

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11:00 AM Morning Worship – April 20, 2014
Resurrection Sunday!**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Low in the Grave” – Based on the tune “Christ Arose”
Robert Lowry

INTROIT

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH (Announcements & Concerns)
L: Christ is risen! P: Christ is risen, indeed!

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, whose goodness and steadfast love endure forever!

People: Glad songs of victory resound for the Lord has done great things.

L: I shall not die, but I shall live and give witness to the great deeds of God.

P: For even though I suffered greatly, God did not give me over to death.

L: I thank you, O God, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord our God's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN** Lord of the Dance (insert)

WE APPROACH GOD

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we confess to you that we know well the story of your victory over the grave, yet it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death. Fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes for ourselves and our world. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger and grief. Yet through Jesus you exhibited your love by facing death and then shattered its bonds by rising. So on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with “fear and great joy” so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us.
SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

L: On this day, we are transformed from mourners into witnesses of the resurrection.

P: In the days to come, we will run to share the good news that Jesus, our Savior, is alive and in our midst.

L: Live into the promise of Christ, knowing you are forgiven and loved. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** (From The Confession of 1967)
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Jew from Palestine, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE AND GIFTS

ANTHEM “Sunrise Resurrection” – Joseph M. Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Using Debts and Debtors)

***PRAISE HYMN** 29 He is Lord (Renew! book)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:1–6 pg. 733, 734

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” – G. F. Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18 pg. 114, 115
New Testament Lesson Acts 10:34-43 pg. 129, 130

SERMON Weather Report

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***HYMN** 289 Christ the Lord is Risen Today (blue hymnal)

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “Hallelujah Chorus” – George Frederick Handel

***Those who are able may stand**

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. Joyce Rowles
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



Renovations to our property are continuing. The narthex and front bathrooms are complete. The fellowship hall has a fresh coat of paint and will soon have window treatments. On May 3 our painting party will do the upstairs hall. All of this work has been paid for by a generous donor.

The next major item on the list is the parking lot repair with proper relining and fence replacement. An estimate for this work is \$10,000 and we are still looking for contributions toward this. If you wish to help, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it “Renovation Fund.” If you have any questions, speak to Deb Hoffman or John Leggore.

The “Second Chances Fellowship Lunch” still welcomes anyone who wants to join them for lunch on Tuesdays at Noon. Bring a bag lunch and join in the laughter and fellowship around the tables.

Painting Party – May 3rd

On May 3rd, painting will take place upstairs. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and Lunch will be served to all helpers. This will take place from 8 am to 1 pm.

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

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Those of you who work with the children in our church signed a Child Protection Policy before you began. The policies have now changed and we are mandated to prepare and complete forms which comply to the new Child Protection Laws. Everyone in the church who works with children will have to do this. John Leggore is the coordinator; please get in touch with him if you have not done this.

“Don’t forget the Deacons”

Every week the Deacons pay the postage to have bulletins mailed to our shut-ins and everyone else who normal-*y attends but was not in church, unless they can access the bulletin online. We also mail cards to our members. The cost of this is reducing our funds so we are asking you to please remember to donate to the Deacons. There are envelopes in your boxes for that purpose. Thank you!

The Deacons always need big cans for flowers. Please give them to any Deacon or put them in the bathroom nearest the elevator. **We appreciate your help. Second Chances could use some paper bags (with handles) if you have any to spare.**

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP DONEGAL TO GIVE TO SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY OR A FRIEND WHO HAS CHILDREN THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS.

Want to experience Camp Donegal but not ready for a full week away from home? Camp Donegal offers Day Camp and half-week Adventure Camps for our youngest campers. Get a feel for camp without the commitment of a full week away from home.

For more information on Camp Donegal’s exciting summer programs, see the 2014 summer brochure. Camp brochures are available. If you have any questions, please call the Camp Donegal office at (717) 862-3722 or visit us online at 222.CampDonegal.org.

PLEASE NOTE --- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE. SEE PASTOR JOYCE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WEBSITE

Remember to check out our website and facebook. The bulletin and News of the Week is posted on the website by Friday. We are going to start emailing both to those people on our Directory list with email addresses.

www.facebook.com/firstpresmountjoy
www.firstpresmountjoy.com

Anyone who wants to arrange for flowers for the Sunday services can call Jeff Weber. He will be glad to let you know what dates are open. The current price for flowers is \$40.00. His phone number is 361-9065.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TODAY.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast – The Gathering Place at 6:30 am to 8:00 am. Tickets can be obtained at Darrenkamps, Hostetters, Pies Galore and Crossroads Brethren in Christ Church.

The Deacons thank all who donated supplies for the Columbia Presbyterian Church. Now that the weather is warmer the need is less so we will resume this in late fall if needed.

CALENDARS FOR MAY AND JUNE ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Coffee Hour – April 27th
Hosts – Lonnie and Larry Nolt

Cookies – Barb Bair, Nancy Duquette, Gerry Bowman

Leota’s Garden – Check it out in the Church Library

This book will touch everyone in a different but wonderful way. Leota is 84 and alone, ignored by her son and estranged from her daughter. She lives from day to day in the house she has lived in since she was a young woman, which is now in need of repairs, her garden overgrown with weeds. She prays to God every day that her family will someday be reunited. Then comes Corban, a grad student seeking her as a subject for his thesis on senior care; Annie, the granddaughter she has hardly ever seen; neighbors she has never known and an array of other people who move into her life with surprising results. Day by day, her life changes and the journey she takes will make you not want to put the book down. Leota, her garden and her life story will touch your heart and bring you closer to God.

Barb O’Neal

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. Please Note: Calendars and Weekly items of interest are now placed at the back of the Sanctuary on the Usher's tables. Please take one per family.

Lilies today are provided by Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy.

Ushers for April are Deborah Hoffman and Barbara O'Neal.
Ushers for May are Ron and Dan Cramer

Greeter for April is Jean Shelly
Greeter for May is Janet Stirling

Nursery for Today – Dee Neese and April Leggore
Nursery for April 27 – Nancy Duquette and Sandy Homsher

Counter for Today – Barb O'Neal
Counter for April 27 – Nancy Duquette

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

Church Closer for today – Barb O'Neal
Church Closer for April 27 – Nancy Duquette

Strength for Today – April 21 – April 27 – Jeff Weber
Strength for Today – April 28 – May 4 – Barb O'Neal

Flowers for April – April Leggore
Flowers for May – Janet Stirling

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.