

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

11 AM Morning Worship – October 26, 2014

PRELUDE “I Waited for the Lord” – Felix Mendelsson

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Ps. 95:1,2*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*Song of Praise to God I Love You Lord #36 Renew Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

All: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Pastor: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** Apostle’s Creed (can be found printed on pew cards)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Using Debts and Debtors)

* Song to Glorify God My Jesus, I Love Thee (1864) #275 Renew

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Bethren, We have Met to Worship”
(Holy Manna) – Wm Moore

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22: 36-40 Pg 25

SERMON So What’s the Difference? Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Song of Response A Mighty Fortress is Our God #118 Blue Hymnal

*THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Sing A New Song of Joy! – Hugh Livingston

*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 Membership/Mission
John Leggore Property
Joy Bouchard Christian Education
Deborah Hoffman Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship
Meagan Nolt Clerk of Session/ Youth & Young Adults
Jean Shelly Worship and Music
Barbara O’Neal Fellowship/Outreach

Deacons:

Nancy Duquette Moderator, Ushers, Greeters,
Coffee Hour
Laura Weber Treasurer, Visits & Calls
Janet Stirling Prayer Chain, Transportation
Jeff Weber Flowers, Nominating Committee
Dee Neese Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio Ministry
April Leggore 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 all 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

October 26, 2014

Congregational Meeting

The nominees for the Ruling Elder Class of 2017 are:

Deb Hoffman
Tim Nolt
Barb O’Neal

The nominees for the Deacons Class of 2017 are:

Janet Stirling
Laura Weber

There will be a congregational meeting after worship today to elect our Ruling Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2017. As per Congregational By-Laws and The Book of Order, nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Coffee Hour Today – Hosts – Larry and Lonnie Nolt

Cookie Providers – Peg Cramer, Joan Helwig, Gerry Bowman

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Needed - ordained Ruling Elders to represent 1st Pres. Mount Joy as Elder Commissioners at Presbytery meetings.

You don't have to be a sitting Elder – anyone who has been an Elder in the past or is an Elder now, is eligible to attend. Each church should have an Elder Commissioner along with the pastor at each Presbytery meeting. If you have never been to a meeting, now is a good time to start. The meetings are on Tuesdays and usually during the day with one evening scheduled. Upcoming meetings are shown below:

- Jan 27, 2015 - Covenant PC
- Mar. 24, 2015 - Leacock (evening)
- June 23, 2015 - New Harmony
- Sept. 22, 2015 - Camp Donegal
- Nov. 17, 2015 - Trinity PC

If you would be willing to perform this very important service, please get in touch with Rev. Kneier.

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To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber (361-9065 or 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.

If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.

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.

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.

PRAYER GROUP

There is a new Prayer Group meeting in Mount Joy on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. It is held at what was once the "Schock Home" on Main Street. 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.

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.

SECOND CHANCES HAS ANOTHER PLACE TO DONATE

We had a call from one of the Second Chances email customers about the need for towels, sheets, etc that cannot be used for sale or for the Furniture Bank. The Columbia Animal Hospital was in need of these items so now rather than throwing them out, they will have a useful purpose. We made the first drop-off last week and received many, many thanks. This is just one more way Second Chances is reaching out to the community.

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

SEEKING PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The position is part-time – 20 to 30 hours a week. There are job descriptions posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if anyone is interested. Contact the center at info@parishresourcecenter.org.

F.A.I.T.H. HOMES OF DONEGAL

Dennis Bouchard has kindly volunteered to be the liaison between our church and FAITH Homes. They meet on the first Monday of every month at Chicques United Methodist Church. If anyone is interested, please see Dennis. **THANK YOU DENNIS**

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

October 26 – Congregational Meeting to elect new officers for 2015.

October 28 – Camp Donegal Harvest Happening from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is \$15 per person which covers all activities, lunch and refreshments. For more details see the flyer in Fellowship Hall

October 29 – Last Acts 16 Meeting – 3:30 – 8:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Strasburg.

November 2 – Session Budget Meeting after Worship.

November 2 – Giving Tree will be set up in Fellowship Hall (See insert today)

November 3 – Last day to hand in Poinsettia orders. (See order sheet in today's bulletin)

November 9 – Session Meeting after Worship.

November 9 – Deacons Meeting after Worship.

November 15 – "Holiday Remembrance Service" at Community Bible Church, 331 Anderson Ferry Road, Marietta, PA. This is the yearly service sponsored by Sheetz Funeral Home. There is a Special Musical at 10:30 am, Service at 11 am and Reception and Social at 11:45 am. A memorial service honoring family members and friends who have died and open to all members of the community. **See the insert in today's bulletin.**

November 16 – Stewardship Sunday (No luncheon)

November 16 – Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due – See the insert in today's bulletin.

November 18 – Presbytery Meeting – Stewartstown Presbyterian Church

November 19 – Neighbors Connect – Pete Shaub speaking on Life Transitions.

November 23 – Christ the King Sunday – Communion

Hanging of the Greens – Bring a dish to share – all table Service and Beverages will be provided

Let's end our 175th Anniversary year with a time of Fun and Fellowship!!! Stay to help decorate the church.

November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

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 are provided by Tom and Karen Paul, in memory of Karen's father Richard Adamire.

Ushers for Today – Jean Shelly and Barbara O'Neal

Ushers for November 2 – Ed and Irene Becker

Greeter for October and November – Janet Stirling

Nursery for October 26 – Tim and Meagan Nolt

Nursery for November 2 – Peg and Ron Cramer

Counter for Today – Laura Weber

Counter for November 2 – Nancy Duquette

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today – Laura Weber

Church Closer for November 2 – Property Committee

Flowers for October – April Leggore

Flowers for November – Dee Neese

Strength for Today – October 27 – November 2 – John Leggore

Strength for Today – November 3 – November 9 – Jeff Weber

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.** 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.

THE GIVING TREE

Be the hands and feet of Jesus. Bless a child.

Again this year we are partnering with other churches in Mount Joy to provide Christmas gifts for children referred to us by the Donegal School District.

Our goal as churches is to show the love of Christ in a very practical way. A card is placed in each bag of gifts sharing that God gave the greatest gift in his son Jesus. We also invite them to church with the name listed of each church participating in the program.

There are some changes to the program. For questions contact Nancy Duquette.

1. Each child will receive 4 gifts - 2 clothing and 2 fun
2. We have committed to blessing 7 children or a total of 28 gifts.
3. Donations of \$20 or more, if desired, are needed to purchase coats. We have committed to 2 donations. Last year St. Marks Women's Ministry purchased over 200 coats. They do not have funds to do that again. Instead letters have been sent to local businesses for donations and each church is asking for donations. Coats are given out as soon as it gets cold. We do not wait until Christmas. So we have been asked to send the donations as soon as possible so coats can be purchased and given out. If shopping is difficult for you and you want to participate, this is a great option for you.
4. We will give out large rolls of gift wrap when families pick up the gifts. If you can donate any, it would be appreciated.

So here are the dates to remember:

November 2 - Our Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Area with tags

December 7 - Unwrapped gifts are placed under the tree in our Sanctuary

December 13 - Families pick up gifts at Rainbows End Youth Services

Please pray for all aspects of the Giving Tree project. Prayer is essential to its success and we can all do it! Blessings will abound.