

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

**(Please stand, if you are able)*

Welcome and Mars Messages

Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Worship

Leader: This Sabbath is dedicated to God. Let this Gathering place be a home for all people.

People: May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God's face shine over all the Earth's people.

Leader: Let all the world's citizen praise the God of all nations. Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives all.

People: May God grant us understanding and courage. May our faith grow, because we are able to move beyond our doubts.

Leader: The Earth yields its blessings. Let all the ends of the Earth revere our Creator.

People: God brings us together in unity of purpose. May our circle grow as we welcome new guests into our community of faith. Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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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.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, forgive us for the sin we recognize in ourselves and wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us the courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended others. Help us put aside all action and comments that defile us and our community of faith. Dear God, cleanse us for new life in Jesus. Hear our time of silent confession...

***Silent, Personal Confession**

***Assurance of God's Mercy and Grace**

***Affirmation of Faith**

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***Gloria Patri**

Children's Moment & Children's Ministry Message and Prayer

Psalm Reading

Psalm 133

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

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"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:1-20

Sermon

Rev. Ed Boyce

"Why is there an Elephant in My Living Room"

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Tues –Friday from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

***Hymn of Commitment** **428**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*** Charge *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**

***Flowers are provided today to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Wayne Jackson by
Pat Jackson and their sons, Dave and Jeff.***

REACHING OUT TO OUR SHUT INS

Laura Reed was an attendee to Mars UP worship when she lived here in Mars and was an active member of the Material Girls. Recently, she has been moved to Hospice Care at St. Barnabas. We would like to reach out to her with cards from her Mars UP family. If you would like to send her a card or visit, please send to the address below:

Laura Reed
St. Barnabas Nursing Home
P1 (penthouse 1)
5827 Meridian Road
Gibsonia, PA 15044

*Morning Worship:
8:30 am and 10:00 am*

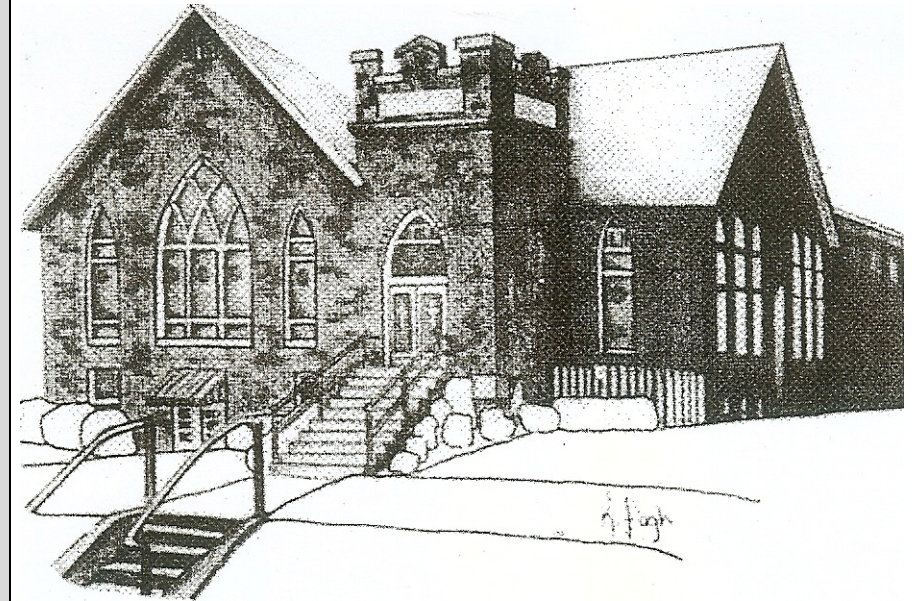
*Nursery provided
during 10:00 am service.*

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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!***

August 20, 2017

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

CALENDAR: August 20th thru August 27th

Church Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today, August 20, 2017

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP
10:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday, August 21, 2017

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00 am A-Team
7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

9:00 am Material Girls

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Friday, August 25, 2017

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

SUMMER WORSHIP

We hope everyone is enjoying summer and the opportunity to visit with friends and family! With the warmer summer weather and travel schedule of our church family, worship attendance and weekly offering is less than it is in fall, winter, and spring. Just a reminder, the church relies upon your continuous support. Please consider dropping off or mailing your offering to the church even those Sundays you are out of town. Your generous support of our ministry helps continue shining our light as a church and helps us be more ready to hit the ground running when the church program year begins again in the fall! Travel mercies and blessing to all!

VOLUNTEERS ☺

GREETERS:

(E) Shelly Bocheff
(D) Sharon Gibbs

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Gloria Utz

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Brianna Hager

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MUP MUFFINS:

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

Worship Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 91

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Expenses: \$3095.00

Mission: \$10.00

MUP Van: \$10.00

Kindness: \$65.00

Building Improv. \$5.00

Total: \$3185.00

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Rich Williams

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Will English (Nephew of Patty Marburger)

Elliana Mae Cicconi (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are presently looking to add a few more names to the nursery rotation for the following year. If you could give one or two Sundays to serve in the nursery during the Morning worship hour, please contact Karen Goul by email Kkgoul@yahoo.com or phone 724-816-1257. Thank You

TO THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Please relax. God placed the wiggle and giggle into children. Here at Mars United Presbyterian Church, don't feel you have to suppress it. All are Welcome here in God's place. If you want, feel free to sit closer to the front where it is easier to see and hear. Help your children understand what's going on by quietly explaining what's going on in worship. Help them learn to joyfully sing the hymns, pray fervently, and participate in the unison and responsive parts of worship. Our children learn how to worship here by watching their parents. If you feel the need to leave worship feel free to do so and head for the nursery downstairs. But please make sure you come back. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We all should remember that the way we welcome children into our congregation directly affects the way they respond to one another. Let your children know that they are at home in this place of worship. The rest of us in worship, please remember that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents of small and not so small but active children. The presence of children is a gift to this congregation and gives us a future filled with hope.

PEACH FESTIVAL The Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Annual Peach Festival a success.

SAVE THE DATE! Chancel Choir will kick off their fall season on Wednesday, September 13th at 7 p.m with the choir commencing weekly anthems on Sunday, September 24th. If you are interested in joining the chancel choir or would like more information on what we do, please see Jamie between services or after the 10 a.m. service to learn more about being a part of our dynamic music ministry. Sharing the word of God through music is a great way to serve your church in a different capacity and also a great deal of fun and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

