

**MOUNT OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**4128 Route 151, Aliquippa 15001**

**Church: (724) 375-5630**

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**7:00 P.M.**

**May 19, 2013**

**Installation Service**

**Ministers: Congregation**

**Pastor: Reverend Kevin Neal**

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**Organ Prelude**

**Barb Zianni**

**Words of Greeting:**

LEADER: The Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

**\*Call to Worship: (Acts 1:8)**

Leader: Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

People: AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING TO JESUS THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH.

**\*Hymn of Praise: Blessed Be Your Name, pg. 6 P&W Book**

**\*Opening Prayer: (Based on Psalm 63)**

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you; our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and barren land where there is no water. Our lives are dry and barren because of the sin in us. Our world is dry and barren because we have walked away from you. Forgive us, O God, as we come to gaze upon you in your holy place, that we might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; therefore our lips praise you for your love come to us in your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. So, we will bless you as long as we live and lift up our hands in your name. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri (579 Hymnal)**

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:42-47  
Herbster

Teaching Elder Rich

**Sermon:** Back to the Basics!

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** 525, Here I Am, Lord

**Installation Questions**

Elders/Deacons: Ruling Elder Sam Orr

Minister: Teaching Elder Rich Herbster

Congregation: Clerk of Session Mike Makowiecki

**Anthem:** Christians Come, Gather at the Table  
Choir

**Celebration of Communion at our Lord's Table**

Welcome to the Table: Teaching Elder Betsy Rumer

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

Presentation of the Bread/Charge to the Congregation

Presentation of the Cup/Charge to the Officer's of the Church

Teaching Elder Dana Opp

Sharing at the Table

TE Dana Opp

**Offering of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings:** Ruling Elder Craig Lahtinen

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory/Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Sending:** Sanctuary, pg. 25, P&W Book

**Challenge, Benediction and Congregational Response:**

Sanctuary (Chorus)

## **Presbytery of the Alleghenies**

### **Installation Commission**

Moderator: TE Dana Opp, Portersville EPC

Secretary: RE Sam Orr, First Presbyterian, Beaver

TE Betsy Rumer, Memorial Park EPC

RE Craig Lahtinen, Mt Pleasant EPC

TE Rich Herbster, Mt. Pleasant EPC

Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church welcomes all who join us this evening as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter of His Story in the life of our congregation.

The seeds of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church were sown in the Old Pine Grove Baptist Church, which was about a mile east of the our present location, on Hookstown Grade Road. Near the close of the Civil War, Dr. William Hunter, then Pastor of Hebron Presbyterian Church, saw the need of another church “on the north side of Raccoon Creek.” A few services were held in this Baptist Church.

It remained for his son, Rev. Stephen A. Hunter who was then stated supply at the Mill Creek Church in the year 1875 to carry on what his father had started. He held services not in the Pine Grove Baptist Church but in Gorsuch school house located down the road on Rt. 151 from our present location. The congregation with Rev. Stephen Hunter as their leader met in the school house January 1, 1876, to formulate plans and to organize the new church. There were fifty-nine communicate members at this meeting.

During the next couple of days the session was elected and installed, a congregational meeting was held where the name of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church was decided, a board of trustees was elected and it was decided

to build a church on property donated by Mr. George McElhaney which upon completion of the building our congregation has been meeting ever since.

The foundation of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church was and is God’s written word, the Bible, which reveals to us the saving grace given to us through the Living Word, Jesus Christ and is given life through the Life-breathing Word, the Holy Spirit, which has brought us together as the congregation of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church.

The history of our congregation includes the peaks and valleys of life such as the original building burning down on May 2, 1946; The completion of the new building with dedication services held the week of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 1948; the Struggles and celebrations in the life of the congregation; Comings and Goings of Pastors; Denominational merger in 1958 resulting in the United Presbyterian Church; The building of a Manse and since then two additions to the Church and an addition to the Manse; and another Denominational merger in 1983 which resulted in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

With the on-going shift in the PC(USA) it reached a point where over the last two years, we have been in the process of discerning God’s call for us as a faithful congregation.

This evening, we praise and thank God for bringing us together with our new denominational home in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of the Alleghenies as we join together rooted in the life that the Word of God brings to us.