

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
10:00 AM Morning Worship – June 16, 2013

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “You Are My Hiding Place” with Bach’s Invention-XIII
Michael Ledner

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

ACTS 16 NEWS – Barb O’Neal

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 5)

Leader: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

People: **O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; I plead my case and watch.**

L: For the boastful will not stand before your eyes;

P: You destroy those who speak lies and abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

L: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,

P: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness; make your way straight before me.

L: For there is no truth in the mouths of my enemies; their hearts are destruction;

P: Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;

L: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy.

P: Spread your protection, so that those who love you may glory in you.

L: For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

*HYMN No. 283 What Wondrous Love is This

WE APPROACH GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we all have fallen short. We have all failed to live up to our potential, to love one another, to forgive one another. We have all given ourselves an out before - to not help one, to not care about another. Forgive us for cheating the faith, for cheating others, for cheating you. Forgive us when we hold others to standards so high we cannot achieve them ourselves. Remind us that you love us, enough to die for us, and that you are the one who renews us, forgives us, and gives us life.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: If justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

But we are justified by the faith of Christ.

P: We are loved by God, even though we are imperfect.

We are loved eternally.

L: Jesus said to the woman with the alabaster jar, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Hear his words for yourselves and take them into your heart. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever and shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(from The Westminster Confession of Faith)

This law, after his Fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness; and, as such, was delivered by God upon mount Sinai in ten commandments, and written in two tables; the first four commandments containing our duty toward God, and the other six our duty to man. Besides this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a Church under age, ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, his graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits; and partly holding forth divers instructions of moral duties. All which ceremonial laws are now abrogated under the New Testament.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE AND GIFTS

DUET “Blessed Assurance” – Dave and Jane Busey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Using Debts and Debtors)

* HYMN No. 528 God of Grace and God of Glory

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 21:1-21a pg. 328, 329

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Near to the Heart of God” – Cleland B. McAfee

Arr. Tedd Smith*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Gospel Lesson Luke 7:36-8:3 pg. 66, 67

Second Lesson Galatians 2:15-21 pg. 188

SERMON Sin and Forgiveness

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN No. 336 O Worship the King

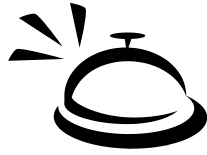
*THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

POSTLUDE No. 8 Invention – J. S. Bach

*Those who are able may stand

ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS



- **The church is getting closer to the sanctuary renovation. On June 16th and 23rd the Worship Service will be held in Fellowship Hall.**
- **The electricians began working on Thursday, June 13th and on June 17th the actual renovations begin with plaster repair, painting, lighting and speaker replacement to be accomplished.**

“BROWN BAG FELLOWSHIP LUNCH”

Join the Second Chances Volunteers at the “Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch!! They are putting out an invitation to anyone who wants to join them every Tuesday at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall. It’s a fun hour and a time to laugh and share with each other. Just bring your lunch and join us ----- This invitation is open to everyone – members and visitors!!!

Since there is no Sunday School for the summer, why don’t we continue to get together in Fellowship Hall before the Worship Service for coffee, tea, and conversation. Several of us were sitting at the table last Sunday and had a lot of fun just relaxing and enjoying each other’s company. We’ll make sure there’s coffee and maybe a treat or two. If you’re up and about early, join us!

I’m Katie. For those who don’t know me which is only a few, I grew up in this church. I will always call this church my home and its members my family. However, about two years ago, I decided to move up to New York to live with my god family, the Rapps. The Rapps used to go to this church and they are the ones who first took me to church here. Anyway, I will be graduating from Tully Central High School and I will be going to college at Onondaga Community College where I will be majoring in accounting. My goal is to become a Certified Professional Accountant. I’d like to thank all those who know me in the church for always being there and being encouraging when times were tough for me. My times at church were the most memorable and I love everyone here so much. Thank you for all of your kindness and for being my family. I hope to see you all in July when I come down and have a graduation open house at the church. I invite all of you to attend. Love you all.

