

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA

11 AM Morning Worship- -March 8, 2020- -Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP A Reading of Psalm 121

GATHERING PRAYER

Bless us on this day of worship. We are gathered with our words of praise and our voices to raise in song. May we be open to your word and soak in the message you have for us. Even as the rain falls from the sky and soaks into the earth causing the flowers to sprout and blossom, may we too blossom with your grace working upon us. May we grow and change to be more like the people you call us to be. May we learn to more fully trust and see the glimmers of what will be in you. You are the one who not only made us and all of the world we live in, but you are here and working among us. We praise you for this. You are the one who creates, redeems and sustains. Amen.

*Song of Praise to God Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
#46 Renew Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #142 Blue Hymnal

CHILDRENS SERMON

* Song to Glorify God Be Thou My Vision
#468 Blue Hymnal

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-17 – Page 93

SERMON Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY # 382 Blue Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Song of Response What Wondrous Love
#277 Renew Hymnal

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*standing in mind, body or in spirit

Additions to Prayer List: Corona Virus for those sick and wisdom in treatment and prevention, Syria, Middle East

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: MaryAnn Ober
Administrative Assistant: Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders

Barbara O’Neal – Fellowship and Mission
Marilyn Pomroy -- Stewardship & Finance
John Leggore - Property
Dave Busey – Christian Education and Membership
Deborah Hoffman – Worship and Music
Barbara O’Neal -- Clerk of Session

Deacons

Nancy Duquette -- Moderator, Ushers, Prayer
Lonnie Nolt -- Flowers, Contacts
Dee Albert – Transportation
Kari Nolt -- Secretary, Nursery
Laura Weber -- Treasurer, Coffee Hour
Karen Paul -- Cards, Food Bank

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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 8, 2020

TODAY ---- HELPERS NEEDED -- After the worship service, we need help to take boxes for Purple Heart down the outside stairs to be stacked on the sidewalk for pickup on Monday, March 9th. Thank you all for doing this!

SPRING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

On Saturday, March 28th, Second Chances will be clearing the clothes racks and donating the clothing to Hands Across the Street in Columbia. Lori from HATS will be coming with helpers to load up the clothes. We could use some helpers of our own – anyone who is able to spend a couple hours (3 to 5 pm) to help is appreciated. We start at 3:00 and last year were done before 5.

On Tuesday, March 31, spring and summer clothing will be put out on the racks at our regular Tuesday work day.

FROM THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Music and Worship Committee, acting on behalf of the session and seeking approval of the session when necessary, shall be responsible for any and all changes and/or additions to the sanctuary. Recognizing that the church sanctuary is a place of worship, all additions and/or changes to the ornamentation in that location should have a scriptural connection and/or relation to the spiritual or religious occasion and should not distract in any way from the worship services. If anyone wishes to make a purchase for use in the sanctuary, prior approval must be received from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Mount Joy.

PARKING LOT – Beginning in March, you may see cars parked behind the church on Fridays. The DSAA (Donegal Substance Abuse Assoc) three doors east on Main Street has asked us for parking space for their Family Recovery program. This should not interfere with Second Chances since their program is during the day on Fridays.

STORIES OF THE BIBLE Through Art – April 11th 11 am to 3 pm
Heritage Day at the Star Barn Village. Works of Art on Display by Liz Hess and Glenn Eshelman. See the advertisement for this on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

THE FURNITURE BANK HAS A NEW LOOK

Carol Gockley is in charge of the furniture and has added shelves to store bed and other linens, dishes, kitchen supplies and more. If anyone needs service there they can call her at Mount Joy Helping Services (717-653-5585 – Option 3) and the call goes to her. She is usually in at the Furniture Bank every day. The Furniture Bank is no longer taking mattresses. **THERE ARE CARDS ON THE SECOND CHANCES BULLETIN STRIP TO GIVE TO PEOPLE WHO INQUIRE ABOUT THE FURNITURE BANK.**

FOOD BANK

Don't forget to help load the basket in Fellowship Hall with requested items. See the list behind the Food Bank basket. The Food Bank also accepts non-food items like paper products, soap, etc. **THERE ARE CARDS ON THE SECOND CHANCES BULLETIN STRIP TO GIVE TO PEOPLE WHO INQUIRE ABOUT THE FOOD BANK OR MOUNT JOY HELPING SERVICES.**

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Email: sarahfpmj@gmail.com Please be wary of emails asking for information or favors. Check the email address of origin. If it is not the above address, it is a scam. Phone: 717.653.4636 (non-emergencies only) In case of urgent matters or emergencies, use mobile phone number in the directory. Office Hours: By appointment.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Pulpit flowers are now provided by Floral Designs in Mount Joy. The price is still \$40 for two bouquets. If you want to provide flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please call Lonnie Nolt at 717-278-5475.

NURSERY AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who helps Kylie and Kayla Bowman in the nursery and works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Clearances are needed for anyone who is going to work with children in the church. Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions or need paperwork.

CHURCH CALENDAR CONTINUING EVENTS

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

Choir – Sunday at 10:30 am

Bible Study – Sunday at 9:45 – 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 m – Third Sunday of each month

Faith Homes of Donegal – 6:30 – Usually the First Monday of each month

Second Chances Tuesday work day will not be closed the first Tuesday of the month. The bulletin will show when Second Chances Set-up day is to be closed.

CURRENT AND FUTURE EVENTS

March 8 – Load boxes for Purple Heart

March 8 – Session Meeting (also Daylight Savings Change)

March 11 – Lenten Lunch – Pastor Brian Albert – “Were You There – as a Confessor??” Florin BIC

March 14 – Annual Lenten Tea at Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church – See bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

March 18 – Lenten Lunch – Pastor Colin Gingrich – “Were you There – as a Sympathizer??” Florin BIC

March 22 – Coffee Hour

Hostesses: Nancy Duquette and Marilyn Pomroy

Cookies: Joyce Buckius, Meagan Nolt

March 25 – Pastor Tom Weber – “Were You There – as His Family??” Florin BIC

March 28 – Clear winter clothing from store – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

March 31 – Fill racks in Second Chances with spring and summer clothes

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In memory of Jill and Marty

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