

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Eagles • Friday, December 12

Eagles, our monthly gathering for seniors, will meet on Friday, December 12 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Dr. Nate Shannon will be our guest speaker. Contact Dan Brubaker (danbru2805@gmail.com) for more information.

## Concert: Carols in Candlelight • Sunday, December 14

An evening of warmth and wonder with Proclamation’s adult, children’s & handbell choirs with festival orchestra, performing favorite Christmas carols amid serene candlelight. The free concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow. Invite neighbors and friends!

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • Wednesday, December 24

Worship our Lord at this 5:00 p.m. candlelight service with choir and string quartet, singing and prayer, and a message by Rev. Dr. John Currie.

## Christmas Offering 2025

Every December the Missions Committee presents mission opportunities for our congregation to support financially above our monthly giving. To give, select “Christmas Offering 2025” when giving online, or list “Christmas Offering” on the memo line of you your check made payable to Proclamation Presbyterian Church. Any donation received will be split between these three missions proportionate to the need.

This year our Christmas Offering will support three ministries:

- GTI Hope, our ministry effort to unreached people groups in India. The Christmas offering will provide 10 new sewing machines for one of the groups in India that have already received literacy training and biblical instruction.
- An initiative led by one of our supported missionaries Anees Zaka in distributing food and medicine in Egypt this holiday season.
- A missionary requiring funding in a sensitive and undisclosed area.

## CityTeam • Christmas Donations

CityTeam in Chester, PA needs your help for Christmas. Here are some ways we suggest: Donating non-perishable traditional Christmas meal items. Put the non-perishable items in the CityTeam section of the donation room. Donate toys and games, put them unwrapped in the box located in our Education Building. Donate wrapping paper, bows, and scotch tape. You can adopt a child’s wish list and buy them gifts from their list (this will cost you at least \$65.00). See Rich Conte if you want to adopt a child. Volunteer to help pack food boxes, gifts, or deliver the items to families on Dec. 20th. Incidentally, gifts and food items need to be here by Dec. 10th. Monetary gifts (any amount), make checks payable to CityTeam (not Proclamation) and earmark Christmas and give them to Rich Conte, or you can also put them in the offering plate.

## Staff Update • Part-Time Position Available

Kethryn Hollis is concluding her service as our Nursery Coordinator. We are grateful for her ministry to Proclamation, helping care for the youngest among us. We now have an opening for a new nursery coordinator. This position requires no more than 5 hours per week and can mostly be done remotely. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reach out to Antonio Ayala at antonio@proclamation.org or Jeremy Johnson at jeremy@proclamation.org.

## End of Year Giving

End-of-Year Giving 2025 contributions may be made online through December 31. If mailed, contributions must be received by January 2, 2026. If you would like to donate stock shares, please reach out to Pat Tolbert (pat@proclamation.org) no later than December 23rd. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the church.

# THIS WEEK AT PROCLAMATION

## Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Korean Worship in the Beechwood Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Education Building
- 10:30 a.m. English Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Japanese Worship in room 044/046
- 1:15 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

## Monday:

- 9:45 a.m. ESL (English as a Second Language) class

## Tuesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Call

## Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Dominic Mattioni Memorial Service
- 4:45-6:45 p.m. Dinner
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Children’s and youth music rehearsal
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. Soli Deo Gloria handbells rehearsal
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Trail Life and Girls of Grace (K-5th grade)
- Youth Group (6th-12th grade)
- Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies
- ESL (English as a Second Language) class

## Friday:

- 9:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Call
- 10:00 a.m. Eagles

## Saturday:

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study: *Lead Where You’re Called*
- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study: *A Study in the Psalms*
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal

For more information contact [info@proclamation.org](mailto:info@proclamation.org) or visit our website: [www.proclamation.org](http://www.proclamation.org)

*Proclamation desires, by the grace of God, to see disciples multiplied, matured, and mobilized in this generation and the next, to live for Christ in the church, in families, and in the world, and to lead for Christ in the vocation to which he calls them, all to the glory of God.*

## PROCLAMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# PROCLAMATION

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

*Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



MORNING WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. John Currie, *preaching*  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir  
*When the Lord Comes*  
Harrison Oxley

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart. – *1 Corinthians 4:5*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\* Is. 25:6, 9, Ps. 13:5-6, Rev. 22:20

Minister: The Lord of hosts has made for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Congregation: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. Even so: come quickly, Lord Jesus.

INVOCATION\*

HYMN N° 156\* O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

DECLARATION OF FAITH\* *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 arose 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.

\* Please stand.

CONFESSION OF SIN Romans 6:23

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Timothy 1:15

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir  
Sarah Whitehead, *flute*

*The Desert Shall Rejoice*  
Malcolm Archer

The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with praise and singing. For the ears of the deaf shall hear, and the eyes of the blind shall be opened. For the tongue of the dumb shall sing, and the lame will dance for joy. For the ground will become a pool and the dry land will become springs of water. As the ransomed return to the Lord, they shall come back singing unto Zion with joy. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with praise and singing. – *Isaiah 35*

SCRIPTURE READING\* Jerry Kunze, *elder*  
Isaiah 11:1-10, *pg. 575*

HYMN N° 221\* Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*  
*Certainty About the Son*  
Luke 1:26-38, *pg. 855*

HYMN\* Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

1. Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is  
2. See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with  
3. So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the

near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us

works of dark-ness, all you chil - dren of the day!"  
tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.

Words: c. 5th-10th cent. Latin; tr. Edward Caswall, alt.  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk

COMMUNION Ruth Thompson, *harp*

*Variations pastorales sur un vieux Noël*  
Marcel Samuel-Rousseau

HYMN N° 735\* Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



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Jerry Kunze will be available to pray with you  
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Brenda Sbraccia and Joyce Wik 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.  
Rev. Dr. John Currie preaching  
*Don't Touch That!*  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23

*Dominic Mattioni went home to be with the Lord on December 4th.*  
*A memorial service will be held here at Proclamation on Wednesday, December 10th.*  
*The viewing will be at 10:00 a.m. with service to follow at 11:00 a.m.*