**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

February 19, 2017 8:15am & 10:45am

 **Morning Worship**

 

**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”  *William Bradbury*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

*Bill & Tammy Schlachter*

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119:33-35, 40)

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

**P: Give me understanding, so that I may keep Your law and obey it with all my heart.**

L: Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight.

**P: How I long for Your precepts! In Your righteousness preserve my life.**

\*Hymn of Praise: 474 “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession **Have mercy on us, O God. According to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, O Lord! We are blind to some sins and distressed by those we see. Our sin is painful to us and offensive to You. We would be holy, Lord. Send us Your Spirit, that we may become the people You intend us to be, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Redeemer, 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 EPISTLE: Romans 8:18-30 (pg. 1133/1718)

THE LAW: Leviticus 19:1-18 (pg. 118/168)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15) “People Need the Lord” *Debbie Keller*

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:45) “As The Deer” *Chancel Choir*

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48 (pg. 970/1475)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Raise the Bar *Rev. David C. Smith*

\*Hymn of Response: 347 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Westminster Confession, 1647)

**Since humanity, by the Fall, made themselves incapable of life by the covenant of works, the Lord was pleased to make a second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace: wherein He freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life, His Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.**

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Open Your Heart” *Bertha Frick*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (10:45) *T. Schlachter*

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

**We Go Forth To Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Hymn of Commitment: 357 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

 POSTLUDE “Trumpet Rondeau” *Jean Mouret*

 \*Please stand, if able

Worship Leaders

Pastor: *Rev. David C. Smith*

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

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

Ushers: *I. Fox, K. Fenstermacher, T. Dougherty Sr., R. Shimp*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Don Konkle* (10:45) *Joe LeCrone*

Organist:  *Debbie Keller* Choir Director: *Dennis Carpenter*

 **This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, February 19th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School (C)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

6:00pm Session Meeting (MCEC)

**Monday, February 20th** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

**Tuesday, February 21st** *(bulletin announcements due)*

Noon-2:00pm Called Presbytery Meeting (S)

**Wednesday, February 22nd**

**Thursday, February 23rd**

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

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, February 24th**

Office Closed

10:30am Diabetes Prevention Program (C)

**Saturday, February 25th**

 7:30am-1:00pm Equipping the Saints (S,FH,C)

**Sunday, February 26th Communion**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School (C)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

S – Sanctuary C – Classroom FH – Fellowship Hall N – Nursery

MCEC – Mendenhall

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 34 10:45am – 83

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**Announcements for the week of February 19, 2017**

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, Mary Strein, Dorothy Casella and Gaetan Casella

**Next Sunday**, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

If you know of anyone homebound or not able to attend and would like to receive communion, please see the pastor or call the office.

**Winter Leadership Conference**

**Northumberland Presbytery Equipping the Saints**

Saturday, February 25, at Montoursville Presbyterian Church

Our objective is to educate, equip and inspire God’s people for Christian Service. The Presbytery is offering this special training for church leaders and officers.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

8:30 am Registration and Refreshments

9:00-9:15 AM Opening in the Sanctuary

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

11:45-12:00 AM Closing in the Sanctuary

**We’d like to share some pictures!**

The Smith family invites anyone who is interested in seeing some of the pictures from our trip to Africa to come after the second service on Sunday, March 5.  We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall for our lunch and look at pictures.  Please bring a dish to share and speak to David or Wendy if you have any questions.

**Thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.  We raised $371.24 and collected 21 cans of food to be given to fight hunger here in our area.  Thanks be to God!**

 **FISH YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**February 17-19** -We are away (most of us!) — please pray for God to bless us as we return today. Thank you!

**March 5** - Meet at MCEC at 5:30 pm for Bible Study and games

**March 24** - Looking ahead, mark your calendar for WinterJam at State College

**Current Expense & Mission Budget**

January giving $ 17,131.00

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Excess (Deficit) **$ (1,350.22)**

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**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

February 26*– Deb Rupert*

March 5 –*Paula, Dave & Ben Shimmel, Alex Moyer &*

*Leilani Turner*

March 12 – *Judy and Bob Shimp*

**Ushers and Greeters for March 5th**

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

(10:45am) Greeters: *Peggy Rennick & Lois Conrad*

Ushers: *D. Casella, S. King, B. Mathias, W. Kremser*

**Ushers and Greeters for March 12th**

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

(10:45am) Greeters: *Bradley Family*

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

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** Kathy Butkofsky, Harriett Bernier, Doug Bird, Jack Bower, Nancy Bradley, Hedi Campbell, Diane Chestnut, Mary Christie, Saundra Cillo, Zola Davis, Audrey Dochter, Danny Fagnano, Betty Farley, Tad Fiser, Bob Folmar, Tim Garman, Trista Hackenberg, Dee Henrickson, Joe Hopple, Tom Hoy, Rod Husted, Victoria Johnson, Kathleen Keller, Pat Korizno, Susan Lantz, Tina and Scott Lawrence, Natalie Mathias, Wayne McClure, Amy Messersmith, Jim Mexdorf, Angela Mitchell, Denise Neff, Frank Odell, Carol Peace, Joshua and Henry Reinsburrow, and Danny Wagner, Stuart Rennick, Deb Rupert, James and Shirley Shaner, Erin Shimmel, Bud Smeenk, Tootie Starr, Jim Swan, Michele Terpolilli, Glynda Turner, Sue Ulmer, Carol Wagner, Stella Walmer, Virginia Wentzler, Marieva Williams, Jim Wright, Sandy Wright.

**Grief:** Family and friends of Eric Clary

**Thanks**: From Tom Dunkleberger for expressions of love, kindness, and sympathy, as well as offers of food and help after Lynne’s passing. From Larry Keller for all the get well cards.

**Military:** Duane (DJ) Burleigh, Ryan Burns, Joe Cardone, Maj. Brady Cillo, Jessie Confer, Maj. Laurie Fontaine, Caleb Frantz, Julia Glosek, Ben Hepburn, Ethan Jones, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, Jeremy Loveland, David McCollin, Marissa Patterson, Paul Wenner, Jason Yurek

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund, Flood victims in Louisiana, Victims of Hurricane Matthew, Fire victims in Tehran, Iran