

D O N E G A L  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N  
C H U R C H

*founded prior to 1721*

August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



*“For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.”*  
- Psalm 133:3b (NRSV)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

**Gathering in God's Name**

*“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”*

PRELUDE “Saraband” G. F. Handel

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS & JOYS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32)

God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ.

**God has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.**

With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

\*HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” #423

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Romans 11:30-32)

**Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves, but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights, but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us, that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Christ's name we pray...

**Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #579

**Proclaiming God's Word**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-36 p. 229

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:10-28 p. 23

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Dismantling Barriers" Matt Randolph

**Responding to God's Word**

\*HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #439

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 16

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Aria" J. S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #592

**Sending in God's Name**

\*HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #280

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Allegro" D. Zipoli

*\*All those who are able may stand.*

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**Reflection for the Christian Life**

Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?

WE WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN!

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a **TIME of FELLOWSHIP**. The refreshments for today are provided by Tim & Diane Bittner.

PRAYER CONCERNS

|                          |                         |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| John Cleis               | Karen Mencer            | Dora Beres        |
| Jim Gottfried            | Keith                   | PJ Ferretti       |
| Refugees of Iraq & Syria | Jim Pappianne           | Pat Crocket       |
| Rachel Rasmussen         | Katie Ide               | Matthew Rodriguez |
| Skip Sterling            | Judy Converse           | Alyssa Yeagley    |
| Joan & Don Betty         | Robert Coady            | Pete Hopper       |
| Jerianne                 | Josh Fessler            | Laura Vago        |
| Ryley Nazario            | Danny Hoye              | Allen Moyer       |
| Doug Snavelly            | Andy McKenzie & wife    | Dora Bartis       |
| Ron Bauman               | Denise Reichert         | Ron Thompson      |
| Dale & Holly Brubaker    | Ethan Van Owens         | Rose Hershey      |
| Araella Bornmann         | Ray Myers               | Jesse Howard      |
| Michelle Young           | Ruthie Loraw            | Vicki Mayers      |
| Ritsch Family            | John Yurkovic           | Sara Kunkle       |
| Linda Ahern              | Claudia Neiner & Family | Anna Deihl        |
| Nancy Shuman             | Linda Uliano & Family   | Phil Koser        |
| Daniel Kuzdro            | Jesse Stoner            | Ronald Bruce      |
| Jim & Linda Armstrong    | Cassel Family           |                   |

In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, we are asking for your help. If you or a family member know of any names that need to be added or removed (with their permission) from our list, please advise the church office. God's care is constantly working in and amongst us, and our Prayer List needs to reflect everyone's present situation. Thank you for your concerns and help in maintaining them.

OUR MISSION

*Faith witnessed, faith celebrated,  
faith to embrace the future,  
so that all may be whole and fully alive in Christ.*

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*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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USHERS: Linda & Bob Mains  
NURSERY: Amy McGough 9:00 a.m. & Lisa Kuzdro 11:15 a.m.  
ARTWORK: Emma Musser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

- Gift card & The Ultimate Cloth® sales during Fellowship Time.
- September Newsletter Deadline is today. All interesting and informational articles can be placed in the secretary's mailbox in the Communication Center or church office or you may e-mail it.
- Donegal Men will meet Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and prayer, at Gus's Keystone Restaurant. In by 7:00, out by 8:00.

## **LOOKING AHEAD IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

- **Food Collection Day** is Sunday, September 3. Help a hungry neighbor by bringing a generous offering of any of the following foods/items: sugar, flour, bisquick, syrup, tuna, canned meat, beef stew, fruit juice, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & sauce, cold cereal, diapers, paper towels and toilet paper. (*Place your items on the shelf provided by the entrance of the BDC. Best if your items are in bags or boxes.*) Thanks for your continued support!
- **BDC Team** will practice on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Worship Team Meeting**, Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.
- **Choir Practice will begin**, Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.
- **Project 300 Meeting**, Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.
- **One worship service** will be held on Sunday, September 10. This service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and we will celebrate communion. Following will be the annual church picnic.

