

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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January 14, 2018 • Baptism of the Lord • 8:15 & 11am

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is a marvelous mixture of God's people. We are strong and weak, sad and joyful, faithful and sinful, graced and searching, young and old, married, single, divorced and widowed. Regardless of who we are, we need one another and we need to celebrate Jesus Christ who lives within us. We're glad you're here!



If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastors, please fill out a card from the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn. The Prayer Chain and staff pray for those you have mentioned and others throughout the week. Please let us know of any changes.

Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Quiet Meditation

“Baptism is the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. Jesus through his own baptism identified himself with sinners in order to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus in his own baptism was attested Son by the Father and was anointed with the Holy Spirit to undertake the way of the servant manifested in his sufferings, death, and resurrection. Jesus, the risen Lord assured his followers of his continuing presence and power and commissioned them ‘*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.*’

– Book of Order, Worship - 2.300

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Prelude

Offering of the Noels

L. Boëllmann

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

During this time, please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along the pew, taking note of the persons sitting with you so you can greet them warmly by name.

Centering Prayer

It is a joy to come together in the Sanctuary – to reunite with family and friends – whether it's been a day or a week or more. The Centering Prayer prepares our hearts and our minds for the gift of worship. Parents, don't worry if your children make noise – it's part of the joy!

***Introit**

***Hymn #466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

Let us worship the Lord!

It is right to give the Lord our thanks and praise!

***Hymn #409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***Prayer of Confession**

One: Why do we confess our sin?

All: Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace...

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

We pour the water into the baptismal font to symbolize the faithfulness of God and the washing away of sin. Remember your baptism!

***Response #581**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***The Passing of God's Love and Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Children's Moment

We invite children to remain in worship. There is a nursery available for infants through 5 year olds.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Sylvie Grace Stover, daughter of Curtis and Shawna Stover

Proclaiming the Word

We experience the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

N.T. p. 34

This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn #482 (8:15)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Anthem (11:00)

A Celtic Noel

J. Martin

Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Mark 1:9-11

N.T. p. 34

This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Be Prepared

Kathryn Z. Johnston



Sunday School Word of the Day: Listening

The children are encouraged to listen for the Sunday School Word of the Day.

Responding to the Word

We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.

*Hymn #488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

*Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Our church states its faith and bears witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ by using eleven creeds and confessions. In these confessional statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes and what it resolves to do. These confessional statements are subject to the authority of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

The following is the Apostles' Creed, which in its earliest form dates back to 180 AD.

The word 'catholic' refers to the entire Christian church; 'quick' means living:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

11am worshippers: Please place the top sheet of the fellowship pads in the offering plates.

Offertory

Cradle Hymn

A. Jordan

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

***Hymn #485** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

***Charge & Benediction**

***Response #136, refrain** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT
***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is Born!***

***Postlude** *From Whence Comes this Host of Angels* L. Roques

*** Please greet one another in Christ’s name ***

VISITORS: Welcome! Information about MPC can be found in the packets in the pews. If you are interested in additional information, please ask anyone around you or contact one of the pastors. You will find the restrooms, including baby changing stations in the Gathering Area just outside the Sanctuary doors. Children’s worship kits are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Worship aids are available from the ushers. We’re glad you’re here!

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of my husband David from Cathy Petko; and in memory of her Mother’s birthday by Karen Weigel. The yellow rose in the Sanctuary symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

We welcome Sylvie Grace Stover into the covenant family of the Church through baptism this morning. Sylvie is the daughter of Curtis and Shawna Stover and sister of Xander. Please take a moment after the service to greet the Stover family.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Jane Frey – Holy Spirit 728 Melissa Trouton – Ohio State University Hospital East, Columbus, OH

A time of personal prayer is offered following the service. If you would like to pray with a pastor and one of the officers of the church, please meet them by the prayer room near the pulpit following the worship service.

If you or a family member is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, call **717-896-0131** at any time. It will connect you to the church office and one of the pastors.


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Mission Relations.....	www.pcusa.org/missionconnections
Session	(Class of 2018) Frank Coffey, Ted Foor, Cindy Gorski, Mike Kostelac, Jaci Scott, Lorrie Weber, Tim Wonder
	(2019) Kathie Carmines, Donna Fleetwood, Jim Honafius, Mike Martin, Nickie Shaddock, Deb Williams, Wayne Yost
	(2020) Lori Heenan, Patti Hinkson, Margaret Mielke, Kevin Moyer, Lanny Nesbitt, Missy Rulapaugh, Phil Van Zile
Deacons	(Class of 2018) Amy Berry, Grace House, JoAnne Miller, Cindy Walters, Carol Winston, Lynne Zerbe
	(Class of 2019) Laura Bricker, Marybeth Cauffman, Gail Foor, Sue Karakantas, Mary Love, Joanne Neimer
	(Class of 2020) Kevin Breen, Sharon Chizar, Nat League, Dianne Nesbitt, Tracy Olson, Rod Savidge
Mission Relations.....	www.pcusa.org/missionconnections
	Jim & Jodi McGill, Malawi
Find us online!	www.mechpresby.org • Twitter: @mechpresby • Facebook: Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

More People Caring

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: Katie Chase, Julianne Jordan, Anne Partridge (8:15); Barbara Bell, Kristina Bell, Eileen House (11:00)
Ushers: Rich & Becky Trout, Carol Winston, Ken Kleinert (8:15); Ted & Gail Foor, Catherine Gray, Pat Schaal (11:00)
Readers: Julianne Jordan (8:15); Catherine Gray (11:00)
Nursery: Randy & Missy Rulapaugh (8:15); Terry Cornish, Holly Fawber, Esther Mullen (11:00)
Fellowship Hours: Kevin & Renee Breen (8:15); Judy Dell (11:00)
Organization to Pray For: Playful Beginnings

Giant Gift Cards - If you ordered Giant gift cards last week, you may pick them up this morning in the Gathering Area or in the office through the week.

