

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -September 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 13:34

**Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another as I have loved you.**

***Song of Praise to God Change My Heart O God
#143 Renew Hymnal**

MORNING PRAYER

**Leader: Lord we ask that you now hear our silent
prayers of confession...**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting;
know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God Jesus, Name Above All Names
#26 Renew Hymnal**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 14:19-31

SERMON What Are We Getting Into?

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**A Litany of Celebration: It's the Synod of the Trinity's 300
Year Anniversary! (see insert)**

***Song of Response Shine Jesus Shine
#247 Renew Hymnal**

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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:	Heather Ruoss
Organist Emeritus	Mary Ann Ober
Administrative Assistant	Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer:	Deborah Hoffman
<u>Elders:</u>	
Tim Nolt	Membership/Mission
Dennis Bouchard	Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard	Christian Education and Nurture
Deborah Hoffman	Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship
Meagan Nolt	Membership/Mission
Tom Paul	Property
Barbara O’Neal	Clerk of Session/Fellowship
<u>Deacons:</u>	
Nancy Duquette	Moderator, Ushers, Transportation
Laura Weber	Treasurer, Flowers
Janet Stirling	Prayer Chain, Visits and Calls
Kari Nolt	Secretary, Nursery
April Leggore	Food Bank, Audio Ministry
Karen Paul	Coffee Hour, Greeting Cards

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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

September 17 2017

MUSIC

Today in worship we are using the blue Presbyterian Hymnal. Please be sure to pick up a blue Presbyterian Hymnal from an usher if you do not have one. After the service, please return the hymnal to the back of the church.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy is joining with the Presbytery of Donegal in collecting funds for Hurricane Harvey relief. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Mount Joy with Hurricane Harvey in the memo and placed in the offering plate. Money collected by the church and greater presbytery will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, a well-known organization that works for recovery and clean-up in the wake of disasters

OCTOBER GUESTS

In October we are expecting four famous guests during the last four Sundays of the month. On these special Sundays we would like to commemorate each visit by recording a video for our Library. If anyone would be able to do this, please see Joy Bouchard to make arrangements.

MUSIC

Do you play an instrument or sing either as a soloist or in a group? Would you be willing to offer your music in a moment of special music during a worship service? If so, please contact Pastor Sarah.

F.A.I.T.H. HOMES

Furniture Bank Needs: All sizes of mattresses and box springs (except King), all sizes of sheets, curtains, pot holders, kitchen towels, office chairs, electric stoves, small storage cabinets, end tables, electric fans and washing machines. They also could use outside chairs.

GREETING CARDS

Please don't forget to save those cards that come in the mail (that you don't use). Bring them in and give them to Karen Paul.

PRAYER CHAIN (Phone chain)

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call Janet Stirling at 717-653-6395.

PRAYER LIST (Back of Bulletin)

If you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list (back of bulletin), please contact Nancy Duquette at 717-742-8058

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Due to recent changes in state laws, not session edicts, clearances are needed for anyone who is going to work with children in the church. Since we now have 4 little ones who will need care in church, we need all the help we can get. Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions or need paperwork.

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

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Laura Weber at 367-9065 or jrweber22@gmail.com 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.

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.

Second Chances has several clothing racks for sale. These are for stores but people have also purchased them for garage sales or family storage. If you are interested, see Barb or Deb. They are also listed on Craig's List under Business-Clothing Racks.

CALENDAR

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

Adult Sunday School – 9:45 to 10:30 in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Sundays

September 20 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00

Church Family Dinner – Come anytime between 5:30 and 6:30

September 24 – Coffee Hour

Hosts: Marilyn Pomroy, Nancy Duquette

Cookies: Jean Shelly, Lonnie Nolt, Nancy Duquette

SHARING OUR TALENTS
Sunday – September 17, 2017

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: Darlene and Bob Henly
To the Glory of God

Ushers for September – Nancy Duquette and Sandy Homsher

Nursery for September 17 – Kari Nolt and Lonnie Nolt
Nursery for September 24 – Jeff and Laura Weber

Counter for September 17 – Tom Paul
Counter for September 24 – Dennis Bouchard

Church Opener – Property Committee
Church Closer – Property Committee

Flowers for September – April Leggore

Greeter and Bulletin Mailer – Irene Becker

Strength for Today – September 18 – September 24 – 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.