

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concert: Carols in Candlelight • 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate our Lord’s birth at this 5:00 p.m. candlelight service with carol singing, our adult and children’s choirs, and a message by Rev. Dr. John Currie.

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
Support CityTeam in Chester, PA this Christmas. Here are some ways we suggest:

- Donate non-perishable traditional Christmas meal items. (Place in the CityTeam section of the donation room.)
- Donate toys and games, unwrapped, or wrapping paper, bows, and scotch tape. (Place in the box located in our Education Building.)
- Adopt a child’s wish list and buy them gifts from their list (this will cost you at least \$65.00). (See Rich Conte for more information)
- Volunteer to help pack food boxes, gifts, or deliver the items to families on Dec. 20th.

Monetary gifts (any amount) with checks payable to CityTeam (not Proclamation) and earmarked Christmas may be given to Rich Conte or placed in the offering plate.

Interns
Additional copies of our Intern directories are available in the Narthex; consider sending a Christmas card or email to one or two this season.

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 Jeremy Johnson at jeremy@proclamation.org.

YoungLives • Thank-you
Marissa da Silva and YoungLives send a sincere thank you to Proclamation women for the generous donations given at the Women’s Christmas Tea.

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
5:00 p.m. Carols in Candlelight Concert

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
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

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*

For more information contact info@proclamation.org or visit our website:
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.

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, December 14th, 2025



MORNING WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14th, 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*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Pat Tolbert, *comptroller*

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir

Rejoice in the Lord Always
James J. Chepponis

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
– *Philippians 4:4, Psalm 85:9*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP* Ps. 69:32, Ps. 30:11, Rev. 22:20

Minister: You who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord
hears the needy and does not despise his own people.
Congregation: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you
have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
Even so: come quickly Lord Jesus.

INVOCATION*

HYMN N° 194* O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

DECLARATION OF FAITH* *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of
all things visible and invisible.

* Please stand.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of
his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very
God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom
all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was
made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and
he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the
remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.

HYMN N° 162* Of the Father's Love Begotten

CONFESSION OF SIN Hebrews 12:11-13

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:4-7

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
Gary Foster, *trumpet*

Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. Evelyn R. Larter

Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son! Ev'ry people, stand in
awe; praise the perfect Son of God.

Not of human seed, or worth, but of God's own mystic breath, fruit in Mary's
womb began when God breathed the Word his Son.

God the Father's precious Son girds himself in flesh to run; riding out, returning
home as the Savior who has come.

Praise to God here everyone, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy
Ghost adore; now and evermore! –*Ambrose of Milan, attr.*

SCRIPTURE READING* Robert Null, *elder*
Isaiah 35:1-10, *pg. 595*

HYMN N° 200* It Came upon the Midnight Clear

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*
The Joy of Certainty
Luke 1:39-56, *pg. 856*

HYMN* Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and

heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us thy hum - ble
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in -
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and
spot - less let us be: let us see thy great sal -

dwel - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with thy sal -
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as its Be -
as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee, with - out
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns be -

va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



Robert Null will be available to pray with you
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Brenda Sbraccia and Betsy Kotanchik will be available to pray with women
at the front left of the sanctuary.