

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -September 16, 2018- -Seventeenth
Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH
Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 116:4,8*

Leader: I called to God: Lord, save my life!
People: God has delivered my soul from death.

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Song of Praise to God *Let All Things Now Living*
#389 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

After the pastor prays, there will be a short time of silent personal prayer followed by words of pardon.

Hear these words from John 3:17: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Song to Glorify God *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*
#260 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-38 – Pg. 43

SERMON A Good Deal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #382 Blue Hymnal

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*Song of Response *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
#172 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

September 16, 2018

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

PRESBYTERY: An Elder Commissioner is needed for the September 25 presbytery meeting at Chanceford Presbyterian Church. This is an evening meeting. Registration starts at 4 PM; there is an evening meal and business takes place after the meal. You do not need to be an Elder currently sitting on session, but you do need to be an ordained Ruling Elder. (Guests are always welcome at presbytery, too!) It is fun to meet and talk to people from churches in the local area. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you are interested.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: There will be a covered dish luncheon and scavenger hunt following worship on October 21st. Come join us for the fun!

NEIGHBORS CONNECT: The next Neighbor’s Connect Luncheon is on Wednesday, September 19, in Fellowship Hall. The new Executive Director, David Schell, of Main Street Mount Joy, will be speaking about future possibilities for Mount Joy.

CHOIR: Come sing with us! The first choir rehearsal at 10:15 AM in the choir room and day singing in worship is September 30th. The more the merrier!

*****GIFT CARD NOTICE*****

If you can, please try to buy and use the Darrenkamps cards in September and October. Cards are always available for Weis and Giant. See Deb Hoffman or in her absence, Barb O’Neal.

FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – WEEKLY OFFERINGS

September 2 – Current Fund - \$570
Benevolence - \$1
Capital Fund - \$95

September 9 – Current Fund - \$1045
Benevolence -- \$44
Capital Fund -- \$275

FLOWERS FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Flowers are supplied by our members. The price for flowers is \$40 for two bouquets to use for the Sunday worship service. After the service, you may take the flowers or the deacons will deliver them to shut-ins or to someone you designate. If you wish to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday, please contact Lonnie Nolt at larrynolt@comcast.net or 717-278-5475.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies go out to Evelyn Pollock, on the death of her husband. Roger Pollock died August 29, 2018 at Masonic Village. Evelyn lives at Masonic Village and she and Roger are members at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Evelyn has been worshipping with us since they moved here. The funeral and arrangements will be taking place at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Evelyn's address is 395 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown PA 17022.

SAFETY REMINDER

There is a box beside the cardboard container in Fellowship Hall marked "Glass." There is also a box in the kitchen. Any broken glass or glass not able to be recycled, that is being thrown out should be put in the box and not in garbage bags. Glass to be recycled should be put under the sink in the green can. There have been some injuries from broken glass in bags so this should be a way to forestall any more.

FUNDRAISERS AND REPURPOSE

- Large Juice cans for the deacons to use to deliver flowers.
- Bottle caps and tabs from aluminum drink cans -- fundraiser for Donegal High School Key Club. There are containers in Fellowship Hall. Any bottle caps will do.
- Save Moo Money --Moo Money caps from drink bottles at Turkey Hill will bring us money! For every 500, we get \$50.
- Greeting cards for Gail Mason -- box on the table in Fellowship Hall.
- Vintage Clothes for Elizabethtown College Drama Department.

FURNITURE BANK URGENT REQUEST

The furniture bank is in need of a pop out recliner chair for a person with sleep difficulties. They could also use silverware, pots and pan small appliances such as crock pots, toasters, toaster ovens, mixers, electric can openers and coffeepots, as well as mattresses of all sizes except king, Please call Lorraine Lutz to arrange donation at 717-653-2478.

NURSERY AND 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Adult Bible Study at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Third Sunday of the month

September 13, 15 and 20 – For these three days only theaters will show the movie from Sight and Sound – "Moses" – see the flyer on the board in Fellowship Hall.

September 19 – Neighbors Connect

September 23 – Fellowship meeting after worship

September 29 – "A Run to Remember" 5K Run/Walk and Festival
See brochures in Fellowship Hall

October 7 – World Wide Communion Sunday

October 14 – Joint Session/Deacon meeting – 12:30

SHARING OUR TALENTS
Sunday – September 16, 2018

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome our visitors and hope you will come back and visit with us again. There is information about our church at the back of each pew and Visitors' cards for your use.

Flowers are provided by: Bob and Darlene Henly - to the Glory of God

Ushers for September 9 – Jean Shelly and Nancy Duquette

Ushers for September 23 and 30 – Jeff and Laura Weber

Ushers for October – Sandy Homsher and Nancy Duquette

Nursery for September 16 – Karen and Tom Paul

Counters for September 16 – Tom Paul and Barb O'Neal

Counters for September 23 – Marilyn Pomroy and Deb Hoffman

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

Church Closer – Property Committee

Flowers for September – Lonnie Nolt

Flowers for October – Nancy Duquette

Greeter and Bulletin Mailer – Irene Becker

Bulletin Preparation – Ed Becker and Irene Becker

Strength for the Week – September – To be Determined

Are you interested in participating in the Strength for the Week program? It involves reading a brief message at the beginning of each week (no more than two minutes). It can be a devotional reading, "Our Daily Bread", a favorite Scripture passage or even verses of a hymn. It can be done from the comfort of your own home using our remote telephone procedure. **Call Meagan Nolt at 607-857-6059 or email her at meagan.harkness@gmail.com.** Each person is responsible for one month of messages.

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