**UPDATED BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED:** The deacons will be offering assistance for completion of Act 34 & Act 151 background checks during Fellowship Time. Assistance will be provided on Sundays, beginning today, through the end of August and the first half of September. Please see Steve Douple for any questions concerning the requirement for updated background checks for all adults involved with any youth activities and programs at DPC. Steve can be reached via email @: [s2beagle@aol.com](mailto:s2beagle@aol.com) or by phone (call or text) @: (717) 572-2422.

**PROJECT 300:** Anyone interested in serving on the committee to plan the celebration of the 300 years of Donegal's existence should attend the meeting on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. If you have questions, see Portia Brian.

**BDC TEAM AND SENIOR CHOIR BEGIN REHEARSALS:** BDC Team will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room and the Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. We would love to have new members join us. Linda & Bob Mains

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY:** Shoebox collection comes early in November. Be thinking what you want to add to your shoeboxes and take advantage of the amazing July school supply sales. Check the article in your newsletter for more details.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Please remember the following members of the Donegal Family with a card, phone call, and particularly in your prayers on their birthdays:

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Aug. 25 – Annie Ritsch   |                         |
| Aug. 21 – Jennifer Finch | Aug. 25 – Debra Sturgis |
| Aug. 23 – Linda Mains    | Aug. 26 – Mike Wills    |

## **STEWARDSHIP**

07/30/17 Offering: \$ 4,814 (includes C.C. \$250) Attendance 101  
08/06/17 Offering: \$37,975 (includes C.C. \$33,154) Attendance 70  
08/13/17 Offering: \$14,258 (includes C.C. \$8,000) Attendance 93

2017 Per Capita Expense: \$7,319 @ **\$35.53 per member**  
2017 Per Capita Contributions YTD: \$ 3,244.17

Capital Campaign Goal: \$125,000.00  
Capital Campaign Pledged-to-Date: \$69,634  
Capital Campaign Received-to-Date: \$46,834

## **ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-36 (CEB)**

<sup>1</sup>So I ask you, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! I'm an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God hasn't rejected his people, whom he knew in advance.

<sup>29</sup>God's gifts and calling can't be taken back. <sup>30</sup>Once you were disobedient to God, but now you have mercy because they were disobedient. <sup>31</sup>In the same way, they have also been disobedient because of the mercy that you received, so now they can receive mercy too. <sup>32</sup>God has locked up all people in disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

<sup>33</sup>God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are so deep! They are as mysterious as his judgments, and they are as hard to track as his paths!

<sup>34</sup>*Who has known the Lord's mind?*

*Or who has been his mentor?*

<sup>35</sup>*Or who has given him a gift  
and has been paid back by him?*

<sup>36</sup>All things are from him and through him and for him.  
May the glory be to him forever. Amen.

# SERMON NOTES



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| Organist                      | Ann Gecelosky            | 717-818-7802 |
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### CLASS 2017

Carla Douple  
Mitch Forry  
Karen Karnes  
Gloria Straub

Steve Douple  
Bill Latimore

Melody Nissley

Judy Kay Bard

Diane Bittner  
Tim Bittner  
Frank Ehrhart  
Karen Karnes  
Kathy Gable

### CLASS 2018

#### **SESSION**

Connie Ginder  
David Labagh  
Cherry Lee Landis  
Bob Mains

#### **DEACONS**

Linda Bayer  
Lydia Cleis  
Jeri Culbertson  
Annie Ritsch  
Dianna Wills

#### **STEPHEN LEADERS**

#### **STEPHEN MINISTERS**

#### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Melody Nissley – Moderator

#### **CHOIR MEMBERS**

Kristi Elkner  
Norene Fessler  
Eleanor Heller  
James Landis  
Kent Gable  
John Nissley

Lisa Kuzdro  
Philip Landis  
John Landis  
Beth Gable  
Berlin Smith  
Mike Wills

### CLASS 2019

Mark Bruce  
Sue Croumer  
Mike Wills

Judy Kay Bard  
Scot Harlacher  
Amy Kachelries  
Judy Weidman

Linda Bayer

Judy Weidman

Susan Landis  
Nancy Ehrhart  
Bob Mains  
Linda Mains  
Charlie Gable