

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -December 9, 2018
Second Sunday in Advent**

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Root of Jesse,
 rising as a sign for all the peoples,
 before you earthly rulers will keep silent,
 and nations give you honor:
 Come quickly to deliver us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Key of David,
 Scepter over the house of Israel,
 you open and no one can close,
 you close and no one can open:
 Come to set the prisoners free.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

The second Advent candle is lighted.

MORNING PRAYER

Lord strengthen us. Help us to be patient and to see the signs. You are coming and your plan for us is beautiful. Amen.

***Song of Praise to God** **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**
 #168 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**

Open My Eyes That I May See

#486 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:8-24 – Pg. 56, 57-80 – Pg. 57

SERMON

Benedictus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#382 Blue Hymnal

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Song of Response**

Zechariah's Song/Benedictus Dominus

Deus from Presbyterian Hymnal #601

***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
December 9, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS!
Pastor Sarah and David have sold their house
and will be moving on August 28th.
The new address is: 727 Chickies Drive, Columbia PA 17512.
All other information is the same.

MITTEN TREE – URGENT REQUEST!
The Mitten Tree is set up in Fellowship Hall and is being filled with hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for Sunset Gap. The season seems to be going so fast this year --- it’s almost time to send them! The items need to be here by December 16th – Next Sunday! Please try to bring in whatever you are donating as soon as possible.

ADVENT
During this Advent season, we will use the “*O Antiphons*,” an ancient prayer, during our call to worship. Each Sunday will use a different section. The prayer takes its original form in Latin as an acrostic poem spelling *ero cras* backwards, meaning: “tomorrow I will [come].” The images are: “...*Sapientia* (Wisdom), *Adonai* (Lord), *Radix Jesse* (Root of Jesse), *Clavis David* (Key of David), *Oriens* (Radiant Dawn), *Rex Gentium* (Ruler of the nations), and *Emmanuel* (God with us).” From the Book of Common Worship, p. 164.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
The Deacons will again visit our Shut – Ins and sing Christmas Carols with them. We would love to have you join us on Sunday December 16, 2018. We will each bring our lunch and eat quickly right after church so that we can leave by 1:00 P.M. If you have done this with us before, then you know that it is a heartwarming time for all involved! If you haven’t already done so, please come and you will brighten your own Christmas in addition to theirs. The more who join with us, the merrier! If you have any questions please contact Nancy Duquette.

HANDS ACROSS THE STREET
We are supporting the Hands Across the Street outreach mission and there is a flyer in the bulletin describing the program. The display is in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Would you like to be a part of our Christmas Eve service? It is a service of lessons and carols. We need people who would like to sing or play instruments. Also, there will be other non-musical parts like reading scripture or prayers. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you are interested

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 2, 2018

Current - \$2,364.00 Benevolence - \$45.00 Capital - \$465.00

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

(Flyer in Fellowship Hall)

December 11-14 and 17 – 21 – 9:30 am to 4 pm --Hope Reborn: A self-guided, interactive, contemplative advent experience – Parish Resource Center – Free

December 12 – Advent Labyrinth Walk – 6:30 to 8 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster PA 17601 - Free

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.

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. !!!!! We found out what the caps are for; they will be used by the students to put together a large sign that will be on display at the library.

--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

--Vintage Clothes for Elizabethtown College Drama Department.

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.

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

Today – Deacons Meeting – 12:00 pm

Today – Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

Tonight – Donegal Presbyterian Church Concert – 7:00 pm

Tonight – Evening with Father Boyle tonight – Hempfield Performing Arts Center at 7 pm – Flyer in Fellowship Hall

December 16 – Christmas Caroling after worship service- bring lunch

December 19 – Neighbors Connect Christmas Party – 12:00 pm

December 21 through December 29 – Second Chances will be closed

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 pm

December 25 – Merry Christmas!

January 1 – Happy New Year!

January 6 – Ordination/Installation Sunday

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