we always respond to your call with a true spirit of thanksgiving.

*Submitted by Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church, Wyoming, Michigan*

**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; 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: In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God. Please give generously to the Lord God Almighty.

Offertory	Come, Let Us Anew	Goodliffe
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Prayer of Dedication: Holy God, use us and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Hymn

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

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**Charge and Blessing**

Go from this place with joy,  
giving thanks to God,  
proclaiming His goodness,  
celebrating His love,  
and worshipping Him with your lives.  
For He is the Lord our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and among you  
in the days ahead.

**Postlude**                      Raise Now Your Song on High                      Saint-Saens

SERVING IN WORSHIP	
<b>Accompanist:</b> Joan Loewen & Danny Garner	
<b>Worship Assistant:</b> Susan Ferguson	
<b>Next Week:</b> Tara Merry	
<b>Children’s Chat:</b> Kari Cullen	
<b>Next Week:</b> Sue Garner	

**Giving Report as of 11/15/20**

Weekly Need:	\$3,056.17	YTD Need:	\$140,583.27
Received	\$3,696.00	YTD Received:	\$133,950.76

## **Weekly Reflection Page**

*Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.*

### **Questions for Reflection**

What are some ways that you can have a thankful heart all year long? What challenges have you experienced in 2020 that you find yourself thankful for? What are some joys in 2020 that you are thankful for?

### **Morning Prayer**

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.



## **PRAYER GUIDE**

### **Our Community**

- For those who are struggling with isolation; a decrease in paid work hours; homelessness; addiction & forms of abuse.

### **Our Nation**

- Elected officials; peace in our nation and world

### **For Our Ministry Leaders**

- Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, staff, deacons, elders, & volunteers

### **Prayer Requests**

- April Paige; hospitalized last week
- Bill Sisson: recovery from surgery on Oct. 20
- Brad Siddons: weekly transfusions; cancer treatment; bacterial infection
- Ryan Dixon: cancer
- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Linda Miller: now at home; continued prayers for healing
- Debbie: breast cancer
- William Smith, 16 yr. old: cancer
- Curt Warfel; health concerns
- Rich Harper; chemo treatments
- Megan Earnest: ongoing health concerns
- George Garner: terminally ill
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor

### **Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Shirley Ferguson, Lavonne Ball
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

### **Those in the Military**

01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte, BM3 Tyler M. Earnest, SFC William Corson, SGT John Dietz, SSGT Tyler Treaster

### **Our Mission Partners**

Shelter Services, Habitat for Humanity, Backyard Ministries  
Heart 2 Heart Program, LUMINA Center, Leah & Francis Daytec  
(Philippines), Camp Krislund, Adventures in Mission &  
BuildinGuate

### **Families of the Week**

- Doug & Michelle Knudson
- Linda Miller



## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heav-en-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Hello friends,

The Session met Thursday for their stated monthly meeting. We began our meeting with a devotion and praying for the church and our leadership. We received reports from a variety of committees, from our Deacons, and from the work of the Presbytery, reminding us that the church is alive and well.

We also talked about the information we are receiving about the rise in COVID-19 cases in Mifflin County and beyond. We acknowledged the move of Mifflin County School District to full remote learning. The Session agreed that the information they are reading cannot be ignored in our community, state and nation, and it can't be ignored within our church walls.

It was a tough decision, but I will emphasize that the Elders made it with prayerful hearts and a desire to do what is best for our church family and community. Effective immediately, the Session voted unanimously to make these decisions:

1. Beginning Nov. 22, all worship will be provided on-line through Zoom and YouTube. In-person worship will be suspended through the end of December. Christmas Eve worship will be provided online, too.
2. Lewistown Preschool will go to remote learning. The preschool teachers will work with the Preschool Committee to determine if reopening is possible, based on decisions made by Mifflin County School District (MCSD). If MCSD reopens, even if the church remains closed, the Preschool Committee will discern if reopening the Lewistown Preschool is possible and appropriate.
3. All inside church groups and outside groups will be asked to refrain from using church space through the end of December.
4. Staff and church members are encouraged to limit their time inside the church building. Masks are required, as well as, social distancing.

I know this is terribly hard to embrace, especially during a time of year in which the beauty of Advent and Christmas radiates inside our sanctuary. It's not what we want, but Session believes it is what we must do.

I think about how dramatically life changed for Mary and Joseph and for the shepherds and the Magi. They were pulled into the "unknown," just like we feel we are some days because of COVID-19. And yet, the "unknown" brought them to the manger and God revealed to them the purpose of their wandering: The birth of Jesus Christ!

Let us journey together this Advent season with a spirit of trust in God Almighty. May we embrace the changes with grateful hearts in knowing that we do not journey alone. God is for us.

The Spirit intercedes on our behalf. Jesus will be born. And we will help each other in all the ways we can. The Church is STILL alive!

Thanks be to God,  
Pastor Sarah

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP** Time: November 22, 2020 9:30 AM, Kidz Zoom Zone; 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship

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Passcode: 9643

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Questions about connectivity? Contact Elder Susan Ferguson at [slf615@gmail.com](mailto:slf615@gmail.com) or 717-250-5774.

## **POINSETTIAS**



Orders are being taken for white poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost is \$7.50 each. Fill out the form below, include the appropriate payment, and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (17 East Third Street). Make checks payable to Lewistown Presbyterian Church. **The deadline to**

**order is Sunday, December 6.** The poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 13, 20 and 24. They can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$7.50 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_