

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

***Song of Praise to God** **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**
#404 Blue Hymnal

MORNING PRAYER

Almighty God, your son fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(a time of silence for private personal prayer)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#142 Blue Hymnal

A Moment for Stewardship

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#382 Blue Hymnal

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
#217 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:16-28 - Pg. 35

SERMON

Galilee

The Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response**

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
#458 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 11, 2018

LILY ORDERS

Please see the lily order form in this bulletin. There is a short time this year to get the orders in and the forms will only be in this and the next bulletins. The cost is \$12 per lily and orders are due next Sunday, February 25th.

LENT

Wednesday, February 14th was 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? Screentime? 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?

BULLETIN PREPARATION

The bulletin will be prepared by Kari Nolt for the next two weeks. Barb O’Neal will be gone and Kari has consented to prepare the bulletin. If you have any articles for the bulletin email them to the church at fpcmj1@gmail.com or Kari at knolt5040@gmail.com.

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.

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.

If you have an email address and would like to receive communications from Pastor Sarah, please give her your email address and she will add you to the list.

FAITH HOMES-- FURNITURE BANK

Faith Homes serves not only people who are living in the Faith Homes program but also residents from the Donegal Community who have a need for furniture and household items. The Furniture Bank is in need of mattresses and box springs (single and double only) small dressers, microwaves, silverware. They do not need couches or dining room tables. They also need volunteers to help with moving, picking up and delivering furniture.

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.

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.

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 – Third Sunday of the month

Today – Deacons meeting – 12:00 pm

February 21 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm
Representative from Parks Dept will give a presentation on making maple sugar.

February 25 – Coffee Hour

March 4 – Deacons Meeting

March 11 – Session Meeting

Directory Changes

Becky Lauver
130 Crystal Drive
Wrightsville PA 17368

Sandy Homsher – email
shomsher45@gmail.com

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

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Church Closer – Property Committee

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