**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

November 10, 2019 8:15am & 10:45am

Morning Worship



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Song of Peace” *Michael Shea*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 145: 1-8)

L: Come, let’s praise God together!

**P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let’s tell stories of God’s power and majesty,

His mighty acts throughout history:

**P: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let’s remember the compassion He has shown toward us;

His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

**P: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let’s pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren,

so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

**P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let’s worship God together!

\*Hymn of Praise: 263 “Immortal, Invisible God only Wise”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Psalm 145:17-18)

**Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things.**

**Our lives are a mish-mash of astuteness and stupidity,**

**of moral strength and cowardice, of kindness and meanness,**

**of openness and cunning, of sincere love for you yet also of conniving self-interest.**

**We need both your justice and your kindness to convict us of our sins, to forgive and cleanse us, and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead. We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets, your light to give us our bearings, and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness and to comfort us in our sorrows.**

**Please grant to us, loving God, the grace of a new beginning**

**and the joy of an enlarged love for you. Give us a passion for all your loving ways. Through Christ Jesus our Brother and Redeemer. Amen.**  *(Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon (inspired by Psalm 145: 17-18)

L: Sisters and brothers, Holy Scripture says: “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all his works.” In the name of the living God, through the grace of Christ Jesus the Son,

and with the authority of the Spirit, I declare to you the forgiveness of sins and the life that is eternal!

**P: We will extol you, our God and Saviour, and glorify your**

**name forever and ever! Every day we will praise you, and glorify your name forever and ever.**

\*Response of Praise: 579 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Hear God’s Word**

CHILDREN’S LESSON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 9: 1-15 (pg. 220/312)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:1-8 (pg. 1053/1600)

SPECIAL MUSIC  “Irish Blessing” *Rev.* *Carrie Stine*

SCRIPTURE: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 & 13 -17 (pg. 1190/1801)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Hope through Grace” *Rev.* *Carrie Stine*

\*Hymn of Response: 555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (pg. 14)

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Grant Us Thy Peace” Robert Schumann

\*Doxology: 592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

VETERANS RECOGNITION *Donna Bixler*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord’s Prayer (pg. 16)

**We Go Forth To Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Hymn of Sending: 6 “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “The Singing Trumpet” *Edward Broughton*

\*Please stand, if able



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 Montoursville PA, 17754**

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, November 10th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

1:30pm-7:00pm Circle 2 (FH)

**Monday, November 11th** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:00am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, November 12th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

**Wednesday, November 13th**

6:30pm-8:30pm District 48 AA Meeting (FH)

**Thursday, November 14th**

6:15pm-8:15pm AA Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Christian Education Meeting (C)

**Friday, November 15th**

Office Closed

10:00am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Saturday,** **November 16th**

**Sunday, November 17th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

Noon MPC Luncheon (FH)

5:30pm FISH Youth Group - Packing for OCC (MCEC)

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 33 10:45am – 80

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**Worship Leaders**

Guest Pastor: *Rev.* *Carrie Stine*

Greeters & Ushers (8:15) *Rick & Mary Lou Odell*

Greeters(10:45) *George & Dorothy Casella*

Ushers: *G. Williams, G. Dunkleberger, J. Fetterman, J. Bergen*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Nancy Butler*  (10:45) *Carl Fulton*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

**Announcements for the week of November 10, 2019**

Welcome to the Montoursville Presbyterian Church.

Visitors: Please complete a Visitor Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a church home or membership, please see the Pastor, an Usher, or call the office.

**To assist with your worship experience, we offer:**

**Personal hearing devices** – please see an Usher

**Pew cushions** – stored above the coat racks in the Narthex

**Large print hymnals** – in the Narthex

**Handicap/family restroom** – off the far end of Fellowship Hall

**Worship bags for children** – in a basket in the Narthex

**Nursery care** for children ages up to 5 years old

**Staff:** Deb Rupert, Dorothy Casella, Owen Casella,

and Gabby Shearer

**Harvest Home:** We will be collecting non-perishable food items until November 17th to be donated to the United Churches Food Pantry. Please bring your items in and place them on the chancel area. Let us give thanks for all that we have by sharing our blessings with others.

**FISH Youth Group**

**November 17th - Operation Christmas Child** packing party! Come to the MCEC at 5:30 pm.  We’ll watch some videos about the shoebox ministry, eat some dinner and then we will pack some boxes!

