

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 55:1-13

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no

money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and

your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

All: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my

ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

People: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not

return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

All: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains
and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, we gather today as your people who are created by you, and people who depend upon you for each day of our existence. We live by your word and hunger for your wisdom. Holy God, fill us with you wisdom, your word, and all that is good from you. Let us rejoice as the trees and all of creation in your presence. Amen.

*Song of Praise to God

As the Deer
#9 Renew Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: 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

ANTHEM

Chosen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Song to Glorify God

O Jesus, I Have Promised
#402 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9 – Pg. 76

SERMON

**Figs and Other Things
The Rev. Sarah Kneier**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

**One Great Hour of Sharing
Tom Paul**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#382 Blue Hymnal

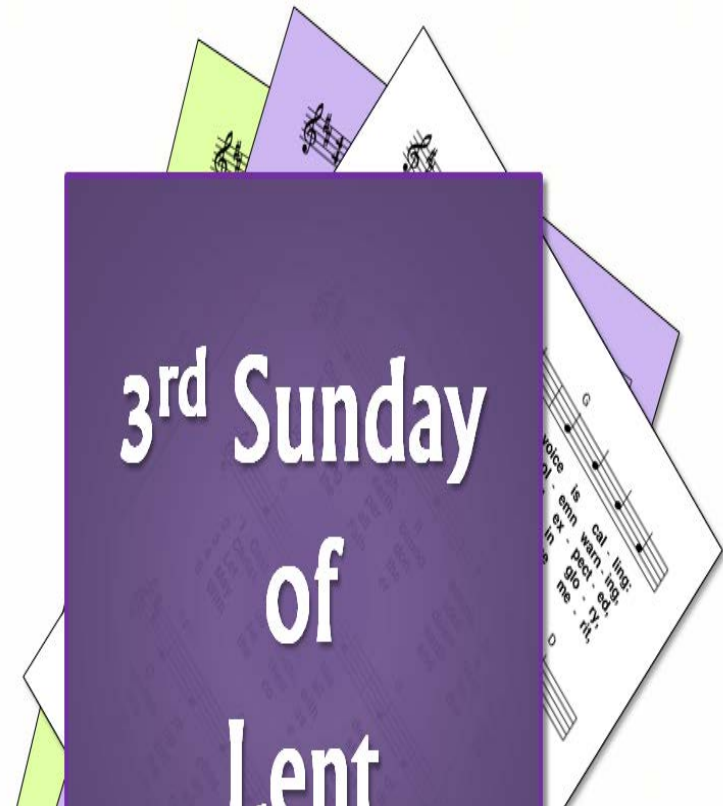
***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***Song of Response O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling
#658 Blue Hymnal**

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

***standing in mind, body or in spirit**



**First Presbyterian Church
7 Marietta Avenue
Mount Joy PA 17552**

“A Friendly, Caring Church”

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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	
Barbara O’Neal/Marilyn Pomroy	Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard	Christian Education & 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
Lonnie Nolt	Flowers, Food Bank
Dee Albert	Transportation
Kari Nolt	Secretary, Nursery
Laura Weber	Treasurer, Contacts
Karen Paul	Cards, Coffee Hour

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The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy was organized on December 1, 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 24, 2019

INSERTS

Lectio Divina – to use for prayer

Also, see the Prayer List on a separate insert today

SECOND CHANCES NEEDS HELP
ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!!

On March 29 and March 30 our spring clothing sale will take place. Clothing will be 70% off for both days. On Saturday the 30th we will be removing clothes from the racks and we could use help from 3:00 to 4:00. People are needed to take the clothes off the racks, fold them, put them in bags and carry the bags upstairs. Jim Martin from Hands Across the Street in Columbia will be taking the bags for their clothing bank. FROM 2:30 TO 3:00 you can come in and take any clothing (FREE) you want but only between these hours.

AFTER WE ARE DONE, WE’LL HAVE PIZZA FOR ALL THE WORKERS. COME, GET FREE CLOTHES BETWEEN 2:30 AND 3, HELP UNLOAD THE RACKS AND EAT PIZZA WITH US!!

FREE

Two - First Presbyterian Church 175th Anniversary shirts
1 – 2 XL and 1 – XL
See Deb or Barb

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

LOOK ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR NEW COURSES AND CONCERTS

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 service. Please contact Lonnie Nolt at larrynolt@comcast.net or 717-278-5475

**LOOKING FOR ELDER COMMISSIONERS
FOR PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

Pastor Sarah is looking for people who are ordained elders to attend the Presbytery meetings to represent our church. The dates that are available are April 4 – 4:00 pm, and September 24 - 4:00 pm. Please let her know if you would be willing to attend.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Darlene Henly and her family. Robert Henly was a long time and well-loved member of our church. He died on January 17th. A memorial service was held on January 23rd at Roseboro Stradling Funeral Home in Denver. Darlene's address is listed below. Memorials can be sent to First Presbyterian Church.

NURSERY AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions or need paperwork.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Darlene Henly
40 Freemason Dr., Apt 406
Elizabethtown PA 17022

Kari Nolt
4180 Nolt Rd.
Mount Joy, PA 17552



CHURCH CALENDAR

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 in the Thrift Store
Adult Bible Study at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall on Sunday
Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 m – Third Sunday of each month
Faith Homes of Donegal – 6:30 - First Monday of each month

March 24 – Coffee Hour

April 7 – Deacons meet – 12:00 pm

April 7 – Session meeting – 12:30 pm

April 14 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Neighbors Connect – Peg Hamm (EMA Mount Joy)

April 19 – Good Friday
Second Chances closed Friday and Saturday

April 21 – Easter Sunday

May 3 – Senior Breakfast – Donegal High School Cafeteria – 8:30 am
Call Stephanie Manuel at 717-492-1302 to rsvp (required)
See advertisement on the bulletin board

LENTEN LUNCHES

March 27, April 10 and 17
Florin Church of the Brethren
Meditation by local Ministers
Lunch is Free – 12:00 pm

NOAH at the MOVIES

April 9, 11 and 13
Penn Cinema – Lititz
Regal Lebanon Valley Stadium 10
Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14

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