

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

11 AM Morning Worship – November 2, 2014

PRELUDE “Air” from Cantata No. 27 – J. S. Bach

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: After this I looked and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

***Song of Praise to God** Rev. 5:12: Glory to the Lamb #135 Renew Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***GLORIA PATRI**

Special Music Your Love is Strong David Kneier

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Pg 28

SERMON Trimming the Wick Rev. Sarah Kneier

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Lighting of Candles
Litany of Thanksgiving
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*** Song to Glorify God** For All the Saints # 614 Blue Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “When We Gather at the River” – Robert Lowry, arr. Paxton

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Song of Response** I Know That My Redeemer Lives #295 Blue Hymnal

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “Holy, Holy, Holy” – John B. Dykes, arr. 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

November 2, 2014

"Today's service has an All Saints Day emphasis. This is our opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for the entire church- -including those who have already died and gone on before us. There are many tea candles on the Lord's Table that we will have the opportunity to light during our prayer time as an act of remembrance and thanksgiving for these people who have touched our lives, and whose loss we still mourn. We grieve, but we do not grieve as people without hope as we remember the promise we have in Christ. Consider lighting a candle as an act of prayer to God when invited to do so. Praise be to God for the promise of life given to us through God!"
Thanks,

On November 9th, Parker Nolt will be baptized at the Worship Service. Immediately following the service there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall hosted by his grandparents, Larry and Lonnie Nolt, great grandparents, Geri and Buzz Bowman and his parents. Tim and Meagan Nolt. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and fellowship and to celebrate Parker's special day.

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.

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 Leggere 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.

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!**

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1290 River Road in Marietta will be hosting their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 14th from 11 am to 4 pm and Saturday November 15th from 9 am to 2 pm. Craft items, gifts, jewelry and white elephant items will be featured as well as homemade baked goods and candy. Also gift basket and collectibles silent auction. Casserole, soup and sandwich menu will be offered on both days of the event plus many other surprises.

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

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 – Baptism of Parker Nolt. Luncheon follows in Fellowship Hall.

November 9 – Session Meeting after Luncheon

November 9 – Deacons Meeting after Luncheon

November 14 and 15 – Annual Holiday Bazaar at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church – see explanation in this flyer.

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 Mary Ann Ober, in loving memory of my husband, D. Kenneth Ober.

Ushers for November – Ed and Irene Becker

Greeter for November – Janet Stirling

Nursery for November 2 – Peg and Ron Cramer

Nursery for November 9 – John and April Leggore

Counter for Today – Joy Bouchard

Counter for November 9 – Jean Shelly

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Church Closer for November 2 – Property Committee

Flowers for November – Dee Neese

Strength for Today – November 3 – November 9 – Barb O'Neal

Strength for Today – November 10 – November 16 – 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.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

WHEN We Pray, God Works

"Continue earnestly in prayer" –Colossians 4:12

Prayer is at the heart of Operation Christmas Child as we work to share the Gospel with children all over the world. As faithful people like you pray for the project, the Holy Spirit prompts people to pack shoeboxes, pairs those gifts with just the right child, and softens hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20 NKJV)

National Collection Week is November 17-24!

Visit the website www.samaritanspurse.org to find everything you need to share good news and great joy with children around the world, including how to pack a shoebox, and where to find your nearest drop-off location. You can discover the destination of your gift by making your shipping donation online, download free resources from our resource hub, and learn more about the Greatest Journey, Operation Christmas Child's follow-up discipleship program.

At First Presbyterian, the shoeboxes are due November 16th. They will be taken to the collection point after that. Fill your box or boxes and put them on the table in Fellowship Hall.

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. **To give to the coats drive for the Giving Tree, please note on your check or envelope with cash in it, that it is for Giving Tree coats and put it in the offering plate. Deb will forward the donations. There are no tags on the tree for coats. They are all for gifts. Thank 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.