**November 24th** - Come to the MCEC at 5:30 pm for games, dinner & Bible study.  We’ll be revisiting the creation story.  Impress us by how much you remember from September!

**MPC Luncheon** - All are invited!! Evangelism and Fellowship will be hosting a “Fall Gathering” on November 17th immediately following the second service. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Please join us as we fellowship together and celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon our congregation.

**Current Expense & Mission Budget**

October giving                   $ 16,572.00

October expenses             $(19,497.54)

Excess(Deficit)**$   2,925.54**

YTD giving                 $ 161,360.24

YTD expenses $(163,630.26)

Excess(Deficit) **$ (2,270.02)**

Operating Fund Balance **$10,411.63**

**If anyone has new info for the church directory, please email** [**montourpc@gmail.com**](mailto:montourpc@gmail.com) **or call 570-368-1595. Thanks!**

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 **CHRISTMAS COOKIE GATHERING**

Circle 1 will be hosting a Christmas cookie gathering on *Monday, December 9, 2019 at 1 pm* in the fellowship hall. ALL THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!!! Each lady is asked to bring 2 dozen of her favorite cookie to share with others along with a copy of the recipe. The *M.H.S. ‘Villes* will be entertaining us with Christmas music and joining us for refreshments afterward.

*Free Will Offering*- Please join us in our Christmas tradition by bringing a free will offering to help a needy family in our area.

Please fill out the form below and place it in the basket in the narthex.

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**will** attend the Christmas Cookie Gathering.

**Ushers & Greeters for November 17th & 24th**

Greeters & Ushers: (8:15) *Bob & Doris Schild*

Greeters*:* (10:45) *Joe & Jackie Lapinski*

Ushers: *S. Mathias, R. Gilbert, V. Shearer, M. Kremser*

**Liturgists for November 17th & 24th** *Donna Bixler/WendySmith*

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** John Albertini, Annetta Almoney, Dawn Armstrong, Tom Bailey, Mary Bennett, Bode family, Sandie Bradley, Joey Braunsberg, Cathy Brendle, Jenn, Chance and Gideon Butler, Hedi Campbell, Carmela Carr, Frank Cipra, Barbara Darby, Diane Damaska, Joyce Dotts, Kim Ellison, Ellie English, Noah Fagnano, Charlie Ferrington, Gary Finn, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Terry & Peggy Fry, Barbara & Bobby George, Ryder Getchis, David Haas, Trista Hackenberg, Andrea Hanna, Joanne Hartman, Sophie Heinbach, Margaret Hopper, Tom Hoy, Rob Hughes, Karschner family, Peggy Keller, Rob Kline, Pat Korizno, Myra Kovalak, Kremser family, Marcy Kremser, Gene Kurtz, Shirley Livermore, Brooke Marshall, Natalie Mathias and family, Elizabeth Maule, Brian McCormick, Gerry McLaughlin, Chaz Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Wayne Misselbeck, Mason Morrow, Don Nibert, Owen Packard, Wayne Packard, Carol Peace, Brantley Phillips, Joyce Pittenger, Colin Prael, Larry Rider, Bob Schild, Doris Schwab, Aliete Sesler, Shirley Shaner, Bob & Judy Shimp, Dave Shipton, Arlene Skelston, Phillip Smith, Kelly Snyder, Judy Stanley, Tootie Starr, Dana Stettler, Donna Strein, Newell Thompson, Sue & Tom Ulmer, Barbara Wagner, Keith Wallace, Jake Waybright, Vee & Matt Weakland, Barbara Wells, Chris Williams, Marieva Williams, Priscilla Wirt, Bobbi Wirth.

**Grief:** Family and friends of Joseph Korizno (Jessica Mathias’ father)

Family and friends of Rev. Stanley Hartung

**Military:** Duane (DJ) Burleigh, Ryan Burns, Joe Cardone,

Maj. Brady Cillo, Capt. Calvin Farrell, Maj. Laurie Fontaine, Caleb Frantz, Julia Glosek, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, Sgt. Eric Littlefield, Jeremy Loveland, David McCollin, Marissa Patterson,

Jason Yurek, All military families

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund. People in the Bahamas and Carolinas after hurricane Dorian. Haiti and Rosie and Vila