

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -February 7, 2016
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Today we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please see announcement about communion.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 John 3:2)

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

*Song of Praise to God Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
#319 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: Hear now our silent prayer of confession...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #142 Blue Hymnal

ANTHEM Yes, I Know

* Song to Glorify God O Lord, As You Were on Your Way
(see insert)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 34: 29-35 Pg. 81

SERMON You're On the Way
Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY # 382 Blue Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer Before Communion

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Song of Response Awesome God
#245 Renew Hymnal

*THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*standing in mind, body or in spirit

MISSION: "The energy of the Holy Spirit equips us to reach out joyfully in Jesus' name to meet human needs in the community and in the world."
VISION: "We will nurture people physically and spiritually, showing them the transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ."

Minister: Rev. Sarah A. Kneier
Director of Music: Becky Caplan
Organist Emeritus: Mary Ann Ober
Secretary: Barbara O'Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders:
Tim Nolt: Membership/Mission
Dennis Bouchard: Property
Joy Bouchard: Christian Education
Deborah Hoffman: Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship
Meagan Nolt: Clerk of Session/ Youth & Young Adults
Jean Shelly: Worship and Music
Barbara O'Neal: Fellowship/Outreach

Deacons:
Jeff Weber: Moderator
Laura Weber: Treasurer, Visits & Calls
Janet Stirling: Prayer Chain, Transportation
Jeff Weber: Flowers
Dee Neese: Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio Ministry
April Leggore: Nursery, Food Bank

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The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy was organized on December first, 1839 but began holding services in the Mount Joy vicinity as early as 1746. This church is a thoroughly evangelical church in the historic sense of that word and our basic purposes are to bring people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, to build them in the Christian faith and life, and to enlarge missionary participation to the extent that all may come to hear of and believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Friend and stranger, to such a church as this you are welcome.

NEWS OF THE WEEK ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS February 7, 2016

Announcement: Today we partake in the sacrament of communion by distribution. The elements of bread and grape juice will be brought to you in your seats. After taking a serving and when passing the bread to your neighbor, you might say: "Body of Christ broken for you," and when passing the cup, you might say, "Blood of Christ shed for you." When receiving either, it is appropriate to say: "Amen."

WOLFGANG TIME ALREADY!!

Jean Shelly will be taking your orders for Wolfgang candy and the order forms are on the long table (red tablecloth) in Fellowship Hall. It seems far away but time goes fast so the orders have to be in by February 28th to be able to have the candy before Easter.

PER CAPITA

There is an envelope in the offering boxes for the Per Capita payment. The amount for 2016 is \$32.27. This is what our church must pay to Presbytery for each member on our rolls.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call Janet Stirling at 653-6395.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Please make a note in your church directory – Grace Boakye's birthday is June 11th.

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber (361-9065 or jrweber22@comcast.net) for available dates. \$40 is the current price for the pair of bouquets that decorate the pulpit and which the Deacons distribute to shut-ins if requested by the sponsor.

GROCERY CARDS

Grocery cards for Giant, Weis and Darrenkamps are available for purchase. The church earns 5% of all cards sold. See Deb Hoffman. In her absence, please see Barb O'Neal.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Please see Meagan Nolt if you have not done this.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join the Second Chances Volunteers at the "Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch!" This is an open invitation to anyone who wants to join them every Tuesday at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall. Closed December 29th.

If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.

ASK US/TELL US CARDS

Remember to use these cards to let session or Pastor Sarah know about any concerns you have, any news to share, and to ask for special hymns to be used in the worship service.

SAVE YOUR CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Rev. Gail Mason has asked us to save our old calendars and Christmas cards. She will put a box in Fellowship Hall. She saves them for card making and other projects. This is a year-long project and she can use any kind of card, not just the Christmas ones so the box will be out all the time. Good time to clean out you saved card stash!

MONTHLY CALENDAR LIST

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Thrift Store.

The Choir rehearsals are held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights and all are welcome!

Girl Scouts meet the third Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Adult Bible Study – 9:45 am – focusing on Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings. Join us every Sunday for prayer, discussion and the chance to share with others.

Worship begins at 11:00 am.

