

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

11 AM Morning Worship – April 26, 2015-- Fourth Sunday of Easter

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Announcements & Concerns

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

**People:** We know love by this that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**Leader:** How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

**People:** Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

**ALL:** By this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him.

**\*Song of Praise to God**      He Leadeth Me   #606   Blue Hymnal

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Jesus is our shepherd. Jesus loves us, lays down his life for us. We are to believe in him, obey his commandments and love one another, even those “outside the sheepfold” for they also are his. That is our challenge, that all creation may come to know the good shepherd who loves and cares for all creation. Let us come before the Lord in thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done to give us life and hope. We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for with you as our shepherd,

we need nothing more. At the dawn of time you spread creation out like a banquet and in love brought forth all life on the earth. Through your prophets you promised a good shepherd, who though rejected, would become the cornerstone of salvation for every creature under heaven. Your promise has been fulfilled in your Son, Jesus of Nazareth, who showed us the fullness of love and lays down even its own life for others. He was crucified, but you raised him from the dead, and through his love we have the boldness to approach you. Because he abides in us, and in all who listen to his voice, our cup overflows with goodness and love and our feet find safe paths leading to your house where we will live forever. Be with us in our worship today and throughout the week, that we may show your love and care for all people and all creation. Amen

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Though we have fallen short of his commandments, through faith in his name we are saved and raised to new life. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#142 Blue Hymnal

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH in unison**  
The Apostles' Creed    (Words on pew cards)

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

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** # 382 Blue Hymnal

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* Song to Glorify God** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
#601 Blue Hymnal

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 23 – Pg 501  
I John 3:2, 16-24 – Pg 240  
John 10:11-18 – Pg 103

**SERMON** Shepherding for Today Rev. Jane Busey

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**\*Song of Response** Bind Us Together, Lord  
#292 Renew Book

### **\*THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

### **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

**Organist:** Mary Ann Ober

**Secretary:** Barbara O’Neal

**Treasurer:** Deborah Hoffman

**Elders:**

Tim Nolt

John Leggore

Joy Bouchard

Deborah Hoffman

Meagan Nolt

Jean Shelly

Barbara O’Neal

**Deacons:**

Nancy Duquette

Laura Weber

Janet Stirling

Jeff Weber

Dee Neese

April Leggore

**Membership/Mission/**

**Property**

**Christian Education**

**Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship**

**Clerk of Session/ Youth & Young Adults**

**Worship and Music**

**Fellowship/Outreach**

**Moderator, Ushers, Greeters,**

**Coffee Hour**

**Treasurer, Visits & Calls**

**Prayer Chain, Transportation**

**Flowers**

**Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio Ministry**

**Nursery, Food Bank**

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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.

## **ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS**

**April 26, 2015**

**Pastor Sarah will be out of town from April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Meagan Nolt, Clerk of Session or any Elder or Deacon.**

### **ASK US/TELL US CARDS**

Remember to use these cards to let session or Pastor Sarah know about any concerns you have, any news to share, and to ask for special hymns to be used in the worship service.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer Group meeting in Mount Joy on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. It is held at St. Marks United Methodist Church Ministry Center located just East of the church at 37 E. Main Street. It is across the street from the Church of God. The group gets together to pray with the hope that their prayers will help Mount Joy churches, schools, citizens, etc. to flourish and grow. See Nancy Duquette if you would like more information.

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| <b>If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.</b> |
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**To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber** (361-9065 or [jrweber22@comcast.net](mailto:jrweber22@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.

### **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Please see John Leggore if you have not done this.

## **CALENDAR**

**Today – Coffee Hour – Hosts: Ron, Peg and Dan Cramer  
Cookies – Jeff Weber, Nancy Duquette, Gerry Bowman**

**Today – Spring Cantata – 6:30 pm at Mount Joy Mennonite Church featuring the Cumberland Valley Christian Choir (a choir of 100 singers) presenting a selection of traditional choir arrangements and hymns. Freewill offering will be taken to assist Rainbow's End Youth Services at the event. See the flyer near the resource table in fellowship hall.**

**April 29 – AA Meeting – 8:00 pm**

**May 3 – Deacons Meeting after worship.**

**May 3 – Session Meeting after worship.**

**May 7 – Prayer Breakfast at The Gathering Place. At 6:30 am. Tickets are \$5.00. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CORRECTION.**

**May 10 – Mother's Day**

**May 15 – Senior Breakfast at Donegal School. Doors open at 8 am and breakfast served at 8:30 am followed by musical entertainment featuring the Donegal students. No charge but donations will be accepted. Reservations are required-call Stephanie Manuel, 492-1302 or email [Stephanie.manuel@donegal.k12.pa.us](mailto:Stephanie.manuel@donegal.k12.pa.us) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**May 17 – We would like to invite the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to a luncheon after the worship service. You were all very special to Ethel O'Neal and we would like to thank you for all you did for her. Since May 17 would have been her birthday, it seemed like the perfect time. There will be more information later but this our way of saying she loved you and would have wanted to thank you. Sherry, Debbie and Barb O'Neal**

**May 24 - Communion**

### **CAMP DONEGAL**

Check out the flyers fellowship hall on the resource table. If you want to make a donation to Camp Donegal, the address is on the flyer and you can make out the check to “Camp Donegal” and indicate Scholarship Fund.

### **GROCERY CARDS**

**Grocery cards** for Giant, Weis and Darrenkamps are available for purchase. The church earns 5% of all cards sold. See Deb Hoffman. In her absence, please see Barb O’Neal

### **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.

### **FAITH HOMES OF DONEGAL – “REWARDS CARD”**

**Faith Homes of Donegal – There are brochures in the Fellowship Hall and Second Chances announcing a “rewards card” for the “Park City Diner” and “Knight and Day Diner” (formerly the Airport Diner). When a cardholder eats at either diner and presents their card to the cashier, the restaurant will donate 10% of their meal purchase to Faith Homes of Donegal. It can be used multiple times. A \$5 coupon is also included as a bonus!**

**Sympathy goes out to the O’Neal family upon the death of Ethel O’Neal. Ethel died peacefully on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the age of 97, at Lancaster General Hospital with her family present. She had attended First Presbyterian for several years. She was the mother-in-law of Barb O’Neal and the grandmother of Sherry and Debbie O’Neal. Memorials can be sent in her name to First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy and will be used for the Deacons and the Food Bank.**

### **SHARING OUR TALENTS**

**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 today are provided by Barb O’Neal, in memory of her mother-in-law, Ethel O’Neal.**

**Ushers for May – Ed and Irene Becker**

**Nursery for April 26 – Joy Bouchard and Kari Nolt**

**Nursery for May 3 – Tim and Meagan Nolt**

**Counter for April 26 – Tim Nolt**

**Counter for May 3 – Jean Shelly**

**Church Opener – Property Committee**

**Church Closer for Today – Tim Nolt**

**Flowers for April – Dee Neese**

**Flowers for May – April Leggore**

**Strength for Today – April 27 – May 3 – Deb Hoffman**

**Strength for Today – May 4 – May 10 – Meagan Nolt**

**Are you interested in participating in the Strength for Today program?**

It involves reading a brief message (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 Tim Nolt at 278-5423 or email him at [timnolt@gmail.com](mailto:timnolt@gmail.com).** Each person is responsible for one week of messages beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday. The week starts with Monday’s message and ends with Sunday’s message. Messages can be recorded the night before, i.e. Monday’s message can be recorded Sunday night.