

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
10 AM Morning Worship- July 24, 2016
10th Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 85

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

Leader: For he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

People: And righteousness will look down from the sky.

***Song of Praise to God** Now Thank We All Our God
#525 Blue Hymnal

MORNING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation! Take heart and be at peace!

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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** Song to Glorify God** The Lord's Prayer
#177 Renew Hymnal

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 2:6-15-19 Pg. 200

SERMON Abounding Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
#394 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
Director of Music: Becky Caplan
Organist Emeritus: Mary Ann Ober
Secretary: Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders:
Tim Nolt: Membership/Mission
Dennis Bouchard: 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:
Jeff Weber: Moderator, Ushers & Greeters
Laura Weber: Treasurer, Flowers
Janet Stirling: Prayer Chain, Transportation
Kari Nolt: Visits & Calls, Greeting Cards
Dee Albert: Secretary, Audio Ministry, Coffee Hour
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.

NEWS OF THE WEEK
ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS
July 24, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear FPCMJ,

Thank you so much for the wonderful shower last Sunday that you held for me and Meagan. The cake and decorations were beautiful. The food was yummy and filling! And the games were great too! I know this took a lot of planning and teamwork. Thank you so much, everyone! And your gifts for the baby were generous, cute and useful. You didn’t have to do this, but it was a great time and a great help! Thank you! - Sarah, David and Ansel Kneier

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” (1636)

Today’s Song of Praise to God - #525 in the Blue Hymnal

This hymn is the first one in our bulletin today and was written by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), a Lutheran pastor in Eilenberg, Saxony. He began his work as the Thirty Years’ War was raging through Germany. Floods of refugees streamed into the walled city of Eilenberg. The Swedish army encompassed the city gates and inside there was nothing but plague, famine, and fear.

There was a tremendous strain on the pastors, who expended all their strength in preaching the gospel, caring for the sick and dying, and burying the dead. One after another, the pastors themselves took ill and perished until at last only Martin Rinkart was left. Some days he conducted as many as fifty funerals.

Finally the Swedes demanded a huge ransom. It was Martin Rinkart who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities, and the period of suffering ended. Rinkart, knowing there is no healing without thanksgiving, composed this hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world ever since.

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.

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

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Laura Weber (361-9065 or [jrweber22@comcast.net](mailto:lrweber22@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.

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 CHAIN

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

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Thrift Store.
Adult Bible Study – Bible Study will again begin in September.
Worship begins at 10:00 am

July 24 – Session Meeting – 11:00 am

RAINBOW’S COMEDY PLAYHOUSE,
Saturday, September 24th



We have a list of people who said they would be interested in attending this performance in September. The price is \$52 for each ticket. Starting in August we will be asking you to pay for the tickets. This is different from other dinners since it is not buffet serving but full table service. See Barb O’Neal if you have any questions.

SECOND CHANCES

The Second Chances schedule for August and September is being completed. First, thank you to all of the Second Chances volunteers. We have completed nine years of service to the community and the church. June 1, 2017 we will be celebrating out 10 year anniversary. If you would like to join this group of volunteers, see Barb O’Neal or Deb Hoffman. There are opportunities to work upstairs setting up and pricing and also downstairs. Some people only come two or three times a month and there are those who are there all the time. Whatever suits.

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: Karen and Tom Paul -- Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary

Ushers for July – Nancy Duquette and Sandy Homsher

Ushers for August – Darlene and Robert Henly

Nursery – July 24 – Laura and Jeff Weber

Nursery – July 31 – Dee Albert and Deb Hoffman

Counter for July 24 – Laura Weber

Counter for July 31 – Meagan Nolt

Church Opener – Dennis Bouchard

Church Closer for Today – Dennis Bouchard

Flowers for July – Dee Albert

Flowers for August – Jeff Weber

Strength for Today – July 25 – July 31 – Jeff Weber

Strength for Today – August 1 – August 7 – 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.** 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.