

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA

11 AM Morning Worship- -March 11, 2018-- Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE God So Loved the World Stainer

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP *Eph. 2:8*
By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

*Song of Praise to God For Those Tears I Died
#436 Blue Hymnal

MORNING PRAYER in Unison
Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, we look forward to a time when all is fresh and new, like spring that renews the ground and the grass that greens and awakens to a new growing season. We rejoice in your promises to us. We thank you for the hope that we have in you and your renewal that takes place in us. We pray, Lord, that you would take from us whatever stands in the way of your will for us. Take from us our idolatry, our actions and thoughts which confuse and blur your will for us. Amen.

(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

Special Music Dave Busey

A Moment for Stewardship

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY What Wondrous Love is This Hustad

*DOXOLOGY #382 Blue Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* Song to Glorify God Now Thank We All Our God
#525 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Mark 10:17-31 – Page 46

SERMON That's Impossible The Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Song of Response Through the Love of God, Our Savior
#498 Blue Hymnal

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE In Thee Lord Have I Put My Trust J.C. Bach

*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.”

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

Elders:

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| 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:

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| 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

March 11, 2018

WELCOME

Today’s guest organist is Don Zechman. Don has played for us before. We are pleased to have him share his music with us today. Please welcome him!

CONDOLENCES

Last week we received word from Dot Durfee that her daughter, with whom she lived, has died. Dot is the widow of the Rev. Harlan Durfee, a former pastor of our church. Dot’s address is: 663 Hillgirt Circle, Oakland CA 94610

We received word recently that Pat Catlett passed away in Maine where she and her husband, J.T., have lived for many years. Pat faithfully served FPCMJ especially as a Deacon and Choir member. Please remember J.T., daughter Jennifer Netzley, son Geoff Catlett, and their families in prayer. We have addresses for J.T. and Jennifer in our Church Directory.

Our condolences continue to go out to the family of Beverly (Bev) Zink. Bev was a member of First Presbyterian Mount Joy. She died Wednesday, February 14th. A Memorial and Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on February 24th at 2:00pm.

Our condolences also 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.

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.

HELP!

The deacons are in need of large cans to transport flowers each week. Please give cans to any deacon. Thank you!

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.

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 – Fellowship meeting – 12:00 pm

Today – Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

March 18 – Olympic Games in Fellowship Hall – 6:00 pm

OLYMPICS – NEXT SUNDAY

Don't forget to get ready for our own Olympic games here in Fellowship Hall courtesy of Sandy Homsher who will lead the games. Meet here at the church at 6:00 for snacks, drinks, games and whatever else she has come up with for your entertainment! Be ready for a great night of fun, and some surprises!

March 21 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm

Brian Long from LINK in Lancaster will talk about Aging

March 25 - Communion

March 30 – Good Friday – Second Chances closed

April 1 – Easter Sunday – OGHS to be collected

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

SHARING OUR TALENTS
Sunday – March 4, 2018

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