

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**
11 AM Morning Worship – October 19, 2014

PRELUDE “Rise Up and Serve the Lord” – Festal Song, William Walton

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison) from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands-- O prosper the work of our hands!

***Song of Praise to God** Isaiah 12:3-6: The First Song of Isaiah
#122 Renew Hymnal (1977)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we confess to you that we have strayed from the high calling and path you wish for us to follow. We have been hurtful in our relationships. We have not upheld agreements and covenants. This makes it hard to show others who you are through our actions. Help us to listen, and to turn from destructive behaviors and strategies that make reconciliation with you and with others difficult. Give us discerning minds to act in ways that are becoming of you. Hear us now in our silent prayer of confession...

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: There is no one who could condemn us but Jesus Christ- -but he is on our side as the one who came and lived and died for us!
All: In Jesus there is forgiveness! In Jesus there is peace! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***GLORIA PATRI**

The Apostles Creed (can be found on pew card)

ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Using Debts and Debtors)

*** Song to Glorify God** O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling
#658 Blue Hymnal (1976)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Offertoire” – Theodore Dubois

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:15-22 Pg 24-25

SERMON Imagining Images Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response** I’ll Tell the World that I’m A Christian
648 Blue Hymnal (1976)

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “My Heart Ever Faithful” – J. S. Bach

*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.”

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| Minister: | Rev. Sarah A. Kneier |
| Organist: | Mary Ann Ober |
| Secretary: | Barbara O’Neal |
| Treasurer: | Deborah Hoffman |

Elders:

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| 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:

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| Nancy Duquette | Moderator, Ushers, Greeters, |
| | Coffee Hour |
| Laura Weber | Treasurer, Visits & Calls |
| Janet Stirling | Prayer Chain, Transportation |
| Jeff Weber | Flowers, Nominating Committee |
| 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 all 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

October 12, 2014

Congregational Meeting

The nominees for the Ruling Elder Class of 2017 are:

**Deb Hoffman
Tim Nolt
Barb O’Neal**

The nominees for the Deacons Class of 2017 are:

**Janet Stirling
Laura Weber**

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on October 26th to elect our Ruling Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2017. As per Congregational By-Laws and The Book of Order, nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Continuing our 175th Anniversary celebration, here is a letter from Rev. Harry A. Freebairn. “Dear Joy, Thank you for the opportunity to celebrate 175 years of First Presbyterian’s ministry with you. We were pleased to catch up with Ruth Schwartz, Jean Shelly and Janet Stirling, Barbara Bair and Mary Ann Ober and to learn of David Duquette’s origins. Our table talk was pleasant with the Burns and the Kneiers. Since we expected to know no one, we were overjoyed to be able to reminisce. The evening was well-planned and executed with Dennis in charge. I hope the congregation found our responses to Jeff’s excellent questions to be as interesting to them as they were to us. We had a wonderful time. Our only regrets were that we did not get into the church to see those changes. You were kind to include us in your significant anniversary. We deeply appreciate it. – Harry and Carol Freebairn.”

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.

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

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.

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.

PRAYER GROUP

There is a new Prayer Group meeting in Mount Joy on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. It is held at what was once the "Schock Home" on Main Street. The group gets together to pray with the hope that their prayers will help Mount Joy churches, schools, citizens, etc. to flourish and grow. See Nancy Duquette if you would like more information.

POWER PACK

Pick up a flyer in Fellowship Hall if you did not get one in last week's bulletin.

New Phone Number for Shirley Mark – 717-287-3179

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.

F.A.I.T.H. HOMES OF DONEGAL

This is an organization that has separated from Homes of Hope and owns three homes (cottages) here in Mount Joy. These are used for families in transitional living situations. The organization works with Helping Services of Mount Joy and the Furniture Bank. A family is taken in at one of the cottages, mentors are supplied to help them become independent and move out into a permanent living arrangement. FAITH homes meets at the Chiques United Methodist Church the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They have asked for representatives from all the churches to attend their meetings. This doesn't have to be someone from session or the deacons but can be any one of our members. ARE YOU THE ONE? If you think you would be able to attend the meetings – once a month – and bring back information to the congregation, please get in touch with Barb O'Neal or Pastor Sarah. The minutes from the September meeting are posted in Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

October 26 – Congregational Meeting to elect new officers for 2015.

October 28 – Camp Donegal Harvest Happening from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is \$15 per person which covers all activities, lunch and refreshments. For more details see the flyer in Fellowship Hall

October 29 – Last Acts 16 Meeting – 3:30 – 8:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Strasburg.

November 2 – Session Budget Meeting after Worship.

November 2 – Giving Tree will be set up in Fellowship Hall (See insert today)

November 9 – Session Meeting after Worship.

November 9 – Deacons Meeting after Worship.

November 16 – Stewardship Sunday (No luncheon)

November 16 – Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due

Check out the flyer in your bulletin today about the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox program. Fill one or two and bring them in by Nov. 16th.

November 18 – Presbytery Meeting – Stewartstown Presbyterian Church

November 19 – Neighbors Connect – Pete Shaub speaking on Life Transitions.

November 23 – Christ the King Sunday – Communion

Hanging of the Greens – Bring a dish to share – all table
Service and Beverages will be provided

Stay to help decorate the church.

November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

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 April and John Leggore, in honor of our anniversary.

Ushers for October – Nancy Duquette and Ruth Schwartz

Greeter for October – Janet Stirling

Nursery for October 19 – Deb Hoffman and Dee Neese

Nursery for October 26 – Tim and Meagan Nolt

Counter for Today – Barb O'Neal

Counter for October 26 – Laura Weber

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Church Closer for October 26 – Laura Weber

Flowers for October – April Leggore

Strength for Today – October 20 – October 26 – Dennis Bouchard

Strength for Today – October 27 – November 2 – John Leggore

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.

THE GIVING TREE

Be the hands and feet of Jesus. Bless a child.

Again this year we are partnering with other churches in Mount Joy to provide Christmas gifts for children referred to us by the Donegal School District.

Our goal as churches is to show the love of Christ in a very practical way. A card is placed in each bag of gifts sharing that God gave the greatest gift in his son Jesus. We also invite them to church with the name listed of each church participating in the program.

There are some changes to the program. For questions contact Nancy Duquette.

1. Each child will receive 4 gifts - 2 clothing and 2 fun
2. We have committed to blessing 7 children or a total of 28 gifts.
3. Donations of \$20 or more, if desired, are needed to purchase coats. We have committed to 2 donations. Last year St. Marks Women's Ministry purchased over 200 coats. They do not have funds to do that again. Instead letters have been sent to local businesses for donations and each church is asking for donations. Coats are given out as soon as it gets cold. We do not wait until Christmas. So we have been asked to send the donations as soon as possible so coats can be purchased and given out. If shopping is difficult for you and you want to participate, this is a great option for you.
4. We will give out large rolls of gift wrap when families pick up the gifts. If you can donate any, it would be appreciated.

So here are the dates to remember:

November 2 - Our Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Area with tags

December 7 - Unwrapped gifts are placed under the tree in our Sanctuary

December 13 - Families pick up gifts at Rainbows End Youth Services

Please pray for all aspects of the Giving Tree project. Prayer is essential to its success and we can all do it! Blessings will abound.