

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA  
10 AM Morning Worship- -August 20, 2017-  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

**Announcements & Concerns**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 67, NRSV*

**Leader:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Leader:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**All:** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**\*Song of Praise to God**      **Love Divine All Loves Excelling**  
# 21 Blue Hymnal

**MORNING PRAYER**

**Leader:** Lord we ask that you now hear our silent prayers of confession...

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**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**

**\* Song to Glorify God**

**Break Thou the Bread of Life**  
**# 30 Blue Hymnal**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Genesis 45**

**SERMON**

**Surprise, Now What?**  
**Rev. Sarah Kneier**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**\*Song of Response**

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**  
**# 24 Blue Hymnal**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**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.”

<b>Minister:</b>	<b>Rev. Sarah A. Kneier</b>
<b>Director of Music:</b>	<b>Heather Ruoss</b>
<b>Organist Emeritus</b>	<b>Mary Ann Ober</b>
<b>Administrative Assistant</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>Dennis Bouchard</b>	<b>Music and Worship</b>
<b>Joy Bouchard</b>	<b>Christian Education and Nurture</b>
<b>Deborah Hoffman</b>	<b>Treasurer/Finance &amp; Stewardship</b>
<b>Meagan Nolt</b>	<b>Membership/Mission</b>
<b>Tom Paul</b>	<b>Property</b>
<b>Barbara O’Neal</b>	<b>Clerk of Session/Fellowship</b>
<b><u>Deacons:</u></b>	
<b>Nancy Duquette</b>	<b>Moderator, Ushers, Transportation</b>
<b>Laura Weber</b>	<b>Treasurer, Flowers</b>
<b>Janet Stirling</b>	<b>Prayer Chain, Visits and Calls</b>
<b>Kari Nolt</b>	<b>Secretary, Nursery</b>
<b>April Leggore</b>	<b>Food Bank, Audio Ministry</b>
<b>Karen Paul</b>	<b>Coffee Hour, Greeting Cards</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.

## **News of the Week**

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

**August 20, 2017**

#### **MUSIC**

**Do you play an instrument or sing either as a soloist or in a group?  
Would you be willing to offer your music in a moment of special music during a worship service? If so, please contact Pastor Sarah.**

#### **COMING SOON**

**Remember that on September 10<sup>th</sup> our worship service will go back to 11:00 am. Sunday School (Adult Bible Study) will also begin and will be held at 9:45 to 10:30.**

#### **F.A.I.T.H. HOMES**

**Furniture Bank Needs: All sizes of mattresses and box springs (except King), all sizes of sheets, curtains, pot holders, kitchen towels, office chairs, electric stoves, small storage cabinets, end tables, electric fans and washing machines. They also could use outside chairs.**

**\*\*\*\*\*The Furniture Bank is looking for volunteers to help with pick-ups and deliveries to and from the Furniture Bank\*\*\*\*\*  
CONTACT: Lorraine Lutz at 717-653-2478.**

#### **GREETING CARDS**

**Please don’t forget to save those cards that come in the mail (that you don’t use). Bring them in and give them to Karen Paul.**

**PRAYER CHAIN (Phone chain)**  
**PRAYER LIST (Back of Bulletin)**

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call Janet Stirling at 717-653-6395.

If you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list (back of bulletin), please contact Nancy Duquette at 717-742-8058

**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.

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

We may have a Service Dog in church with us at times. Service dogs are working animals and must be able to concentrate on their work. Therefore, we kindly ask that you treat this animal as any service animal is to be treated. Please do not pet, touch or speak to the dog. While it might be really tempting to do otherwise, this will allow the dog to stay focused. Thank you.

**FLOWERS**

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

**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.

**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. Second Chances has several clothing racks for sale. These are for stores but people have also purchased them for garage sales or family storage. If you are interested, see Barb or Deb. They are also listed on Craig's List under Business-Clothing Racks.

**CALENDAR**

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 in the Thrift Store  
Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Sundays

August 20 – Music in the Park – Bainbridge Band and  
Ice Cream Social

September 2 – Last Hymn Sing at Leacock.

September 3 – Labor Day Weekend

September 10 – Adult Bible Study – 9:45 am

Worship begins at 11:00 am

Deacons Meeting – 12:00 pm

Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

**SHARING OUR TALENTS**  
**Sunday – August 20, 2017**

**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:** Jean Shelly  
In Memory of Edward and Earl Shelly

**Ushers for August 20 and 27** – Millard Sherk and Fred Hoffman  
**Ushers for September** – Nancy Duquette and Sandy Homsher

**Nursery for August 20** – Nancy Duquette and Lonnie Nolt  
**Nursery for August 27** – Kari Nolt and Joy Bouchard

**Counter for August 20** – Joy Bouchard  
**Counter for August 27** – Barb O'Neal

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

**Flowers for August** – Kari Nolt  
**Flowers for September** – April Leggore

**Greeter and Bulletin Mailer** – Irene Becker

**Strength for Today** – August 21 – August 27 – Barb O'Neal

**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.