

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.

We Gather Before God

(*Please stand, if able)

Welcome and Mars Messages Prelude

***The Call to Worship (Psalm 32):**

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you

People: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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.

***Invocation(Corporate)**
Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and freed us from bondage to sin. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** **63**
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Corporate Prayer of Confession (Unison)**
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession
Assurance of God’s Grace and Pardon
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing of the Peace**

We Receive God’s Word
Prayer for Illumination

Special Music **Debby Nichols**
“This is My Fathers World”

Moment with Children

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
"So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all the Lord has commanded you to say" (Acts 10:33b)

Scripture **Acts 17:22-34**

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Message

Greg Nichols

"That They Should Seek"

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

*Responsorial Hymn

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"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not Want"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

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"Come, Share the Lord"

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn of Commitment

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"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response (Everyone sings)

"The Time has come...."

*Postlude

George and Marie Matthews would like to thank everyone for the cards, support and condolences on the passing of George's mom, Ruth.

*Morning Worship:
10:00 am*

*Nursery provided
during 10:00 am service.*

1st Sunday in Lent

Prayer of Preparation

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

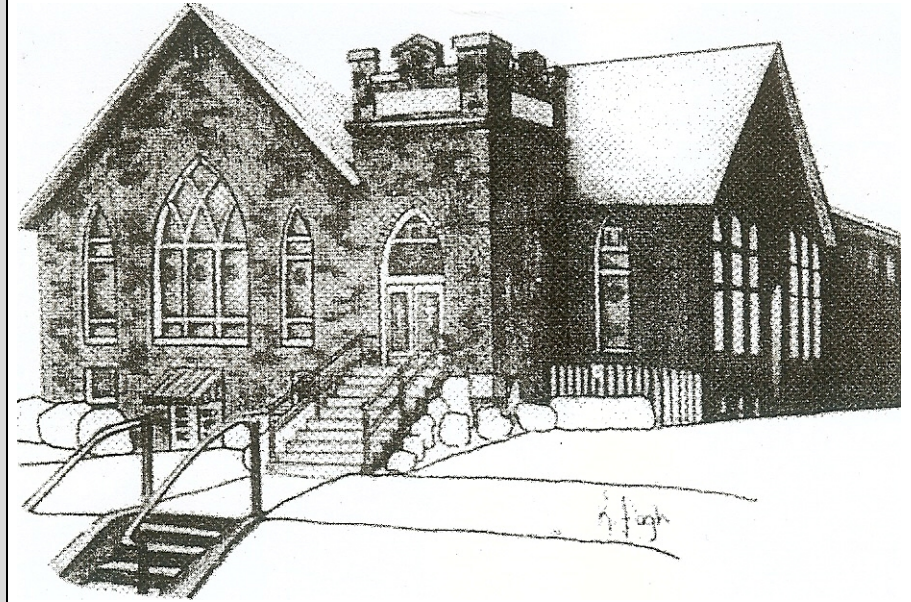
*You call us to be in
relationship of trust
and love with you and
you offer healing to us
for those portions of
our lives that are
broken and injured.
Help us to be open to
your mercy and healing
love. For we ask this in
Jesus' Name.
AMEN.*

Next Sunday Scripture:

John 9: 1-38

Mars United Presbyterian Church

Welcome!



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

March 1, 2020

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

CALENDAR: March 1st – March 8th

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

Today, March 1, 2020

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2020

1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Griefshare
7:00 pm BoyScouts

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. A-Team
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. Material Girls
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm PNC meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:15 pm Deacon Meeting

Friday, March 6, 2020

12:00 pm Lenten Lunch/Speaker Samaritan Counseling Center

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Sunday, March 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
3:00 pm Churchwide Bowling @ Misty Lanes

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS:
(E) Keith Nichols
NURSERY THIS WEEK:
Missy Wells
NURSERY NEXT WEEK:
Jill Cooper
MUP MUFFINS:
TARRY 'N TALK HOST:
Buildings & Grounds
LAST SUNDAY'S
ATTENDANCE: 52
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE: 23
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
Operating Funds: \$3720.00
Per capita: \$122.37
Kindness: \$10.00
Total: \$3852.37

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)
Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's) Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)
Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew) Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings; let us know if you have an announcement...

February 23rd SERMON Copies of Pastor Jim's sermon from last Sunday is available in the Tarry N Talk if you would like to take one home.

LENTEN LUNCHEES Every Friday at noon, the community is invited to enjoy lunch and a special guest speaker. There is no charge for the lunch; however, donations will be received. The first Lenten Lunch is this Friday, March 6th and the speaker will be from Samaritan Counseling Center. Lunch will be Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, Salad and Dessert. Every week Grilled cheese sandwiches also.

GRIEFSHARE is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets in our MUP library on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The meetings are being sponsored by McDonald Aeberli Funeral Home. No preregistration is required.

OUR GUESTS This morning we are pleased to welcome Greg and Debby Nichols to worship. Greg is Keith's brother. Mars United Presbyterian Church has supported and been involved in the Nichols' ministry for nearly 30 years. Greg and Debby were married in 1990 and soon moved to Ukraine to work in one of the newly opened seminaries in the former Soviet Union. He completed his PhD in Russian history and they moved to Prague, Czech Republic where he continued to teach Church History and Theology. After 8 years in leadership, their ministry is transitioning to leader development and refugee assistance in Prague. Debby has been actively working with refugees since 2015. They have two adult children; Nicolas who is training to be a paramedic/firefighter in the Chicago area and Selina who is training to be an elementary school teacher in Denver.

CHURCHWIDE BOWLING Everyone encouraged to attend!!!! Adults and Youth!!!! Misty Lanes on Rt. 8 **WHEN:** Sunday, March 8th @ 3:00 pm If you have an idea that you might be coming, please email the office: marsup@mars-up.org or drop a note in the offering. This will help us know how many may be attending and number of lanes needed.

CHURCH ROOF

As you may be aware, the roof of the church will need to be replaced in the next three years. The cost is estimated to be \$70,000. We have collected \$24,444.61 over the last six months. **We still need five members to lead this campaign for the next three years.** If you would like to be on the committee, please contact the church office.

