

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

11 AM Morning Worship- -May 6, 2018-- Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

John

15:16

Leader: Jesus said:

People: You did not choose me but I chose you.

Leader: And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

***Song of Praise to God O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
#32 Renew Hymnal**

MORNING PRAYER in Unison

O God, you have prepared for those who love you, joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we have tried to make it work on our own. But we're just not capable. We cannot do it without your love and guidance. Help us to accept your love and guidance knowing that it's not about being perfect and deserving your attention but rather accepting our imperfection and your willingness to accept us.

(a time of silence for private personal prayer)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus died and the tomb was empty. He arose! This was for you and for me. Remember, through this you are forgiven. Be at peace! 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

Anthem

Jesus, My Redeemer

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY**

***DOXOLOGY**

#382 Blue Hymnal

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God**

In Christ There is No East or West

#685 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-9

SERMON

Before Emerging

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

#144 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

May 6, 2018

GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you seen God affect your life lately? Have you seen him work in everyday occurrences as you go about your day? Fill out one of the “I See God” inserts in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Chris and I want to thank you for allowing us to use your wonderful facilities for our business luncheon. We really enjoy working with your staff to make our event a success. And, thank you for being such a great neighbor!”

Chris and Kelly Kerner

LAST DAY TO DONATE FOR POWER PACKS – Don’t forget to add to the items on the table in FH! Right now only the items in the insert are needed-Thanks for helping! There are many families in the Donegal School District that do not have a full meal over the weekend. Power Packs was started to help meet this need. An explanation of the program is on the insert in this bulletin.

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.

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.

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.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Tasha Walker and her family in the death of her Grandmother (Nana) Loretta M. Dimeler. A Memorial Service was held at Sheetz Funeral Home. Tasha has been worshipping with us for some time and together with Ben Leggore, is the parent of Madison Faith Leggore. 181 E. High Street, Elizabethtown PA 17022

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. Jim Zink, 102 Frank Ave, Mount Joy PA 17552.

Our condolences also continue to go out to the family of Warren (Pete) Foley who died the morning of December 31, 2017. Emmy Foley, 12 Donegal Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

HELP!

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

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.

GROCERY CARDS

\$50 grocery cards are available from Darrenkamps, Giant and Weis markets. There are also some \$25 cards. The church gets back 5% on each card. See Deb Hoffman or in her absence, Barb O'Neal.

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

May 6 – Deacons meeting at 12:00 pm

May 6 – Session meeting at 12:30 PM

May 13 – Mothers Day

May 18 – Last Neighbors Connect until September
Speaker is Jill Weisberg from Jewish Family Services of Lancaster—unique benefits for seniors

May 20 – Pentecost - Birthday of the Church – Wear Red!

May 20 - Coffee Hour



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

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Counters for May 13 – Tom Paul and Barb O'Neal

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

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Greeter and Bulletin Mailer – Irene Becker

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