

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITCAIRN PROFILE INFORMATION

A: CONGREGATIONAL MAKE UP:

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn consists of 99 church members and 28 friends of the church. The regular attendees of the Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn are approximately 64 of the 99 members and 6 of the 28 friends of the church. On Sunday Morning the average attendance is approximately 55. There are approximately 32 members and 19 friends of the church that are in attendance less than 5 times a year and 3 members and 3 friends of the church considered to be part-time (in attendance 1-2 times a month). Approximately 50 of the 70 regular attendees are over the age of 55. The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn is comprised of 45 families with approximately 10-12 children.

B: BRIEF CHURCH HISTORY:

Conceived in 1893 as a mission church meeting in member's homes, the Pitcairn First United Presbyterian Church by 1895 had received its charter and was meeting in an old white frame school house on Eighth Street in Pitcairn. Our first ministers were seminary supplies, one of which headed for a mission charge in Egypt, which roused a life-long interest and support from our congregation for global missions. By the time our first full-time minister, The Reverend T. L. Jamieson, came in 1898, we were established in our newly erected white frame church building on the corner of Third and Highland Avenue in Pitcairn.

By 1916 the congregation had outgrown the original church structure and began preparation for a larger more suitable sanctuary. The plan involved moving the manse of the church to its current location on Highland Avenue and moving the chapel up the hill on Third Street to become the current church office and Sunday school rooms. On the corner of Third Street was erected the present familiar domed sanctuary that stands today. The congregation continued to grow and expand, reaching the highest membership count of 368 in 1984 under the leadership of Reverend David Williams.

During the tenure of Reverend David Williams, on February 22, 1981 the congregation overwhelmingly voted to leave the United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and joined the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) as *The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn*. *The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn* continued on from David Williams' tenure to be a diverse congregation built up of members that live within our local community and those who live in the surrounding communities.

In 2008 the Reverend David Schweissing brought our church a heart of service toward our local community, desiring for our church to be an active presence in the lives of those in our community. The church membership today is still a diverse group of people who live within Pitcairn and the surrounding communities. We continue to serve within the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the PCA where we have had a rich history of outreach and service to the community of Pitcairn. We continue, even from our humble beginnings, to have a desire to see disciples of Christ made of all nations through the financial and prayerful support of global missions. *The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn* continues to long to see the Kingdom spread from the pews of our church to the ends of the earth.

C: COMMUNITY PROFILE

Pitcairn was incorporated in 1894. The town grew during the first half of the 1900's as the Pitcairn rail yard became the largest in the world. By the 1950's the rail yard growth had stopped. During the 1980's the closing of part of Westinghouse Air Brake and the decline of the steel industry caused many of the residents to need to look for work elsewhere. Some of those who remained in Pitcairn had to accept lower paying jobs. Many of the homes became rental properties, with rent less expensive than in nearby neighborhoods with newer properties. An increasing number of the properties have now become subsidized rental units. Pitcairn is an old railroad town that thrived at the turn of the 20th century, moving from a community resembling a small city (in the early 20th century) to a more urban, residential community. The municipality of Pitcairn is 0.5 square miles, with a population of 3,689 recorded in the 2010 census.

Pitcairn has a main street, which has a butcher shop, a pharmacy, and a post office. The Pitcairn Park and Recreation Board provides free movies for children eight months a year, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Harvest Festival, and an old fashioned Christmas celebration. Camp B and Camp G provides a weeklong camping experience for children ages seven to sixteen. Pitcairn Women's Club provides scholarships for Pitcairn residents graduating from high school; Pitcairn Lion's Club provides support for vision needs. The Pitcairn Community Renaissance works on projects to beautify the town. Volunteers assist with the Pitcairn Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. There is a summer food program. It is possible for life-long Pitcairn residents to maintain connections through the Pitcairn Alumni Association, which archives memories at Propel School, schedules luncheons, and records history. These are available for viewing weekly. The Historical Society has written the history of Pitcairn and maintained artifacts, which are also available for viewing one day a week. There are currently 5 active church congregations in the community of Pitcairn; *The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, St. Michaels Catholic Parish, First United Church of Christ, Pitcairn Assembly of God, Center Avenue United Methodist Church.*

Church members of *The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn* live in Pitcairn and its surrounding communities of Monroeville, North Huntington, Trafford, and Level Green. Monroeville and North Huntington are suburbs of Pittsburgh with busy business districts surrounded by residential districts. Trafford and Level Green are residential suburbs.



Broadway Ave, Pitcairn PA



4th Street, Pitcairn PA

D: CHURCH VISION AND PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of our church is to glorify God by the up building of His people to be more Christ-like and through word and deed to proclaim to the community and the world that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

E: WORSHIP SERVICES

The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn meets weekly on Sunday morning with a Sunday school hour from 9:45am to 10:45am and worship beginning at 11:00am. Between Sunday school and worship there is a time of greeting and fellowship with snacks.

Our worship service is structured to guide the congregation through the message of the gospel every week. Our service opens with a Call to Worship taken from the Word of God recognizing that God calls us all into worship because He alone is worthy to be praised. The service continues with a corporate Confession of Sin because we recognize that we all have fallen short in sin and are in need of God's forgiveness. We are then reminded through a corporate Assurance of Grace, taken from the Word of God that although we are sinful, God has promised us pardon from our sin by grace, through faith. We respond to God's grace through worship and praise by corporately singing hymns and songs of praise, along with giving our tithes and offerings. We continue to respond to God's grace by growing deeper in relationship with him through the teaching and preaching of His word and in response to this teaching and preaching

are sent out into the world to carry the message of the gospel through a Benediction taken from the Word of God. We observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the First Sunday of every month. Two sample orders of worship can be found as Attachment I to this document.

