**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

April 28, 2024 9:30am

**Morning Worship**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

PRELUDE     “Under His Wings”                     *Ira David Sankey*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

**We Praise the Lord**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22:25-28)

L: From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You I will fulfill my vows.

**P: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise Him—may your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him,

**P: For dominion belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: 460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We give thanks to You, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, and for Your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners. We praise You that in Christ You came to us with forgiveness, and that, by Your Holy Spirit, You move us to repent and receive Your love. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, Amen.** [*silent confession*]

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise: “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Hear God’s Word**

CHILDREN’S LESSON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 8:26-40 (pp. 1099, 1669)

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 4:7-21 (pp. 1230, 1860)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Lord of the Harvest” *Chancel Choir*

THE GOSPEL: John 15:1-8 (pp. 1081, 1643)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON: Remnants *Rev. David C. Smith*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE:

418 “God, Bless Your Church with Strength”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Galatians 5:22-24)

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory      “I Found the Answer”               *Johnny Lange*

\* Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer

**We Go Forth To Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN OF SENDING:

314 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    “You Are the Vine”                   *Danny Daniels*

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: *Rev. David C. Smith*

Liturgist:  *Wendy Smith*

Greeters: *Doc & Kay Shearer*

Ushers: *J. Hopple, C. Hopple, A. Strein, T. Strein*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

Director of Music Ministries: *Ryan Neidig*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, April 28th**

9:30am Worship Service (S)

After worship - FISH photography field trip @ Rider Park

**Monday, April 29th**

9:00am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:00am-11:30am Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, April 30th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

**Wednesday, May 1st**

**Thursday, May 2nd**

6:30pm-8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Choir

**Friday, May** **3rd**

Office Closed

10:00am-11:30am Yoga (FH)

**Saturday, May 4th**

Little League Opening Day (Parking lot & Grounds)

**Sunday,** **May 5th**

9:30am Worship Service (S)

After worship **—** FISH Photography Exhibition (Narthex)

Last Week’s Attendance: 72

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**Announcements for the week of April 28, 2024**

**Welcome to the Montoursville Presbyterian Church.**

Visitors: Please complete a Visitor Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a church home or membership, please see the Pastor, an Usher, or call the office.

**To assist with your worship experience, we offer:**

**Personal hearing devices** – please see an Usher

**Pew cushions** – stored above the coat racks in the Narthex

**Large print hymnals** – in the Narthex

**Handicap/family restroom** – off the far end of Fellowship Hall

**Nursery care** for children ages up to 5 years old

**Staff:** Deb Rupert,

Hannah Means, Adele Dunkleberger, Gwen Dunkleberger

**Upcoming FISH activities**

**TODAY — Field trip and photography project**!  Come to the MCEC after the worship service.  We’ll put on our hiking clothes and go out to Rider Park to take photographs that remind us of/ illustrate Bible verses.  Bring a bag lunch, a phone that can take pictures (or you can borrow one of ours if you don’t have one).  After eating, hiking, and photographing, we will return to the MCEC to finish our project.

**May 5 —** Beauty Around Us:  Remembering God in His Creation.Our photography exhibition! Come after the worship service to see your work mounted and displayed in the narthex!

**Ladies Lunch —** ALL LADIES of the church are invited to join Circle 1 for our end-of-year lunch on Monday, May 6th at 12 noon at **Johnson’s Café.** Please fill out a reservation form by the  
Ladies Lunch basket in the narthex before **May 1.**

\*With parties this size, Johnson’s will only give us one check, so please bring cash to pay for your meal.

**Beauty Around Us:  Remembering God in His Creation.**

You are invited to view FISH’s photography display on **Sunday, May 5** after the 9:30 am worship service in the narthex.  Refreshments for everyone.  Please join us!

**Greeters for May**

5/5 Mike & Rachel Bradley

5/12 Cathy Rush

5/19 Mike Yourish

5/26 Donna Strein & Bev Mathias

**Ushers for May**

5/5 J. Means, S. Means, N. Bixler, D. Bixler

5/12 K. Ellison, K. Rush, B. Messersmith, M. Yourish

5/19 D. Casella, G, Casella Jr., D. Cillo, M. Cillo

5/26 N. Jones, S. Wolfe, D. Casella, G. Casella Sr.

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** Susan Baker, Sandy Bernan, Paul Blickley, Nancy Book, Lane Bower, Donald Burleigh and family, Koen Butler, Hobart & Hedi Campbell, Patrick Carmody, Mike Cillo, Elaine Cressman, Pat Damaska, Jackie DeAngelo, Joyce Dotts, Betty Edkin, Ellie English, Gail Fetterman, Janine Fisher, Margaret Fox, Christine Fry, Kevin Gardner, Marcelyn George, Gayle Herron, Buddy Hessert, Clara May Hoff, Jeff Hoff, Rosemary Holmes, John & Margaret Hopper, Cheryl Hopple, Wayne Keller, Doug & Tanga Killian, Pat Korizno, Marilyn Loccassio, Michael Lozano, the Maciejewski family, Brooke Marshall, Ester McLaughlin, Doris Messersmith, Mary Ann Merrill, Barb Miller, Ariel Muhs, Mary Lou & Rick Odell, Amy Peck, Buzz Platt, Phil Preziosi, Eric Ravert, Peggy Rennick, Cathy Rush, Bob Schild, Brad Shaffer, John & Penny Shaw, Kay Shearer, Ellory Sobol-Shelton and family, Bob Shimp, Bobbie Simms, Mindy & Stan Smith, Cheri Stiles, Dorothy Stipp, Jim Sunderland, Fran Tallini, Lois Thomas, Sue Ulmer, Carol & John Wagner, the Walker family, Aiden Wallace, Deanna & Bob Wenner, the Wentzel family, Bobby Wheeler, Marieva Williams, Dawn Zipay.

**Military:**  Duane (DJ) Burleigh, Ryan Burns, Lt. Col. Brady Cillo, Caleb Frantz, Gabe King, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, David McCollin, Jason Yurek, All military personnel, and their families.

**Others:**  Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa); Ministries of MPC; Peace in the World; Camp Krislund; Health Care Workers; Schools and Colleges and Universities; Doctors Without Borders; those suffering as a result of the Israel/Hamas war; Ethiopia; Haiti; Ukraine; Sudan; those suffering from natural disasters; all victims of violence.

**Please give updates on the status of those on the prayer list to Anne Strein (570-368-1595, montourpc@gmail.com.)**