

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eagles Gathering • January 19
Our Eagles ministry for seniors will gather on Friday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Law enforcement officer Kevin Pierce returns to sing hymns, praise songs and oldies! Come enjoy a catered breakfast beforehand! We need a count, so please sign up in the narthex or contact Bob Sidor (bob.sidor@gmail.com). There will be a free will offering for Kevin.

Trail Life Event • January 20
On Saturday, January 20th, Trail Life Troop — 1776 will be hiking and exploring Ridley Creek State Park. We will be learning about winter survival skills. Make sure you bring your compasses and dress warmly. This will be a 4–5-mile hike. Please make sure you register through Trail Life Connect or see Sean Ellsworth and Steve Lengkeek for more details.

Women’s Retreat 2024 • February 9-10
Do you ever feel driven and tossed about by the winds of this world? Or by the challenges you face day to day with relationships, health, work, or family concerns?

As Christians, we have a strong and sure anchor: Our Savior Jesus Christ. What does it mean to you that “the Lord takes thought of you” (Ps. 40:17)? Being found in Christ should be our greatest comfort and source of strength; but we can get distracted so easily, and drift from resting in the many promises and blessings God has given us.

If we are found in Christ as His children, we are safe and secure — even if we don’t always feel that way. No matter what storm we might be facing, we can be confident that God is in the storm with us, working His purposes for His glory and our good.

Women, join us for our women’s retreat *Courage in Christ | Facing the Trials and Confusion of Our Day in Faith* on February 9-10 at the Traber Center at Camp Sankanac | Spring City, PA. Register at proclamation.org/womensretreat. Registration closes January 28. Contact Lisa DiGiacomo at DiGiacomofamily5@gmail.com or 302-562-5645 with questions or more information.

Sopranos Needed
Our chancel choir has an unusual deficit of sopranos this season; last week we only had two! If you have the ability and interest, please see Ryan Kelly. We could greatly use some sopranos to help us lead worship.

Important Church Notifications
All emergency notifications from the church, such as the cancelation of morning or evening services due to inclement weather, are sent through the Proclamation App. To be sure that you do not miss these important announcements, download the app and make sure notifications are turned on. You may download the app on either your phone or tablet. To permit your notifications from the app: Open the app > tap the upper right button > scroll down to app settings > turn on notifications (“general” is the most important). If you have any questions, please speak with Henry Oestreich. *Note:* All users—due to an app refresh, you may need to refresh your notification permissions. If you’ve had the app for a while, even if you have permitted notifications, please make sure they are still permitted.

The diaconal Compassion Committee provides counseling as well as financial and material assistance to those in need, in the spirit of Christ’s compassion to his people and the world. Committee members are Chris Cooper (chair), Jeff Firges, Lauren Leisner, Tina Simon, Susan Wambua, and Virginia Spykerman. Their contact information is in the church directory. If you need help or know someone who does, contact any member of the committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Chris Cooper. Financial contributions to the Compassion Fund may be made as a designated gift; please designate “Compassion Fund” on your check or with your online donation.

HIM WE PROCLAIM

Proclamation is a Bible-centered, Christ-focused, confessional Presbyterian church serving the western suburbs of Philadelphia. We are convinced the ordinary means of grace—the Word, prayer, sacraments, and fellowship—are the primary means God uses to convert and grow His people into conformity with His Son. Toward that end, we are committed to:

- Expositional preaching of the inerrant Word of God
- Reverent and joyful worship of our glorious Triune God
- Fellowship with God in prayer as we intercede for His kingdom to come
- Redemptive community within the body of Christ
- Cultivating a heart of compassion for the lost in our community and around the world

TEACHING ELDERS

BEN FALCONER Senior Pastor
KEN WENDLAND..... Associate Pastor
JEREMY JOHNSON..... Associate Pastor
KISUP LEE Assistant Pastor of Japanese and Korean Ministry
SOONSANG MOON* Assistant Pastor of Korean Ministry

CHURCH STAFF

DAVE MONEYMAKER..... Church Administrator
HENRY OESTREICH Administrative Assistant
YOSHIE LEE..... Japanese Ministry Assistant
RYAN KELLY*..... Director of Music
PAT TOLBERT*..... Financial Comptroller
VIRGINIA SPYKERMAN* Director of Women’s Ministry
KELLY LEIBENSPERGER*..... Director of Children’s Music
SANDY MARTIN* Director of Handbells
EMILY WOO* Director of Children’s Ministry
JONATHAN HARNLY* IT Manager
ERIKA WOO* AV Manager
DAWN KEMP*..... Bookkeeper
KRISTEN HARNLY* Administrative Assistant
EUNSUN MOON*..... Korean Ministry Assistant
TOM FOUNTAIN* Daytime Sexton
AUSTIN ANSBRO* Evening Sexton
NATE HOOVER* Evening Sexton

**part-time*

SESSION ELDERS

BEN FALCONER, *moderator* ROBERT NULL
MIKE HARNISH PAT TOLBERT
JEREMY JOHNSON KEN WENDLAND
DAVID JOSEPHSON, *clerk* PAUL WIK

DEACONS

RON VOTTO, *chair* JEFF FIRGES
DAN BAKER ANDY LEISNER
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JOSH CUOZZO MATT ROBERTS



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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, January 14th, 2024



MORNING WORSHIP

January 14th, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*

*You have come...to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood
that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*
— Hebrews 12:22, 24

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
O Lord, I Have Trusted in Thy Mercy
Healey Willan

O Lord, I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
I will sing unto the Lord: because he hath dealt bountifully with me.
— *Psalms 13:5-6*

CALL TO WORSHIP* Hosea 6:1, 3

INVOCATION*

HYMN No 343* Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

DECLARATION OF FAITH* Westminster Confession of Faith, c. 8.3

The Lord Jesus, in his human nature united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In him it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, so that—being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth—he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator and surety. He did not take this office to himself but was called to it by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and commanded him to execute it.

* Please stand.

HYMN No 306* Jesus, My Great High Priest

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O most great, most just and gracious God: You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him.

We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:4-5

*At this time we would encourage you to record your attendance with us in the blue attendance pads.
Visitors, please consider filling out our connect card on the church app.*

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Alexander Reinagle

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear. It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding Place;
my never-failing Treasury filled with boundless stores of grace! Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King; my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought! Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death. — *John Newton*

SCRIPTURE READING* Dominic Mattioni, *elder*
Matthew 3:13-17, *pg. 818*

*We offer a Children's Church curriculum designed for pre-readers ages 4-6 in Room 147.
Children are welcome to participate at this time in Room 147.*

HYMN No 230* Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*
Joseph Tests His Brothers
Genesis 44, *pg. 38*

HYMN No 305* Arise, My Soul, Arise

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



*After the service, take a moment to greet those around you; especially those you may not know.
We want to welcome everyone with the love of Christ and the grace of the Spirit, in the name of the Lord.*

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Dominic Mattioni will be available to pray with you
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Kathy Gates and Janyl Josephson will be available to pray with women
at the front left of the sanctuary.

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Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our Evening Worship Service with Hymn Sing
Sound Words
1 Timothy 6:2b-5

Dear Proclamation Family,

You have shown the love of Jesus to over 900 families and over 2000 children this past Christmas season along with much joy and new Christmas memories with all your donations to CityTeam in Chester, PA. Your prayers, donations of gifts, wrapping paper, non perishable food items, and the many monetary gifts helped make this happen. Also, the time given to deliver the Christmas food and presents was very important. The impact of your donations on these poor families will last a lifetime. CityTeam is very grateful for our Proclamation family and so are Mike Martin and me. Thank you.

In Christ's Love,
Dominic