

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

11 AM Morning Worship – November 23, 2014--Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE “Ode to Thanksgiving” – on themes from Ludwig vanBeethoven

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is, and who is to come!

***Song of Praise to God** Come Ye Thankful People Come
#392 Blue Hymnal

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy. We pray that you would make known to us the places where we don't love as much as we should. Help us to realize the need around us, even when it is more convenient to ignore it. Help us to truly be the ones reflecting your image to the world, the ones who are changed into a new creation, the ones showing a glimpse of the plan you have for all of creation. We ask these things through your son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

All: We are in Christ. Christ is the one changing us and making us a new creation! In Christ, we know that we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Nun danket alle Gott” – Johann Cruger
(Now Thank We All Our God) 1586-1649*

DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Special Music I Am / *by David Crowder* David Kneier

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100-Pg 552,
Matthew 25:34-40-Pg.29

SERMON What Now? Rev. Sarah Kneier
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*** Song to Glorify God** We Gather Together #387 Blue Hymnal

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer Before Communion
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

***Song of Response** How Great Thou Art #2 Blue Hymnal

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” – Todd Kendall

***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 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

November 23, 2014

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A Community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Mount Pleasant BIC church at 7 pm November 26th. This is sponsored by the Mount Joy Ministerium. Pastor Sarah will be participating in this service.

Our 175th Anniversary year is winding down and Joy has prepared an insert for us as a memory for the future. The picture was used as a bulletin cover during the year and was done by Alicia Weber.

Each year Session decides where the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings will be sent. This year the Thanksgiving offering will be given to the Mount Joy Food Bank and the Christmas offering will go to Columbia Presbyterian Church – Hands across the Street. With the weather beginning to get harsher, food and shelter are problems that both of these agencies fight every year.

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.

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.

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

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.

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Today – 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.

There will be no Coffee Hour in November because we are having the Hanging of the Greens covered dish today.

November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

December 6 – Winterfest – we'll once again open our doors to let people in to rest, relax, use our restrooms and have a cup of cocoa.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! Winterfest is Saturday, Dec. 6th and we will be having our annual Bake Sale again. We need your help. Please be willing to bake some cookies, brownies, fudge or specialty breads, i.e., banana, pumpkin, cranberry, nut, or whatever you like. Surprise us! Please price your items and plan to bring them in by that Friday o

December 14 – Session Meeting after Worship.

December 21 – Everyone is invited to go Caroling with the Deacons to our shut-ins and others in the church. Bring a lunch and we will eat and leave by 1:00 pm. We usually are gone about 2 hours or so. It is a wonderful time for all of us!

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 6:30 pm

December 26 and 27 – Second Chances will be closed. The store will be open on January 2.

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 Darlene and Robert Henly, to the glory of God.

Ushers for November – Ed and Irene Becker

Ushers for December – John and April Leggore

Ushers for Christmas Eve – Tim and Meagan Nolt

Nursery for November 23 – Sandy Homsher and Nancy Duquette

Nursery for November 30 – Deb Hoffman and Dee Neese

Counter for Today –Nancy Duquette

Counter for November 30 – Tim Nolt

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today & November 30 – Property Committee

Flowers for November – Dee Neese

Flowers for December – Laura Weber

Strength for Today – November 24 – November 30 – Barb O'Neal

Strength for Today – December 1 – December 7 – John Leggore

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