**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

February 23, 2020 8:15am & 10:45am

 **Morning Worship**

 

**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Walk In The Light” *Robert Hughes*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/CHORAL INTROIT (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 117)

L: Praise the Lord, all you nations;

**P: Extol Him, all you peoples.**

L: For great is His love toward us,

**P: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.**

\*Hymn of Praise: 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful and gracious God, You sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him. You have reached out to us in love, but we have turned from You and from one another. Take away our sin, heal our brokenness, and help us to turn back to Your life and Your love, given freely in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We ask this in His 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 LAW: Exodus 34:1-7 (pg. 90/129)

THE PROPHET: Isaiah 63:2-10 (pg. 745/1125)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15) “Holy Is the Lord” *Debbie Keller*

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:45) *Chancel Choir*

THE GOSPEL: Mark 3:1-6 (pg. 1003/1526)

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

SERMON God of Wrath or God of Mercy? *Rev. David C. Smith*

\*Hymn of Response:

261 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the French Confession, 1559, XVII)

**We believe that we are reconciled to God through the unique sacrifice offered by the Lord Jesus on the cross. By that sacrifice we are justified before God, for we cannot be acceptable to God or receive adoption unless God pardons our sins and covers them over. So we confess that Jesus Christ is our full and perfect cleansing. In His death we are fully justified, acquitted of the offenses and iniquities of which we are guilty. We can be delivered by this remedy only.**

 **The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “O How He Loves You and Me” *Kurt Kaiser*

\*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: 276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Shine, Jesus, Shine”  *Graham Kendrick*

\*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, B. Shimp, V. Shearer*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Carl Fulton*  (10:45) *Dale Weiser*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

Director of Music Ministries: *Ryan Neidig*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, February 23rd**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

Noon Women’s Luncheon (FH)

**Monday, February 24th** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:00am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, February 25th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

**Wednesday, February 26th**

6:00pm-7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (FH)

7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)

**Thursday, February 27th**

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

6:45pm Choir Practice

**Friday, February 28th**

Office Closed

10:00am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Saturday, February 29th**

**Sunday, March 1st Communion**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 38 10:45am – 77

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**Announcements for the week of February 23, 2020**

 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, Gabby Shearer

**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.

 **FISH YOUTH GROUP**

**TONIGHT** — Come to the MCEC at 5:30 pm for dinner, games and our next stop on our lightning ride through the Old Testament.

**March 8**th - Save the Date - more details to follow.

**March 14**th - Baked Steak Dinner - Grab a FISH friend and sign up to help!

**March 22**nd - Swim party at the Shearers!  More details to follow.

**Reception – March 1st**

Everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after the second service to welcome our Director of Music Ministries, Ryan Neidig. Stop by to say hello and have some cake!

**Lenten Dinner Sign-ups!**

Ash Wednesday is February 26th and starting March 4th 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!

**Lenten Devotionals are available in the narthex.**

**Baked Steak Dinner – March 14th**

**Palm Sunday Luncheon**

Evangelism and Fellowship would like to invite our church family to join us on Palm Sunday, April 5th, for a potluck luncheon in honor our 2020 Confirmation Class. Join us immediately following the second service to celebrate this special day in their lives. Meat, beverage and cake will be provided, please bring a dish to share. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with all of you.

**Greeters & Ushers for March 1st & March 8th**

Greeters & Ushers (8:15)  *March 1 – Arlene Smithgall*

*March 8- Mike Yourish & Arlene Smithgall*

Greeters(10:45)  *Bradley family*

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

**Greeters & Ushers for March 15th & March 29th**

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

Greeters(10:45)  *Prindle family*

Ushers – *G. Casella Jr., D. Casella, D. Konkle, Dan Messersmith*

**Greeters & Ushers for March 22nd Women’s Sunday**

Greeters & Ushers (8:15)  *Doris Schild, Cathy Rush, Ruth Reigle*

Greeters(10:45) *Jamie Hahn & Paula Shimmel*

Ushers – *B. Mathias, S. King, W. Smith, K. Rush*

**Liturgists**

March 1st – *Doc Shearer/Winnie Kremser*

March 8th – *Carl Fulton/Winnie Kremser*

March 15th – *Kellie Karschner/Dave Shimmel*

March 22nd - *Winnie Kremser/Diane Casella*

March 29th – *Kellie Karschner/Faye Konkle*

**Current Expense & Mission Budget**

January giving $ 15,071.00

January expenses                    $(18,230.88)

Excess(Deficit) **$  (3,159.88)**

YTD giving                           $ 15,071.00

YTD expenses                     $(18,230.88)

Excess(Deficit) $  **(3,159.88)**

Operating Fund Balance**$ 8,966.15**

**Prayer List**

 **Illness, recovery and support:** John Albertini, Peggy Alison, Dawn Armstrong, Paula Auten, Lillian Bartholomew, Mary Bennett, Bode family, Sandie Bradley, Joey Braunsberg, Cathy Brendle, Donald Burleigh and family, Jenn, Chance and Gideon Butler, Hedi Campbell, Hobart Campbell, Joanie Campbell, Carmela Carr, Dan Caschera, Frank Cipra, Sue Cooper, Diane Damaska, Lonnie Dangle, Barbara Darby, Barb Dincher, Raymond Dincher, Joyce Dotts, Tom Dunkleberger, Kayleigh Early, Ellie English, Allen Flenner, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Janet Frantz, Barbara & Bobby George, Elaine German, Ryder Getchis, David Haas, Trista Hackenberg, Donna Hall, Andrea Hanna, Joanne Hartman, Sophie Heinbach, Margaret Hopper, Tom Hoy, Rob Hughes, Kathy Hulzie, Caden Karschner, Peggy Keller, Wayne Keller, Doug Killian, Pat Korizno, Marcy Kremser, Kuhar family, Gene Kurtz, Donna Little, Phyllis Little, Shirley Livermore, Brooke Marshall, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Maule, Brian McCormick, Chaz Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Wayne Misselbeck, Mason Morrow, Don Nibert, Owen Packard, Wayne Packard, Carol Peace, Brantley Phillips, Colin Prael, Curt Rakestraw, Peggy Rennick, Larry Rider, Beth Robinson, Bob Schild, Aliete Sesler, Shirley Shaner, Len Shepard family, Bob & Judy Shimp, Dave Shipton, Arlene Skelston, Phillip Smith, Kelly Snyder, John Souter, Harry Southwell, Judy Stanley, Tootie Starr, Dana Stettler, Fran Tallini, Teagan, Tom Ulmer, Vee & Matt Weakland, Barbara Wells, Chris Williams, Priscilla Wirt, Bobbi Wirth.

**Thanks:** From Marc Haas for all the cards.

**Joy:** Isaiah Weiser and family (Dale and Catheal’s grandson) moving to Hawaii. Church basketball team won the championship.

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

Maj. Brady Cillo, 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 personnel and their 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