

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
10 AM Morning Worship – August 2, 2015**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements &
Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 16)

Leader: You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

People: Everything that is good comes from You Lord!

Leader: You give me guidance and make my heart glad,

People: You lead me on the path of life.

Leader: In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

People: In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever! Amen!

***Song of Praise to God “Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing” #318 Blue Hymnal**

Prayer of Confession Unison

O Lord of compassion and mercy, we confess that one of Your greatest gifts to us has so often been the source of our greatest trials. You have given us the gift of choice. We can choose between right and wrong, between love and hate. We can take the high road or the low road. We can reach out in your name or we can retreat in the name of selfishness. O Great God of grace, help us to choose with clarity, compassion and commitment. Cleanse us from every wrong and give us the joy of making choices that bring honor to the name of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 1 Unison

**Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.**

**⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI #142 Blue Hymnal**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY # 382 Blue Hymnal**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God I Will Sing of My Redeemer
#228 Blue Hymnal**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination of the Word: Adaptation of Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader: We gather today, O Lord of Life, seeking fullness.

People: Not the fullness our world offers, but fullness that comes from You.

Leader: We spend so much of our lives on things that do not count.

People: Things that promise much and give little.

Leader: Help us now... today, to find fulfillment in Your love,

People: May we discover all you have to give,

Leader: And seek You while we yet have the gift of days.

All: Lift us O God, to a higher plane of living, as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into Your Holy presence!

Amen! Make it so Lord! Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-2; 3; 9-21 Pg.161-162

SERMON They Are Like Trees Rev. Lawrence S. Moir

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response** “Spirit of the Living God”
#Hymn 155 – 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
Organist:	Becky Caplan
Organist Emeritus:	Mary Ann Ober
Secretary:	Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer:	Deborah Hoffman
Elders:	
Tim Nolt	Membership/Mission
John Leggore	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:	
Nancy Duquette	Moderator, Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Hour
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.

ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS

August 2, 2015

PLEASE NOTE

Welcome to Rev. Lawrence S. Moir, who will be leading us in worship this morning.

Rev. Gail Mason will be preaching on August 9th and asks that we all bring our personal Bibles to church with us next Sunday.

Pastor Sarah will be out of the office from July 27th to August 9th. Contact numbers in case of emergency while Pastor Sarah is gone are Meagan Nolt, Clerk of Session, 1-(607) 857-6059 and Rev. Chris Blackford, pastor of Wrightsville PC (717) 755-5376.

LIBRARY NEWS

Now that summer is upon us, don’t forget to borrow a book or two to take on vacation with you! Check out a couple books from our church library or book rack and table in the gathering area. Take advantage of our Inspirational section (D) featuring Women of Faith, Heaven & Angels, Christian Family & Life, humor and more! It’s all good and waiting for you!

Speaking about books, Rev. Walter Mueller has written another book entitled, “God’s Amazing Grace.” Many of you know Rev. Mueller as he has long been a friend of our church. You can find the book at amazon.com. It is about John Newton who wrote the hymn, Amazing Grace. It will soon be in our Library.

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.

CALENDAR

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

August 9 – 13 - Sometime between these dates, we will once again be offering our church kitchen (and freezers) to the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce to use to make applesauce for the Chicken Barbeque on August 15th. If you would like to help cut up apples and fill containers, let Barb O'Neal know. It's always a fun time. This year we will be filling 1200 containers to put in with the dinners. We store them in our freezers downstairs and on the 15th they are put in with the dinners.

August 15 – Chamber of Commerce Chicken Barbeque – see Barb O'Neal for tickets. \$9 for dinners and \$6 for halves. Each dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, homemade applesauce and a whoopie pie (both made locally), and a drink. The halves include half a chicken and a drink.

No Sunday School until September and no Coffee Hours until September. Enjoy the Summer!

Looking Ahead – Second Chances will be closed
September 4 and 5

We have reserved 28 seats at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for the show about the Church Basement Ladies. The tickets are \$48.00 each and the date is October 10th. See Barb O'Neal – even though October is a three months away, we only have 28 seats so get your reservation in early! There is a list started in Fellowship Hall so get your name on it before the seats are gone. Payment must be in by September 15th.

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.

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

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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

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

FAITH HOMES

Just a note on additional requests from FAITH Homes. They have a fourth cottage that they will soon be furnishing and are in need of outside items including garbage can, broom, lawn mower, gas can, snow shovel, garden rake, small tool box and garden tools.

On an ongoing basis, they need mattresses, bed frames (all sizes) vacuums, changing tables, bunk beds (2), microwaves, crock pots, dressers, recliners, kitchen chairs, fans, and air conditioners.

Also – be sure to pick up one of the pamphlets that gives a donation to FAITH Homes. At the Park City Diner and The Knight and Day Diner, 3140 Lititz Pike, 10% of your bill will go to FAITH Homes. There's also a \$5 coupon in the packet for you to use. There are some on the resource table in Fellowship Hall.

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: Gerry and Buzz Bowman, to the glory of God and our savior Jesus Christ.

Ushers for August – Robert and Darlene Henly

Nursery for August 2 – Tim and Meagan Nolt
Nursery for August 9 - Laura and Jeff Weber

Counter for August 2 and 9 – Barb O'Neal

Church Opener – Property Committee
Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for August – Jeff Weber

Strength for Today – August 3 – August 9 – Barb O'Neal
Strength for Today – August 10 – August 16 – Dee Neese

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.