F: MAJOR CHURCH PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

1. *The Clothes Closet* is a ministry provided to those in the community of Pitcairn in need of clothing free of charge. People from the congregation and presbytery donate articles of clothing which are then on display for those in need within the community. The Clothes Closet is open 3 Saturday Mornings each month and sees over 500 people from the community a year.
2. *Pitcairn Education Program (P.E.P)* is an after-school tutoring program provided free of charge to children within the community grades K through 8. P.E.P meets on Wednesday afternoons throughout the school year and provides a 1 to 1 ratio of mentor to child. We have volunteers from our church and other churches in the presbytery serve as tutors to these children.
3. The deacons of the church host a number of community wide events annually to grow our church in relationship with those in the community as well as friends and family members of the church. These include an annual Block Party where we have games and prizes for children and free food to those who come. We also host a Strawberry Festival annually which provides a means of fellowship with those in the community. In November the church hosts an annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner where we invited friends and family and those in the community to a family style thanksgiving dinner with a movie or some form of entertainment following the dinner.
4. *The Children's Choir* meets weekly between Sunday School and worship and provides a time of teaching children the truths of scripture through singing of songs and praises.
5. *Vacation Bible School (VBS)* is held one week out of the summer in the afternoon. We average approximately 25 children in attendance from within the church and within the community. Pitcairn offers a free lunch program during the summer for the children in the community. Our VBS is scheduled right after the lunch program ends, offering the children in the community to join volunteers at the church to learn the truths of the gospel.
6. *Lunch Bunch* monthly goes out to lunch together as a means of fellowship and relationship building.
7. Women's Weekly Bible Study
8. Options for Adult Weekly and Monthly Bible Studies.
9. We support through financial and prayerful means missions that extend past our local communities such as Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Pittsburgh, Campus Crusade for Christ, Harvest USA, and global missionaries located in France, Japan, and the Palestinian Territory of the West Bank.

G: CHURCH LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Session

Robert Leerburg
Robert Duvall
Joseph Ionta
John McCombs
Carl Wright

Deacons

Ed Agate
Randy Bollenbacher
Jason D'Alicandro
Deb Marto (Deaconess)
Jean Bell (Deaconess)
Charlotte Drakulic (Deaconess)

H: 2016 BUDGET, 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 BUDGET

See Attachment II

I: EXPLANATION OF PULPIT VACANCY

In January 2016, Pastor David Schweissing resigned as Senior Pastor, prayerfully and being led and counseled to the realization that his talents and ministerial abilities did not align with the ministerial needs of the church.

J: PULPIT COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

Jared Wright: Chairman of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, Worship Leader

Robert Duvall: Vice-Chairman of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, Ruling Elder, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Leader

Jodi Wood: Secretary of the Pastoral Nominating Committee

Jane DeStefano

Joseph Ionta: Ruling Elder, Sunday School Teacher

Skip Paul

Dorothy Weir

K: CHURCH STAFF

Linda Clark, Church Secretary and Accounts Payable Accounts

John McCombs, Pastoral Intern

Charlotte Drakulic, Custodian

Robert Duvall, Treasurer

Robert Brown, Contribution Account

**ATTACHMENT I
EXAMPLE ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

SUNDAY WORSHIP, APRIL 17, 2016

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITCAIRN

THE LORD'S DAY

11:00AM

APRIL 17, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Joe Ionta

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We worship God because He is worthy...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#165

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We confess our sin because we are in need of God's grace...

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and wrongdoings, and asking for your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our actions and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess to you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and strong wills, all of our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our neighbor. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and out of your great goodness grant us the ability and desire to serve you in faithfulness, in the strength of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please take a moment to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalm 30:2-3

Leader: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

People: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

MORNING PRAYER

We celebrate Jesus, who reconciles us to God by the cross...

*HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE

"Come Ye Sinners"

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

MESSAGE

Elder John McCombs

"The Gospel Advance"

Philippians 1:12-18 pew Bible page 980

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#449

"We Rest On Thee"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITCAIRN

THE LORD'S DAY

11:00AM

APRIL 10, 2016

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder John McCombs

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 55:1,12

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

People: The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #55

"To God Be the Glory"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSON OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"Standing on the Promises"

SERMON

Pastor Mark Robinson

"A Community of Disunity"

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 pew Bible page 958

CONFESSON OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess to You the reality of our sinful nature that desires evil, fails to do good, and always falls short. You alone know how often we have sinned – in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. We would often rather be our own teachers than learn from You. Yet You continue to have compassion upon us and remain faithful to save us. Teach us to hate our sin, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Teach us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:11-14

Leader: Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands – remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

People: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Jesus Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY M. Reger
“Chorale: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** #246
“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer
Sharing of the Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** #347
“The Church’s One Foundation”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** J.S. Bach
Chorale on “Christ Lag in Todesbanden”

**Please stand if you are able*

ATTACHMENT II
CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM 2016, 2015, AND 2014

	2016- Budgeted	2015- Actual	2014- Actual
Total Income	\$154,284	\$156,584	\$187,047
Benevolent Disbursements	\$18,720	\$18,924	\$20,940
Church Expenses	\$135,540	\$130,745	\$162,045
Ministers Compensation Package*	\$64,552	\$63,286	\$61,934

*Included base salary, housing allowance, auto allowance and health insurance.