

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -May 1, 2016
6th Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***Song of Praise to God** Let Us Celebrate the Glories of Our Lord
#320 Blue Hymnal

MORNING PRAYER

(Pastor prays and then there are a few moments of silence for personal reflection)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation! Take heart and be at peace!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#142 Blue Hymnal

ANTHEM

Living Water

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#382 Blue Hymnal

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Song to Glorify God**

Low in the Grave
#298 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:23-29 Pg. 109

SERMON

Preparation

Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Forever by Kari Jobe David Kneier

***Song of Response**

Thine is the Glory
#291 Blue 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, Ushers & Greeters
Laura Weber: Treasurer, Flowers
Janet Stirling: Prayer Chain, Transportation
Kari Nolt: Visits & Calls, Greeting Cards
Dee Neese: Secretary, Audio Ministry, Coffee Hour
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
May 1, 2016

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Don't forget the National Day of Prayer on May 5th. Please try to attend this very important event. Tickets for the May 5th event can be purchased in the Second Chances store for \$5 each or from Nancy Duquette. The breakfast is from 6:30 to 8:00 AM. Prayers will be said for seven different areas of concern by local citizens. Dona Fisher, chair of the Lancaster County National Day of Prayer committee, will pray for the churches. Glenn Eshelman, founder of Sight & Sound Theatres, will close with a short inspirational message. There is a poster in the Gathering Area here at church or you can go online to www.lancasterndp.com.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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.

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

DIRECTORY CHANGES

There is a new address for JT and Pat Catlett. They are still in Maine at the same place but their address is slightly different. If you send them mail, send to:

Dirigo Pines Inn
9 Alumni Drive
JT & Pat M164
Orono ME 04473

Please make sure the change in address for Linda Eshleman shows 211 Wickshire Cir, Lititz PA 17543. The former change many have shown 11 instead of 211.

SAVE YOUR CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Rev. Gail Mason has asked us to save our old calendars and Christmas cards. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for the cards.

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.

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.

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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Thrift Store.
Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm every Wednesday
Neighbors Connect Senior Lunch – 3rd Wednesday-12:00 pm
Family Dinner every 3rd Wednesday starting at 5:30.
Girl Scouts meet the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.
Adult Bible Study (The Gift of Faith) – 9:45 am
Worship begins at 11:00 am.

May 3 – Deacons meet at 7 pm

May 5 – National Day of Prayer – Breakfast at The Gathering Place from 6:30 to 8:00 am. Later in the day the Lancaster County National Day of Prayer event will take place in Manheim at the WJTL Junction Center.

May 6 – Wedding rehearsal and dinner

May 7 – Wedding – Dee Neese and Melvin Albert

May 8 – Mother’s Day

May 14 – St. Marks REACH Student Ministry fundraiser in the parking lot at St. Marks UM Church from 10 am to 1 pm. Shred-it day and Chicken Barbeque. Also renting space for community yard sale event (\$25.00 each). See the note in Fellowship Hall.

May 15 - Communion

May 15 – Session meeting at 12:30

May 18 – Last Neighbors Connect luncheon until September (12:00 pm)

May 18 – Last Family Dinner until September (5:30 pm)

May 30 – Memorial Day

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: Millard Sherk, In Memory of my wife Olga

Ushers for May – Meagan and Tim Nolt

Nursery - Deacons

Counter for May 1 – Barb O'Neal

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for May – Kari Nolt

Strength for Today – May 2 – May 8 – Dennis Bouchard

Strength for Today – May 9 – May 15 – Kari Nolt

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.