

Apostles' Creed

*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.*

Gloria Patri

*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.*

Mars UP Church

Come Holy Spirit, Come

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the prayer cards available in the pew. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word are noted in bold type.

Prelude

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Introit(11:00am)

"May This Be The Place"

Chancel Choir

(*Please stand, if able)

Welcome and Mars Messages

***The Call to Worship**

Leader: Eternal are your mercies, Lord;

People: Eternal truth attends your word;

Leader: Your praise shall rise and set no more!

People: Let us worship God.

*Invocation (Unison)

Our Father, grant that in the days of this New Year we may feel Thy love, the love that surrounds us, the love that will not let us go but will ever bring us back – back to Thy side, back to Thy will, back to Thy way. In that way we would walk, O Lord. For though all we like sheep have gone astray, like sheep we are tired – tired of missing Thy path and stumbling along paths of our own choosing. Like sheep, we would return to the fold...

Humbly and gratefully we open our hearts to receive that great miracle of grace. Amen

Peter Marshall

***Hymn of Praise**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

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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.

The Doxology

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.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

As we begin a new year, O God, we confess our sin in the year that is past. We have often sought our own welfare and not the welfare of others. We have complained about the state of the world while doing little to change it. We have spent time worrying and talking that should have been spent praying and listening. We have invested energy in our appearances that should have been invested in the renewal of our hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and make new persons of us in Christ Jesus. Let this New Year be what the old year should have been. For your name' sake, we pray Amen

Silent, Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon

***The Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri**

(Children may come forward at this time)

Moment with Children(11:00am)

Choral Anthem(11am)

Chancel Choir

"Keep Me as The Apple of Your Eye"

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Response(11:00)

Chancel Choir

"All Things Come of Thee"

Service of Ordination and Installation

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ELDERS

Alma Staskiewicz

Keith Cuyar

Louise Fox

*Angela Badger

DEACONS

*Caroline Kopar

*Amy Lauten

Hymn of Preparation

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"Here I Am Lord"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

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Church Office Hours:

Mon -Thurs from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Sermon

Lay Pastor Tom McMeekin
"We're Here"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper(8:30)
Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Consecration
The Serving of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Departing Hymn**

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

*** Benediction**

***Congregational Response** (Everyone sings)

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in Thy grace;
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways;
Help us share with others the things we've shared today;
May the peace of God the Father
And the love of Christ His Son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one;
May the blessings of the Spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
Amen.

***Postlude**

*(stand if able)

**FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF – We wish you
and your families a Happy, Healthy New Year
2018. Our prayers are always with you!**

Recognition of Retiring officers

Elders: Shelly Bocheff, Deb Mallick, Bill Guesman, John Ivory,
Ron Weaver

Deacons: Sharon Gibbs, Ruth Wilson, Mary Ann Croop

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*Morning Worship:
8:30 am and 11:00 am*

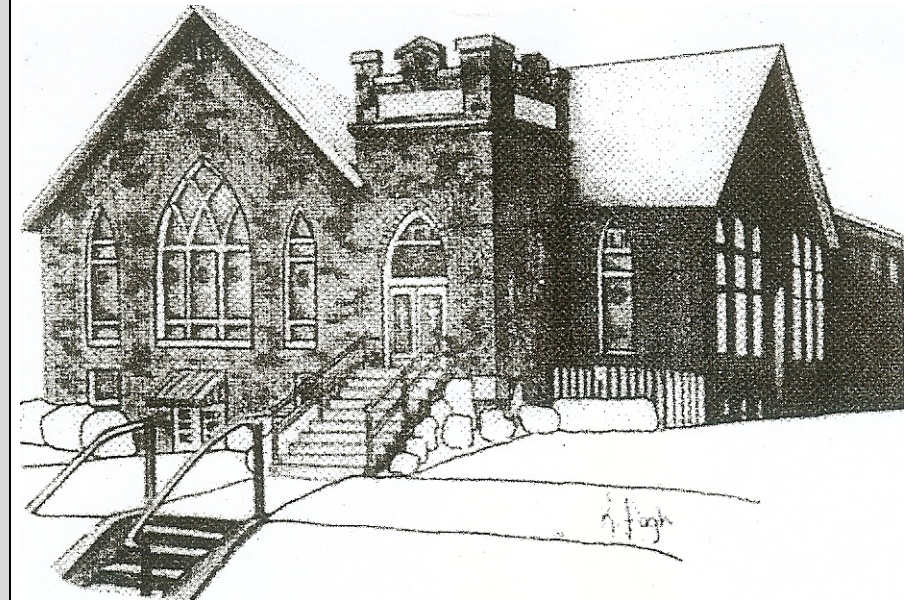
*Nursery provided
during 11:00 am service.*

Baptism of the Lord

Prayer of Preparation
*Lord, we come to you
today with so many
things on our hearts.
You call us to be in
relationship of trust
and love with you and
you offer healing to us
for those portions of
our lives that are
broken and injured.
Help us to be open to
your mercy and healing
love. For we ask this in
Jesus' Name.
AMEN.*

Mars United Presbyterian Church

Welcome!



*We are your hometown church: Faithful to Tradition,
Loving in Fellowship, & Reaching for Tomorrow!*

January 7, 2018

**We welcome you and we are glad you've chosen to
worship with us today!**

CALENDAR: January 7th – January 14th

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today, January 7, 2018 Communion @ 8:30 service

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

6:00 pm MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, January 8, 2018

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Meeting

7:00 p.m. BoyScouts

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. A-Team

7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. Material Girls

6:15 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Friday, January 12, 2018

8:00 pm HS Lock-in @ Bakerstown

Saturday, January 13, 2018

2:00 p.m. Moraine Rock Club

Sunday, January 14, 2018 Karl Kennedy

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

6:00 p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS: (D) Ruth Wilson

(E) Linda Moody

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Sharon Gibbs

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Mary Ann Croop

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Andrew Higginson

MUP MUFFINS:

Pam Kennedy and Linda Lees

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

Stewardship Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 66

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$8165.00

Mission: \$255.00

Van: \$20.00

Christmas: \$10.00

Bldg Improv. \$5.00

Total: \$8455.00

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)

Ellaina May Sacony (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON KINDNESS SUNDAY Next Sunday is our monthly collection for the Deacon Kindness fund. These funds are used to help those in our community who may need some assistance.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER Hard copies of the newsletter are available in the Tarry N Talk area. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the emailing list.

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER Come out and help support our Student Ministry by attending our **ALL YOU CAN EAT** spaghetti dinner. Dinner includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and refreshments. Adults: \$10 and children 9 and under \$5. Proceeds will support the Mars UP Student Mission retreats. Gift Basket Raffle will also be at the Dinner. Winner need not be present to win.

YOUTH SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER BASKETS Once again the youth will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in January. At the present time, the youth are looking for anyone to donate a complete basket or items to make up a basket for the raffle. If you would like to donate an item or a full basket, please notify Andrew, Jenny Ivory or the office. Please have items available before January 21st. The spaghetti dinner will be held on January 28th. Look for more info to follow in coming weeks!

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you to all members and friends who's giving continues to bless and support MUP. An increase in tithes and offerings, along with diligent expense management on the part of the committees, has resulted in a much-improved net income. Your continued generosity through this holiday season will allow MUP to end 2017 with a positive net income and look forward to a solid financial start to the New Year.

“Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly; because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord.” – 1 Chronicles 29:9.