

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 (based on Ephesians 4)

Leader: Lord, you have called us, and we are here.
People: May we enter into worship humble and gentle, patient and loving.
Leader: Lord, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: May we learn as we worship how to live as one body, true to our faith and our baptism.
Leader: Lord, you are mysteriously above all, through all, and in all.
People: May we seek in this hour to understand the depth of the grace freely given to us.
Leader: Lord, you instruct us to strive for unity and peace, each one a part of one body.
All: As we worship, may we learn how to work together to increase the Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church, the Body of Christ, each one and all together shining the light of Christ into a dark world.
All: Let us worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth.

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.

***Hymn of Praise** **43**
"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

***Unison Prayer of Confession**
Oh God, we come to you sinners all. We are so easily distracted by "the way things used to be" and the daily news, both real and fake. Then we argue and accuse and belittle and divide. Too often, rather than discussing our differences and seeking to understand each others' perspectives and positions, we attack and shame those who don't share our opinions. We magnify the specks in each others' eyes and ignore the logs in our own. We disrespect our baptism in Christ who unifies us. Lord, have mercy on us. Guide us to repent and to live our lives united by and at peace in your love. Forgive us, Lord. Now hear each personal confession that we offer in silence.

***Silent, Personal Confession**
***Assurance of God's Mercy and Grace**

***Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles Creed**
***Gloria Patri**

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

Psalm Reading **Psalm 51:1-12**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Preparation **Insert**
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Offertory Sentence
Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Epistle Reading **Ephesians 4: 1-7**
1 Corinthians 1: 10 -17

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Church Office Hours:

Tues –Friday from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Sermon

Rev. Ed Boyce

*"I Will be a Healthy Part of the Body of Christ and I Will
Work to Increase the Peace, Unity, and Purity of Christ's
Body"*

*Hymn of Commitment

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"The Church's One Foundation"

* 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

REACHING OUT TO OUR SHUT INS

Please send cards to:

Wanda Jones

Wexford House

9850 Old Perry Highway

Rm-104A

Wexford, PA 15090

***Please Welcome today Guest Organist,
Kathy Kelso.***

Morning Worship:

8:30 am and 11:00 am

Nursery provided

during 11:00 am service.

**15th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Prayer of Preparation

*Lord, we come to you
today with so many
things on our hearts.*

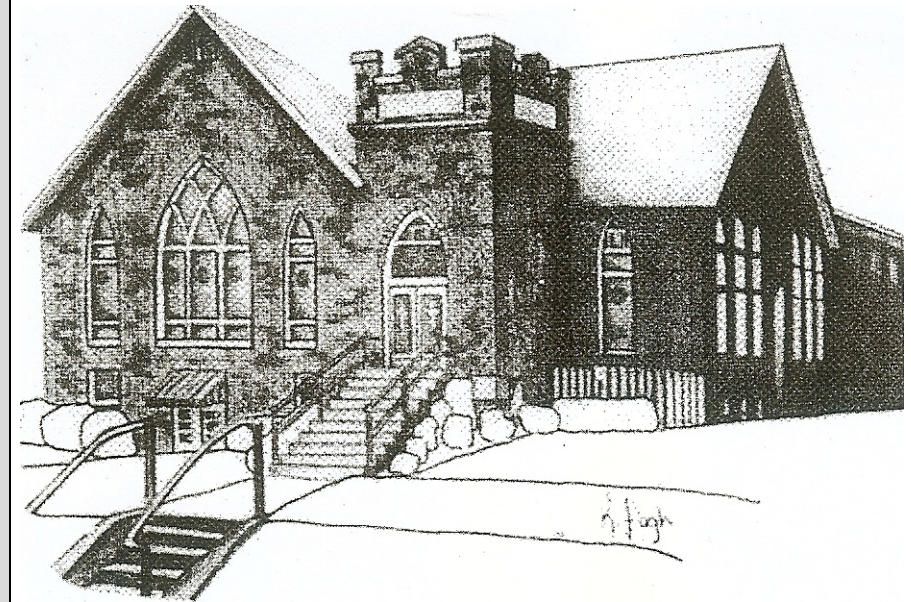
*You call us to be in
relationship of trust
and love with you and
you offer healing to us
for those portions of
our lives that are
broken and injured.*

*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!***

September 17, 2017

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

CALENDAR: September 17th thru September 24th

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

Today, September 17, 2017

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
12:15 p.m. Membership Meeting
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, September 18, 2017

6:30 p.m. Griefshare

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

9:00 am Material Girls
6:00 p.m. GROW – Valencia church
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday, September 22, 2017

Saturday, September 23, 2017

11:00 a.m. St. John Chili Cook-off @ St. Johns

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS:

(E) Bob Riefer
(D) Jenny Ivory

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Becky Courson

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Sharon Gibbs

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MUP MUFFINS: Pam

Kennedy and Linda Lees

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

Buildings & Grounds
Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 81

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Expenses: \$4030.00

Mission: \$85.00

Kindness: \$140.00

Building Improv. \$10.00

Total: \$4265.00

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Elliana Mae Cicconi (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER!

* Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!

* Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the second Sunday of the month.

GET RENEWED ON WEDNESDAYS (GROW!)

Beginning **Sept 20th** at 6pm, you are invited to be a part of GROW! GROW is a mid-week opportunity co-sponsored by Mars UP, Valencia Presbyterian and Old Union churches. It involves GREAT food and fellowship and the chance to GROW in your faith. The program begins with dinner at 6pm and flows into age-based discussion on **Max Lucado's** book entitled, “**before amen**” and also new this year, a second class “**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**” by **Mark Gungor**. There is a teacher and class for each age group – including nursery! Caring leaders from Valencia, Mars UP, and Old Union will be handling the nursery and children's age groups. Discussions will be held by Jim Kirk, Peter deVries, and Ed Boyce and Karl Kennedy. Dinner will be a cook-out with hamburgers, hot dogs, and side dishes.

APPLEFEST-OCTOBER 7th Please see the signup sheets in the Tarry 'n Talk area to volunteer to staff our “Applefest” Social booth. See John Ivory or Andrew Higginson if you have any questions. We need many volunteers to help serve the “Walking Tacos”!

ST. JOHN'S CHILI COOK-OFF All are welcome to “warm up” with some homemade chili at the “Chili cook-off” on Saturday, September 23rd at St. John Lutheran church. 420 Beaver Street, Mars. Entry Fee is \$25 and tasters are welcome for a fee of \$5.00. Please contact St. John's @ 724-625-1830 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 1, 2017! Everyone is invited by the Membership Committee to their annual bonfire at Quality Gardens on Route 228 at **5:00 p.m.** We will be serving up some chili, hot dogs, s'mores and beverages. Be sure to bring a chair to sit in, flashlight and a roasting stick. Looking forward to some great campfire fun!

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 ESV 11Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

