

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -February 4, 2018
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isa. 40:31*

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Song of Praise to God Let All Things Now Living
#48 Renew Hymnal

MORNING PRAYER *In Unison*

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone you love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION This is a time of silence to privately lift our concerns to God.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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 Take My Life That It May Be
#150 Renew Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 9: 19-23 – Pg. 172

SERMON Many Things
The Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Song of Response I Surrender All
#408 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.”

Minister: Rev. Sarah A. Kneier
Director of Music: Rebecca Lauver
Organist Emeritus: Mary Ann Ober
Administrative Assistant: Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders:

Dennis Bouchard: Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard: Christian Education and Nurture
Marilyn Pomroy: Stewardship & Finance
Meagan Nolt: Membership/Mission
Tom Paul: Property
Sandy Homsher: Fellowship
Barbara O’Neal: Clerk of Session

Deacons:

Nancy Duquette: Moderator, Ushers, Prayer, Contacts
Lonnie Nolt: Treasurer, Flowers
Dee Albert: Transportation
Kari Nolt: Secretary, Nursery
April Leggore: Food Bank
Karen Paul: Cards, Coffee Hour

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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
February 4, 2018

LENT

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period of time leading up to Easter. It is meant to be a time of prayer and spiritual discipline. What will you do this Lenten season to concentrate on your walk with God? Why not try something? Here are some ideas:

A Lenten Devotional: Decide to get back into the routine of prayer and devotions. There are Lenten Devotionals on the table in Fellowship Hall for this purpose or you could choose a different devotional.

A Fast: It could be about food, but why not try abstaining from something else? Screen time? Checking email constantly? Giving up (Or starting a healthy habit) could be just the thing to give your spiritual life a jumpstart.

Almsgiving: This is a fancy word for giving to those in need. Perhaps there is something you could do without that would give other people what they need? Giving up your favorite treat and donating the financial savings to charity? Giving food to the food pantry?



**Food
Collection**

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR MONETARY DONATIONS**

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES continue to go out to the family of Warren (Pete) Foley who died the morning of December 31, 2017. He will be remembered by everyone for his time here at First Presbyterian. His two daughters, Lora and Emmy, and his entire family are in our prayers. A memorial service was held on January 20th here at First Presbyterian Church. Emmy Foley, 12 Donegal Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Upcoming events and workshops are posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We are members of the center and we can use their resources any time. There are some charges but as members the amount is less than non-members. They are located at 2160 Lincoln Highway East #18, Lancaster PA 17602 and the phone number is 717-299-1113. Take advantage of the workshops and upcoming events or just stop in and check them out.

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.

FURNITURE BANK NEEDS

The Furniture Bank is in need of mattresses and box springs of all sizes except King, sheet sets, dressers, small tables and chairs, little end tables, beds queen, small appliances, pots and pans. They do not need couches or dining room tables. They also need volunteers to help with moving, picking up and delivering furniture.

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Lonnie Nolt at 278-5475 or larrynolt@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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR

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

Adult Bible Study – 9:45 to 10:30 in Fellowship Hall

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

February 11 – Deacon meeting – 12:00 pm

February 11 – Session meeting – 12:30 pm

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 21 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm

February 25 – Coffee Hour

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

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Sunday – February 4, 2018

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In honor of our children,
Alexander and Alicia

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Nursery for February 4 - Deacons

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

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Strength for the Week – March – Tom Paul

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