February 7 – Souper Bowl

February 7 – 12:00 pm Deacons Meeting

February 10 – Ash Wednesday

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 14 – 12:30 – Session Meeting

February 17 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm – Presentation by Dennis and Patty Binkley speaking about the Wolf Sanctuary.

February 17 – Church Family Dinner at 5:30 pm. This is a chance to get a night out without cooking and enjoy the fellowship of your church family.

February 28 – 12:00 – Coffee Hour with Light Lunch for all members

12:30 – Notary Here for signing of Child Protection Forms.

SHARING OUR TALENTS

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome our visitors and hope you will come back and visit with us again. There is information about our church at the back of each pew and Visitors' cards for your use.

Flowers are provided by: Linda Eshleman, in memory of my husband James Eshleman

Ushers for February – Tom and Karen Paul

Nursery for January 31 - Deacons

Counter for February 7 – Dennis Bouchard

Counter for February 14 – Joy Bouchard

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for February – Laura Weber

Strength for Today – February 8 – February 14 – Kari Nolt

Strength for Today – February 15 – February 21 – Dennis Bouchard

Are you interested in participating in the Strength for Today program?

It involves reading a brief message (no more than two minutes). It can be a devotional reading, "Our Daily Bread", a favorite Scripture passage or even verses of a hymn. It can be done from the comfort of your own home using our remote telephone procedure. **Call Tim Nolt at 278-5423 or email him at timnolt@gmail.com.** Each person is responsible for one week of messages beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday. The week starts with Monday's message and ends with Sunday's message. Messages can be recorded the night before, i.e. Monday's message can be recorded Sunday night.

****Insert for Hymn****

O Lord, As You Were On Your Way

REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6 ("How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord")

O Lord, as you were on your way to where you'd one day die,
You wanted time to rest and pray, to hear God's word to you that day.
You climbed a mountain high with three good friends close by.

So soon, the three became aware of such a wondrous sight.
Your face shone bright beyond compare, just like a glimpse of heaven
there!
Your clothes were dazzling white; your glory came to light.

The Law, the Prophets guided you as you discerned God's will.
With Moses and Elijah, too, you spoke of God's great plan for you,
God's promise to fulfill one Friday on a hill.

Why could you not remain with them and there in glory stay?
God said, "This is my own dear Son! Now listen to him, everyone!"
And so you turned to say you'd go the harder way.

O Lord, how often we pursue success at any cost,
And yet we hear God's word anew, that we are called to follow you,
Who served the poor and lost and journeyed to the cross.

Biblical References: Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36; 2
Peter 1:16-18 Tune: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1888 ("How
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****Insert for Nicene Creed****

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

****Note about Lent****

This Wednesday, February 10, 2016, is Ash Wednesday, the traditional beginning of Lent. Lent is the traditional 40 day time period of reflection and preparation before Easter. Some of us will receive ashes this Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday, as a sign of our humanness and humbleness before God, that we need God and Lent is that time to strengthen our relationship with God. Some of the ways that Christians choose to reconnect with God during the period of Lent is to take up certain practices or to vow to abstain from certain things. For example, one might decide to forego eating take-out in favor of saving money that will be given to a charity. The focus of not eating out might be to set up a healthier habit that makes one a better steward of the things God gives us- -in this case our bodies and our health. Some people try new spiritual disciplines such as walking prayer labyrinths or praying the daily office. Some volunteer more where help is needed. Some people, especially certain Christian traditions, fast on certain days or abstain from eating certain foods and instead devote that time to prayer. It's important here to note, that whatever one might choose to use as a Lenten experience, the focus is on building a better relationship with God. If one chooses to fast, it's important to note that it is not about all that weight one could lose; this is also a bad idea if you have an unhealthy relationship with food. It's important that your chosen Lenten discipline is right for you. If you will be angry and grudgeful that you cannot watch television, then it will backfire and not serve its purpose as Lenten discipline. If you give up chocolate, but you rarely eat chocolate, then perhaps that is not a good choice, either. I would encourage you to think what you can do to renew and strengthen your relationship with God this Lenten season!

--Pastor Sarah