

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
11 AM Morning Worship – March 29, 2015  
Palm/Passion Sunday

*Good Morning! Welcome as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and approach Holy Week by remembering his betrayal, arrest and crucifixion at the end of our service today.*

**PRELUDE**

\* Processional Hymn of Praise      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!  
#248 Blue Hymnal

**WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Announcements & Concerns

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2

Leader: A reading of Mark 11:1-11

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

People: Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"

\*Song to Glorify God      All Glory Laud and Honor  
#249 Blue Hymnal

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.      (Ps. 118:26)

People: Hosanna in the highest!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**      in unison

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take from form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Hear now our prayers of silent confession...

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION  
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! May the God of all mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**      (please greet your neighbor at the conclusion of the greeting)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

\*GLORIA PATRI      #142 Blue Hymnal

\*AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH  
Apostles Creed (words on pew cards)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

\*DOXOLOGY      # 382 Blue Hymnal

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON**

Mark 14:1-15:20, The Passion Narrative

Rev. Sarah Kneier

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION**

\*Song of Response      Go to Dark Gethsemane      #281 Blue Hymnal

(After singing this hymn, items are stripped from the church. Please remain standing as able and silent until all items have been removed, and the procession has gone out).

**A TIME OF SILENCE**      In honor of Christ's passion, there is no postlude today. Please proceed from the sanctuary in silence when you feel moved to do so.

Next week is Easter! Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

\*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.”

<b>Minister:</b>	<b>Rev. Sarah A. Kneier</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Mary Ann Ober</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Barbara O’Neal</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Deborah Hoffman</b>
<b><u>Elders:</u></b>	
<b>Tim Nolt</b>	<b>Membership/Mission/</b>
<b>John Leggore</b>	<b>Property</b>
<b>Joy Bouchard</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>
<b>Deborah Hoffman</b>	<b>Treasurer/Finance &amp; Stewardship</b>
<b>Meagan Nolt</b>	<b>Clerk of Session/ Youth &amp; Young Adults</b>
<b>Jean Shelly</b>	<b>Worship and Music</b>
<b>Barbara O’Neal</b>	<b>Fellowship/Outreach</b>
<b><u>Deacons:</u></b>	
<b>Nancy Duquette</b>	<b>Moderator, Ushers, Greeters,</b>
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Laura Weber</b>	<b>Treasurer, Visits &amp; Calls</b>
<b>Janet Stirling</b>	<b>Prayer Chain, Transportation</b>
<b>Jeff Weber</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>Dee Neese</b>	<b>Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio</b>
<b>Ministry</b>	
<b>April Leggore</b>	<b>Nursery, Food Bank</b>

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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.**

**To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber (361-9065 or [jrweber22@comcast.net](mailto: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.**

### **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.

### **ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS**

**March 29, 2015**

**Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is when Christians remember the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Palm Sunday is about Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday during Holy Week marks the events of the Last Supper, his betrayal and arrest. Good Friday marks Jesus’ execution by crucifixion. And on Easter Sunday, we celebrate that the tomb, Jesus’ grave, was empty, because he arose! Hallelujah! FPCMJ does not have a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service this year, but we honor those events with prayer, reflection and the stripping of important symbolic items from our sanctuary at the end of the service. Join us as we contemplate the enormity of Jesus’ sacrifice this week and celebrate the miracle of resurrection next week!**

### **About Our Guest Accompanist**

Becky Caplan is a local musician and an experienced performer and educator. She grew up in Kennett Square, but moved to the Lancaster area to attend school at Millersville University. She graduated from Millersville University in 2010 with a degree in Music Business and Technology, and is currently continuing her education at Millersville and will receive her certification in music education in Spring 2016. She has taught piano lessons for over 8 years, and currently has a piano studio at Church of the Apostles with 35 students.

Her main instrument is piano; however, she also enjoys singing and playing guitar, violin, organ and bass. She performs in the Lancaster area as a soloist, with local bands, and as an accompanist for churches, choirs, schools, and special events.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Fish Banks and envelopes are available on the resource table in Fellowship Hall. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

#### **Pastor Sarah - Contact Information**

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In case of emergency: 717.333.4803

175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET – several months ago there was a page from the Grapevine written by Rev. Burns about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was suggested to keep the page so it could be included with the 175<sup>th</sup> booklet when it was completed. If you do not have this and want a copy, see Joy Bouchard or Barb O’Neal.

#### **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.

#### **PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer Group meeting in Mount Joy on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. It is held at St. Marks United Methodist Church Ministry Center located just East of the church at 37 E. Main Street. It is across the street from the Church of God. 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.

#### **FAITH HOMES OF DONEGAL – “REWARDS CARD”**

Faith Homes of Donegal – There are brochures in the Fellowship Hall and Second Chances announcing a “rewards card” for the “Park City Diner” and “Knight and Day Diner” (formerly the Airport Diner). When a cardholder eats at either diner and presents their card to the cashier, the restaurant will donate 10% of their meal purchase to Faith Homes of Donegal. It can be used multiple times. A \$5 coupon is also included as a bonus!

### **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.

#### **CALENDAR**

Today – Palm Sunday.

March Coffee Hour

Hostesses: April Leggore and Dee Neese

April 3 – Good Friday - Second Chances Closed

April 5 – Easter Sunday

April 12 – Session Meeting and Deacons Meeting

April 15 – Neighbors Connect – Bill Bair, “Lancaster County Revolutionary War”

#### **CAMP DONEGAL**

Check out the flyers fellowship hall on the resource table. If you want to make a donation to Camp Donegal, the address is on the flyer and you can make out the check to “Camp Donegal” and indicate Scholarship Fund.

#### **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

**SECOND CHANCES DONATIONS** – Recently three large bags of maternity clothes and two strollers were given to the Pregnancy Center in Columbia. They are very grateful for anything we can send to them. **ALSO HANDS ACROSS THE STREET** in Columbia is always in need of our help. There is a flyer in the bulletin today about their ministry.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST T DONEGAL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA** on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8 am and breakfast served at 8:30 am followed by musical entertainment featuring the Donegal students. No charge but donations will be accepted. Reservations are required-call Stephanie Manuel, 492-1302 or email [Stephanie.manuel@donegal.k12.pa.us](mailto:Stephanie.manuel@donegal.k12.pa.us) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **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 provided by – Darlene and Robert Henly, to the glory of God.**

**Ushers for March – Millard Sherk and Ron Cramer**

**Ushers for April – Deb Hoffman and Barb O'Neal**

**Nursery for March 29 – Tim and Meagan Nolt**

**Nursery for April 5 – April Leggore and Dee Neese**

**Counter for March 29 – Barb O'Neal**

**Counter for April 5 – John Leggore**

**Church Opener – Property Committee**

**Church Closer for Today – Barb O'Neal**

**Flowers for March 29 – April Leggore**

**Flowers for April – Dee Neese**

**Strength for Today – March 30 – April 5 – Deb Hoffman**

**Strength for Today – April 6 – April 12 – Joy 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](mailto: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.