

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -January 22, 2017**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 27*

Leader: My Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

***Song of Praise to God** **I Surrender All**
#408 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

In Unison:

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Leader: Hear now our silent prayer of confession...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Unison:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#142 Blue Hymnal

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

382 Blue Hymnal

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God**

For All the Saints
#614 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 – Pg. 166
Matthew 4:12-23 – Pg. 3

SERMON

The Wisdom of Fools or Foolish Wisdom?

Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response**

Lead Me to Calvary
#407 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:	Heather Ruoss
Organist Emeritus	Mary Ann Ober
Secretary:	Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer:	Deborah Hoffman

Elders:	
Tim Nolt	Membership/Mission
Dennis Bouchard	Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard	Christian Education and Nurture
Deborah Hoffman	Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship+
Meagan Nolt	Membership/Mission
Tom Paul	Property
Barbara O’Neal	Clerk of Session/Fellowship

Deacons:	
Nancy Duquette	Moderator, Ushers, Transportation
Laura Weber	Treasurer, Flowers
Janet Stirling	Prayer Chain, Visits and Calls
Kari Nolt	Secretary, Nursery
April Leggore	Food Bank, Audio Ministry
Karen Paul	Coffee Hour, Greeting Cards

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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
January 22, 2017



Join us for the Lunch after the Worship Service with the Annual Congregational Meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.

LENT

Lent is coming up fast. Would you like to be in worship leadership by reading scripture, calls to worship and possibly other worship leadership opportunities? Please let Pastor Sarah know.

“JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR”

See Dennis Bouchard for tickets to the production of “Jesus Christ Superstar.” The show is at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Tuesday, February 14th. This is the story of the last seven days of Jesus Christ’s life through the eyes of Judas. The show came out over 40 years ago and borrows from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Check out the flyer in Fellowship Hall.

ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT AT MILANOF-SCHOCK LIBRARY

See the flyer in the bulletin about the exhibit coming to the library in February.

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.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Marriage encounter weekends are being held February 24-26 and March 2-4. The February weekend is open to all Lay couples and Clergy couples. The March weekend is designed for Clergy Couples and Church Workers. The sessions are interdenominational and costs are reduced by an Endowment grant. See the flyer in Fellowship Hall for contact information.

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. Due to recent changes in state laws, not session edicts, clearances are needed for anyone who is going to work with children in the church. Since we now have 4 little ones who will need care in church, we need all the help we can get. Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions or need paperwork.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes out to Karen and Tom Paul on the death of their good friend, Claudette L. Terrill. Claudette passed away on December 29, 2016 after a long illness. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Bright Side Baptist Church in Lancaster.

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.

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Laura Weber at 367-9065 or jrweber22@gmail.com 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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

CALENDAR

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

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Sundays

Choir Practice – Wednesday nights – 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study – Sundays – 9:45 – 10:30 am

January 22 – -Pot Luck Luncheon – 12:00 pm

Annual Congregational Meeting – 1:00 pm

January 29 – Joint Session and Deacons Meeting – 12:30 pm

February 5 – Deacons Meeting – 12:00 pm

February 12 – Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

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: Deb and Fred Hoffman,
In Memory of Jan and Allen Holmes

Ushers for January - Marilyn Pomroy and Joy Bouchard
Ushers for February – Dee and Mel Albert

Nursery – January 22 – Laura and Jeff Weber
Nursery – January 29 – Meagan and Tim Nolt

Counter for January 22 – Tom Paul
Counter for January 29 – Tom Paul

Church Opener– Barb O'Neal
Church Closer – Property Committee

Flowers for January – Laura Weber
Flowers for February – April Leggore

Greeter and Bulletin Mailer – Irene Becker

Strength for Today – January 23 – 29 – Deb Hoffman
Strength for Today – January 30 – February 5 – Jeff Weber

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.