**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

February 17, 2019 8:15am & 10:45am

**Morning Worship**



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Trust and Obey” *Stewart Landon*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1:1-3)

L: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**P: But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night.**

L: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—

**P: Whatever they do prospers.**

nv\*Hymn of Praise: 488 “The God of Abraham Praise”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name, Amen.**  *(Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

\*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

THE PROPHET: Jeremiah 17:5-10  (pg. 772/1170)

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (pg. 1154/1749)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Silent Persuasion” *Debbie Keller*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26 (pg. 1033/1570)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON In Weal and Woe   *Rev.* *David C. Smith*

\*Hymn of Response:

356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934)

**Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead.**

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Meditation (Safe in the Arms of Jesus)”  *R. Diggle*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

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

**We Go Forth To Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Hymn of Sending: 341 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Lead Me, Savior” *Roger Wilson*

\*Please stand, if able

**Worship Leaders** Pastor: *Rev.* *David C. Smith*

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

Greeters*:* (10:45)  *Tim & Luann Frantz*

Ushers: *D. King, K. Fenstermacher, T. Dougherty, B. Shimp*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Kellie Karschner* (10:45) *Faye Konkle*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, February 17th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School (C)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

**Monday, February 18th**  *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:15-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, February 19th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

6:00pm Deacon Meeting (C)

**Wednesday, February 20th**

6:30pm Trustee Meeting (MCEC)

7:00pm Christian Education Meeting (C)

**Thursday, February 21st**

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

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, February 22nd**

Office Closed

10:15-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Saturday, February 23rd**

8:00am-1:00pm Equipping the Saints (FH)

**Sunday, February 24th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School (C)

5:30pm FISH Youth Group (MCEC)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 30 10:45am – 86

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**Upcoming Liturgists**

March 10th and March 17th *– Nancy Butler/Dave Shimmel*

March 24th and March 31st – *Carl Fulton/Wendy Smith*

**Announcements for the week of February 17, 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 and Owen Casella

**FISH Youth Group**  
**February 24th** - Please come to MCEC at 5:30 pm for dinner, games and study.

**Thank you for all your contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring** offering taken on Sunday, February 3rd!  Whether you watched or enjoyed the Super Bowl, your contributions will help elevate the burden of the hungry in our area.  We raised $387 and collected 6 cans of food to be donated to the food bank.

Thank you for your support!

**Lenten Dinner Sign-ups!**

Ash Wednesday is March 6th and starting March 13th our MPC church family will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a time of fellowship with a simple meal before each service at 6:00 p.m.

Please consider hosting a Lenten supper. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with the available dates. Or you can call the church office to let us know. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Baked Steak Dinner – March 16th**

**2019 Winter Leadership Conference Northumberland Presbytery Equipping the Saints:**

**Helping Church Leaders Lead**

**Saturday, February 23rd at MPC**  **SNOW DATE: March 2nd**

**8:30 am Registration and Refreshments**

**9:00-9:15 AM Opening**

**9:15-11:45 Class time with a 10-minute Break**

**11:45-12:00 noon Closing**

Our objective is to educate, equip and inspire God’s people for Christian Service. All members of our presbytery are welcome to attend.

**Course Offerings:**

**Officer Training -** If you are a new Elder or Deacon or would just like a refresher course, this class is for you. Come and hear what it means to be an officer of the PC (USA), and rediscover our Book of Order, history, reformed theology, and the connectional nature of the PC (USA).

**Congregational Disaster Planning** - If a disaster hit your church today, what do you wish you knew yesterday? Will discuss ways to help prepare your church for natural and human made disasters. **“God Calls Us to Mission, Even Small Churches” -** Many churches feel they are too small to do anything. This course will help us see how all churches, regardless of sizeor budget, can live into God’s mission.

**Bible Study “Last Men Standing”** Participants will look at Malachi and Jude, two books in the canon order that come before a defining act from God. How do they inform and encourage us, challenge our faith, and convey the unfailing love of God? Come and find out.

**Applications are on the bulletin board.**

**Ushers & Greeters for March 10th and March 17th**

Greeters & Ushers: (8:15) *Doc & Kay Shearer*

Greeters*:* (10:45) *Bradley family*

Ushers: *J. Lapinski, D. Peace, J. Fetterman, M. Bogart*

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** Annetta Almoney, Tom Bailey, Mary Bennett, Harriett Bernier, Sandie Bradley, Joey Braunsberg, Roderick Bromiley, Hedi Campbell, Jack Cillo, Eric Dawnkaski,

Diane Damaska, Ellie English, Gary Finn, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Denise Fulton, Jeff Fowler, Terry & Peggy Fry, Alice George, Barbara & Bobby George, Ryder Getchis, David Haas, Trista Hackenberg, Sophia Heinbach, Danny Hendrickson, Kara Mowery Herr, Tim & Danielle Hess, Tom Hoy, Rob Hughes, Peggy Keller, Liese Kimble, Rob Kline, Pat & Joe Korizno, Myra Kovalak, Marcy Kremser, Gene Kurtz, Laura Leonardo, Brooke Marshall, Natalie Mathias, Rebecca Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Joe Mifsud, David & Hester Miller, Eva Moser, Don Nibert, Owen Packard, Wayne Packard, Brantley Phillips, Colin Prael, Shirley Shaner, Bob & Judy Shimp, Jean Shoup, Shelby Simon, Kelly Snyder, Dana Stettler, Jim Swan, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Venema, Keith Wallace, Tom & Vee Weekland, Drew Weiser and family, Virginia Wentzler, Jane Wick, Chris Williams, Glen & Marieva Williams, Priscilla Wirt.

**Grief:** Family and friends of Dick Mathias

Family and friends of Gary Koons

**Joy:** Sue Wolfe’s birthday

**Thanks:** From Carl Fulton for all the cards and prayers

From the Mathias family during this difficult time

For the trustees and Kevin Fenstermacher for snow removal

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

Maj. Brady Cillo, Jessie Confer, Capt. Calvin Farrell, Maj. Laurie Fontaine, Caleb Frantz, Julia Glosek, Ben Hepburn, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, Sgt. Eric Littlefield, Jeremy Loveland, David McCollin, Marissa Patterson, Paul Wenner, Jason Yurek, All military families

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund, Wildfires in California, Victims of flooding from hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunami in Indonesia.