

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**11 AM Morning Worship- -December 3, 2017- -First Sunday in Advent**

**A new beginning. A birth of a baby! Join us as we wait for his birth this  
Advent season.**

**PRELUDE**

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

**THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE**  
(from *NAS*, Romans 15)

**Leader:** We gather as a people who are expectant of a new beginning.

**People:** We live in a world in need, in need of peace, in need of  
compassion, in need of love.

**Leader:** God calls us to this place. In these walls we hear the promises  
of scripture.

**People:** Everyday, we hear the stories of the world- -of nations and  
people in conflict. Of people who have been oppressed and those who  
have taken advantage. We are a world in need.

**Leader:** From scripture, God speaks the words of hope to us: “Again  
Isaiah says,

**“THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE,  
AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES,  
IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.”**

**All:** In God we place our hope.

**\*Song of Praise to God**                      **O Come. All Ye Faithful**  
**#193 Blue Hymnal**

**MORNING PRAYER**

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

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so  
that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*NAS*,  
Romans 15)

**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**                              **To God be the Glory**  
**#363 Blue Hymnal**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 – Pg 540**  
**Isaiah 64:1-9 – Pg 694**  
**Mark 13:24-37 – Pg. 50**

**SERMON – “Watch and Wait” – The Rev. Jane Busey**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**\*Song of Response**                              **Have Thine Own Way Lord**  
**# 409 Blue Hymnal**

**\*Sing the first verse of “O Come, All Ye Faithful - #193**

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

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**[www.facebook.com/firstpresmountjoy](http://www.facebook.com/firstpresmountjoy)**

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

December 3, 2017

Today we welcome to the pulpit, the Rev. Jane Busey as Pastor Sarah is on study leave. Thanks, Jane!

### Welcome to Advent!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time when we take time to prepare and reflect upon the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. The four Sundays leading up to Christmas, the observed birthday of Jesus, make up the four Sundays of Advent. For each Sunday, we will be lighting a candle on our Advent wreath after having a short reading. This year, each Sunday will have a theme hymn or carol matching the theme for the day. This Sunday is O Come, All Ye Faithful for the theme of hope.

Originally, O Come All the Ye Faithful was written in Latin and known as *Adeste Fidelis, Laeti triumphantes* by John Francis Wade, a Catholic priest in circa 1743. Rev. Frederick Oakeley, a hundred years later, translated it to English and changed the name to the one we now know. -from Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul p.57*

### NOTE

Pastor Sarah will be on Study leave from November 27, 2017 through December 3, 2017. For concerns while the pastor is away, please contact a member of session.

### FROM THE PASTOR

Interested in finding out more about Christianity? Presbyterians? Joining the church? Call the church office or contact Pastor Sarah to inquire about a Seekers’ Class so we could schedule a time that would work for everyone.

Advent and Christmas will soon be here! Are you interested in being an Advent reader and candlelighter for December? Are you a musician or group who is interested in playing/singing for our Christmas Eve service this year? If so, please let Pastor Sarah know.

*New Church email address – [fpcmj1@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmj1@gmail.com)*

#### SHOEBOXES

Thank you to those of you who helped with the shoeboxes this year – we were able to send out 11!

#### THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Thanksgiving offering will be sent to Hands Across the Street in Columbia and the Christmas offering will be sent to the Mount Joy Food Bank.

MITTEN TREE - The mitten tree has been set up in Fellowship Hall and feel free to cover it with mittens, hats, scarves. Everything will be sent to Sunset Gap for use and in their thrift store.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Everyone is invited to join the Deacons for Caroling to our Shut ins on Sunday, December 17. We will all pack a lunch and eat right after church so that we can leave by 12:45 PM. It is a wonderful time to share Christmas spirit with dear ones who are not able to come to church. Please plan to join us!

#### PRAYER CHAIN (Phone chain)

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

#### PRAYER LIST (Back of Bulletin)

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

#### THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS

Thank you very much to all who donated to the Deacons Fund in response to our request last month. We received \$495.00! As always, this church is amazingly generous. The Deacons are encouraged and thankful for your financial support

#### 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.

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 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.

#### 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.

#### NEW ADDRESS

Mary Ann Ober  
5045 7<sup>th</sup> St. W  
Bradenton FL 34209



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