

COMMUNION PRAYER

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: Thanks and Praise for the beginning

For mysteries to which only you know answers...

(Pastor continues to pray...)

...A baby born

Thanks and Praise for the answer of your Son

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, full of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Thanks and Praise for the answer of your Son...

(Pastor continues to pray...)

...Remembrance, Remembering, Remember

This simple loaf, this single cup

Your grace to us

The merest and the most

Our thankful praise.

All: Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

Pastor: Holy Spirit,

Enter like wind over water...

(Pastor prays...)

...Show us how to praise you and pray to you,

Until you come again

All: Our Father... *(The Lord's Prayer using debts and debtors)*

(adapted from Kay Schneider)

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

November 22, 2015

Announcement: Today we partake in the sacrament of communion by distribution. The elements of bread and grape juice will be brought to you in your seats. After taking a serving and when passing the bread to your neighbor, you might say: "Body of Christ broken for you," and when passing the cup, you might say, "Blood of Christ shed for you." When receiving either, it is appropriate to say: "Amen."

Announcement: Do you want to light the Advent wreath at the beginning of worship this Advent and Christmas? Please see Pastor Sarah.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has prepared a devotional for Advent. You may obtain the devotional in the following ways:

--Request a printed copy – call 412-362-5610 or email reception@pts.edu.

--Read online or print and share. Visit www.pts.edu/devotional

--Receive daily e-mails – Go to www.pts.edu/email, click **Sign up for Seminary News and Devotionals**.

--Follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Google.

--Download their free Android or Apple app. Visit the store and search for **Devotions – Advent & Lent**.

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary hopes you'll follow along daily, be deepened in your faith through the words of your brothers and sisters in Christ, and prepare your heart to celebrate Christ's birth.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CUSTODIAN ---Her name is Cheryl Bonham and she started on Monday, November 16th. She recently moved here from Lititz and is now a resident of Mount Joy. If you see her around the church – say hello! And we also want to thank Ron Cramer for the time he has spent with us over the years faithfully keeping our church clean. Welcome Cheryl and Thanks Ron!

FUNDRAISER FOR FAITH HOMES

An Isaac's fundraiser has been scheduled for TONIGHT! The papers to take with you when you go are on the table in Fellowship Hall.

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.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Thanksgiving offering will be donated
to the Mount Joy Food Bank

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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR

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

Sunday school – 9:45 am – focusing on the book of Acts and the early church. Join us every Sunday for prayer, discussion and the chance to share with others. And it's fun! There will be no Sunday school on November 29th. **THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY OR NOVEMBER 29.**

Worship begins at 11:00 am.

TODAY - Communion

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

November 29 – Hanging of the Greens/Pot Luck Luncheon

December 5 – Mount Joy Winterfest – 4 to 7 pm.

Bake sale by Christian Education Committee

Bring your baked goods Friday 3 to 8 pm or

on Saturday after 9:00 am. Please make

sure your baked goods are priced.

Stuffed Toy Giveaway and Coloring Contest entry
Dropoff.

December 6 – Deacons Meeting – 12:00 pm

December 13 – Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

December 16 – Neighbors Connect – A Christmas Celebration!

December 20 – Caroling to Shut-ins

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day

(Second Chances closed 12/25 and 12/26)

No Coffee Hour in December

January 1 – New Year's Day

(Second Chances closed 1/1 and 1/2)

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: Barbara O'Neal, with thanks to the members of First Presbyterian for prayers for her daughter, Debbie O'Neal.

Ushers for November – Dee and Owen Neese

Ushers for December – John and April Leggore

Nursery for November 22 – Ron and Peg Cramer

Nursery for November 29 – John and April Leggore

Counter for November 22 – Tim Nolt

Counter for November 29 – John Leggore

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for November 22 – April Leggore

Flowers for November 29 – Jeff Weber

Strength for Today – November 23 – November 29 – John Leggore

Sttrength for Today – November 30 – December 6 – Meagan 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.