

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
Honoring the Future without Disrespecting the Past
As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold: As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright. So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

Prelude

Introit **Chancel Choir**
“Great is the Lord”

***The Call to Worship**
Leader: This hour is God’s hour for Good News!
People: We come to worship, to experience God’s love and forgiveness, and to find hope for our lives.
Leader: In Christ we become a new creation. The old has passed away; the new comes.
People: Today, we try to understand the old passing away and what it means to live in newness. We bring our broken dreams and unfulfilled hopes of 2016. Lord, give us healing and release in worship and help us to discover and build anew for 2017.

***Hymn of Praise** **38**
“Ye Servants of God”
*Invocation (Unison)
Eternal God: to you a thousand years go by as quickly as an evening. You have led us in days past; guide us now and always, that our hearts may turn to choose your will, and new resolves be strengthened; we pray this through Christ whom we invite to be a part of our lives in this New Year and this New Year’s Day in worship. Amen.

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Unison Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, You make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and

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.

failed to do what You demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Silent, Personal Confession
Assurance of God’s Grace and Pardon

Response (vs. 1) **“Amazing Grace”** **343**
Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Old Testament Lesson **Jeremiah 31: 33-34**

Anthem **Chancel Choir**
“A Christmas Blessing”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn **256**
“Love Has Come!”

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

***Gloria Patri**
***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading Psalm 121

Sermon **Rev. Terry Stoops**
“On Letting Go”

***Departing Hymn** **258**
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*** Benediction**

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

***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)

***Flowers today are presented to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
our Aunt, Margaret Cook, from her
many nieces and nephews.***

**FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF – We wish you
and your families a Happy, Healthy New Year
2017. Our prayers are always with you!**

Recognition of Retiring officers

Elders: Don Lewis, Susan Cox, Keith Cuyar, Linda Lees, Michele Baumgartel, Christ Augustine

Deacons: Pam Kennedy, Nancy Govan, Louise Fox, Bonnie McElhinny, Nancy Huggins

To The Mars Congregation:
**Thank you for the very generous Christmas gift
and also Thanks for being you – a faithful,
supportive, committed, and spirit-filled people of
God. May God Bless you all in the days ahead.
Bill and Vail Jackson, Terry and Jan Stoops and
the Mars UP Church staff.**

*Morning Worship:
10:00 AM*

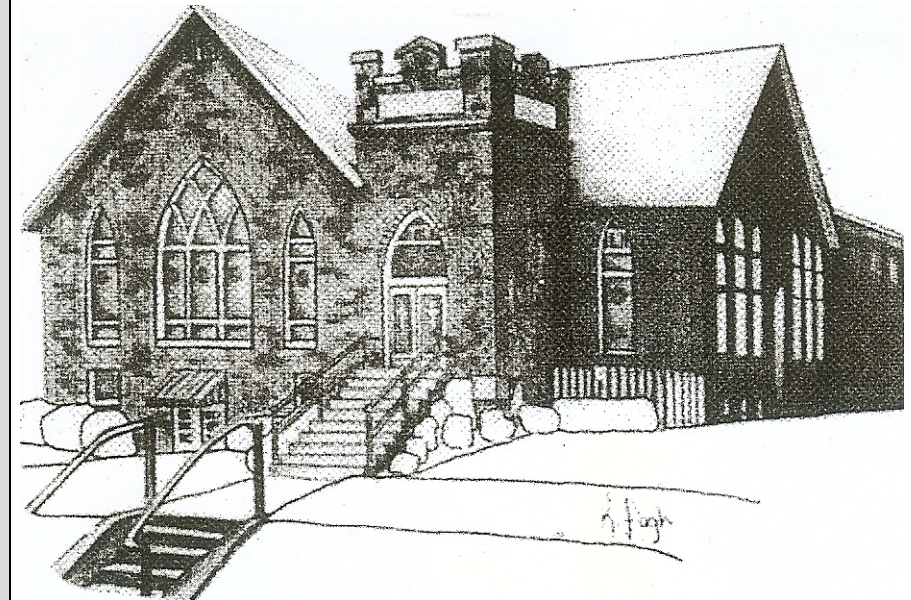
*Nursery provided
during 10am service.*

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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 1, 2017

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

CALENDAR: January 1st – January 8th

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

Today, January 1, 2017 Rev. Terry Stoops

10:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

No Sunday School or Youth Group

Monday, January 2, 2017

Office closed

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. A-Team

6:30 p.m. Mission and Outreach Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. Material Girls

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Friday, January 6, 2017

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Sunday, January 8, 2017 Rev. Terry Stoops

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE/Communion

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

9:45 a.m. Meeting for New Deacons and Elders

11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE/Comm.

5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS: (D) Ruth Wilson
(E) Bob Riefer

NURSERY THIS WEEK:
Sally Olsen

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:
Brianna Hager

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:
MUP MUFFINS:

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:
Stewardship Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S
ATTENDANCE: 45

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
Operating Funds: \$14,983.00

Mission: \$305.00

MUP Van: \$10.00

Christmas: \$1675.00

Bldg Improv. \$35.00

Total: \$17,008.00

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Will English(Nephew of Patty Marburger)

Ellaina May Sacony (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER On January 8, 2017, worship services will resume at regular times 8:30 am and 11:00am. Communion will be served at both services also. Sunday School and Youth group will also resume on January 8th at regular times.

WINTER FELLOWSHIP RETREAT at Peek' N Peak Resort will be Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12, 2017. Brochures are available in the Tarry 'n Talk area. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to stay in the supervised "youth rooms". The cost is \$165 per youth and includes 2 night stay and 2 day lift tickets – deposits (\$75) are due by January 15th. We will be hosting a club room for our meals and relaxation.

DEACON KINDNESS SUNDAY-Next Sunday January 8, 2017 is our monthly collection for the Deacon Kindness fund. These funds are used to help those in our community who may need some assistance.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of every month for the Glade Run food bank collection at the church. Non-perishable items may be left in the chest in the Tarry N Talk area.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS There will be a new member's class on Sunday, January 15th during the Sunday School hour (9:45). Please meet in the Tarry N Talk area of the church if you are interested in joining. Rev. Dr. William Jackson will be leading the class.

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.

COMMUNION Next Sunday, January 8, 2016 communion will be served at both services. If you can help serve, please contact the office.

I WILL GIVE THANKS
TO YOU, LORD,
WITH ALL MY HEART;
I WILL TELL OF ALL
YOUR WONDERFUL
DEEDS.
-PSALM 9:1

The Stewardship Committee expresses their appreciation for the congregation's faithfulness and giving for 2016.