2017 Financial Statements are available in the Gathering Area. Please help the church save the cost of postage by picking up your statement on your way home this morning.



The Sr. High and Adult Mission Trip: We will be going to the Tampa area **July 9th – 16th**! Cost will be \$275 (family rate will be \$175 per person). If you or your teen are interested, **we need to know by TODAY!**

Tonight – Youth Group – 6-8 PM
Jan. 21 – Sky Zone and Dinner(ish) – Meet there (95 Gateway Dr.) at 4:45 PM. Cost is \$20 for two hours of jump time and a slice of pizza and a drink. We'll finish up at 7 PM.
Jan. 28 – Baked Potato Brunch

Questions or comments: contact Mark Allio
 (717-697-0351 or mallio@mechpresby.org)

WEEK OF JANUARY 14 - 21, 2018		
SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	3 PM	Boy Scouts
	6 PM	Youth Group
MON	9A/7P	Joy Stitchers
	11:30 AM	Downtown Daily Bread
TUE	11 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
WED	1:45 PM	Playful Beginnings Staff
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir
THU	12 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	7 PM	HeBrews
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SUN		Newsletter Deadline
	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	4 PM	Youth Group to Sky Zone

Joyful Hearts continue to study the Book of Acts.

The Dave Petko class will return on Sunday, January 14 and will begin a comparative study of the four Gospels.



Adult Topics: Today: *Forgiving the Unforgivable* – When neighbor kills neighbor, can they forgive, reconcile and live side by side. Donna Fleetwood, Chair of MPC's Peace-making and Justice Committee, and Rwandan student, Irene Mugeni, will speak on the Rwandan Genocide and the ongoing process of forgiveness in that country.

Chancel Flowers

There are open dates in **February** on the flower calendar located in the Breezeway to sponsor chancel flowers. Two vases (\$15 each) are needed each week. Enter your name on an open space and prior to your Sunday, you will receive a reminder via email or mail with information regarding the wording for the bulletin and reclaiming the flowers.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018 (11am)



Nominating Committee Report
Committee Reports
Review of the 2018 Budget
Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call

The Annual Report will be available January 21st

A BAKED POTATO BRUNCH

will follow the meeting.

21 OR OLDER?

HeBrews (for the guys)

We will meet at Marzoni's on Ritter Rd. this Thursday evening 7 PM. Discussion topic TBD.

ALL WOMEN SAVE THE DATE!

After the holidays, it's time to unwind and treat yourself to our **Annual Women's Retreat**. This year we will have the Rev. Mim Harvey from Stop The Violence present our program on the book of Ruth. We will have a brief worship service followed by our program and light lunch. Reserve January 27 for what will be a very informative and enjoyable morning. Snow date will be February 10.

Feeling Crafty? JOY! Stitchers meet tomorrow!

Join us at 1 PM as we continue outreach projects for our congregation and community. Contact Gail McVitty with questions. gmcvitty@verizon.net.


Would You Like to Serve Communion?

Please let the office know if you are an ordained Deacon or Elder who even though not currently serving, would like to help serve Communion. Thanks!

Short-term Sunday School teaching commitment.

Cathay is looking for a few adults to help facilitate an adult Sunday School study during the Lenten season. Please let her know as soon as possible if you are willing and interested. (csnyder@mechpresby.org)

Sunday Snow & Ice

 In the event of inclement weather, we urge members to please decide on the side of caution. Closings will be listed with ABC Channel 27 WHTM-TV or check the church's website: www.mechpresby.org.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Per Capita: Every member is assessed a per capita of \$26 that goes towards General Assembly, the Synod and Carlisle Presbytery. We appreciate it when our members contribute toward their per capita so that it doesn't come out of the operating budget. Thank you!

SERVING OTHERS

Sr. High & Adult Mission Trip

Forms (in the Gathering Area) and money for this trip to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Florida (July 9-16) are due TODAY! See Pastor Mark ASAP if you want to go!

Lend a Hand

Jacksonville, FL, February 17-24, cost: \$250. We have many slots still opened. If interested, complete the online registration form at: lendahand.net.

ADULT TOPICS UPCOMING CLASSES:

January 21: *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race Study: "Beginning Your Racial Autobiography"* – In response to national events and an invitation from the Co-Moderators of the 2016 General Assembly of the PCUSA, we begin a four session conversation on race and the themes raised in the book, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debbie Irving. In each session, we will reflect on scripture, the Confession of Belhar, and stories from the work itself. You do not have to read Irving's work to participate in this timely discussion on race in America.

January 28: *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race Study: "What is Race?"* – This session will focus upon our understanding of race.

February 4: *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race Study: "What is Racism?"* – This session focuses upon our understanding of racism.

February 11: *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race Study: "Where do we go from here?"* In this last session, we will identify the next steps to take in understanding race and what we might do to work towards ending racism.

Playful Beginnings Substitute List

Playful Beginnings would love to have a longer Substitute List. Please contact Karen Taylor (717-697-4712) for details, or drop off your information in the black, preschool mail box.