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 Peg and Ron Cramer, in honor of their parents and to the Glory of God.

Ushers for June are Jean Shelly and Janet Stirling.

Greeter for June is Irene Becker.

Nursery for Today – Sandy Homsher & Nancy Duquette.

Nursery for June 23 – Larry and Lonnie Nolt.

Counter for today is Barb O’Neal.

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Sound Technicians are Tim Leggore and Owen Neese.

Church Opener for today is Laura Weber.

Church Opener for June 23 will be Barb O’Neal.

Church Closer for today is Barb O’Neal.

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Flowers for June will be handled by Nancy Duquette.

Strength for Today June 16 – June 22 – Barb O’Neal.

Strength for Today June 23 – June 29 – John Leggore

Strength for Today 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. It is an inspiration to the people who call and to those who do the message. **Call Tim Nolt at 278-5423 or email him at timnolt@gmail.com.**

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.

Our Church has a very active “Prayer Chain.” All prayer requests go to Janet Stirling (653-6395). If Janet can't be reached then call Nancy Duquette (367-5073), Joyce Buckius (653-1066) or Jean Shelly (665-4880). The urgency of the request determines if a message can be left.

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.

WEBSITE

Remember to check out our website and facebook. The calendar is on the website also so you can keep up with church events. The website has next Sunday's bulletin posted so you can see what songs we are singing, the theme for the sermon and get an idea about what the worship service will be like. This is posted to the website the Thursday before.

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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.

We extend our sympathy to Shirley Mark and all the members of the family of Bob Mark. Bob passed away on Saturday, April 13th. A Memorial Service was held Friday, April 19th here at First Presbyterian Church with a reception following in Fellowship Hall. Bob was a long time member of the church and he will be missed by all of us.

Our sympathies also go out to Laura Weber and her family. Laura's mother, Ellen Kramer, died on Monday, May 13th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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.**

Moo Money - This is still a fundraiser for the Building Fund. The box for bottle caps is on the resource table in Fellowship Hall. We have collected another 500 and will be sending them in this week for another \$50. Campbell's Labels – this container is also on the table – help Sunset Gap.

LIBRARY NEWS

The focus for May and June is section C which contains Biographies (continued), Biblical Biographies, Famous Authors (continued), books dealing with Prayer, Hope and healing and Death and Dying. Also there are more Fiction books. Of course, you are not limited to only these books, but following this “reading marathon” will help you get to know all of our selections and where to find them! We are getting newer as well as brand new books on a regular basis these days! Please come and browse and borrow often. Check them out at our table and rack in the Gathering Place or upstairs in our Library and return them in a timely manner for others to read as well. **Thanks! Happy Reading!**

LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW FOR JUNE: HEAVEN IS FOR REAL,

By Todd Burpo.

Everyone must read this truly inspirational book. Colton Burpo, Todd's son and not yet 4 years old was in Heaven – Really – Heaven! He sat in Jesus' lap, found out he had a sister, talked to his grandfather, met with angels, saw Jesus' “markers,” met John the Baptist, and as the months passed, relayed this and more to his parents. **Heaven is for Real** will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child. Check out the book in the church library.

WOMEN OF FAITH – This is a two day event – Believe God Can Do Anything tour and is being held September 6-7, 2013 in Philadelphia. For details, see the information that is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND – OUR LANDSCAPING LOOKS GREAT -

If you are interested in becoming one of the caregivers of our property, see Fred Hoffman. He will have more information. Fred's phone number is 367-6315. Take a walk around the church to see what has been accomplished by Fred and his crew.

The Deacons sincerely thank Laura Weber for sharing our need for a new flower carrier with a friend at work. He does woodworking and made us a beautiful new carrier! It is so very helpful to have two flower carriers again. A thank you card was given to him to express our appreciation. As the Bible tells us, " Ask and you shall receive." We are blessed by his generosity with his time and talent.