

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • Wednesday, December 24

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.

## Morning Worship Only • Sunday, December 28

On December 28 we will gather for morning prayer and worship only. Sunday morning prayer will be at 9:30 a.m. The nursery & toddler rooms will also be closed; children of all ages are welcome to worship with us in the sanctuary. The cry room located at the back of the sanctuary is always open.

## Weather Cancellation Notifications

Proclamation shares weather-related cancellations (such as worship services or mid-week activities) through email, on our website, and the Proclamation App. To receive these alerts, please download our church app on your phone or tablet and make sure notifications are turned on, especially “General” notifications. You will need to confirm notifications are enabled in your phone’s settings. If you have questions or need help, please see Kristen or Jonathan.

## 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 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pat@proclamation.org)) no later than December 23. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the church.

## Save the Date for 2026 Retreats

Our annual men’s and women’s retreats will be held in February at the Traber Center at Camp Sankanac in Spring City, PA. Look for more details and registration information in January.

- Men’s Retreat - Feb. 6-7
- Women’s Retreat - Feb. 20-21

# THIS WEEK AT PROCLAMATION

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Korean Worship in the Beechwood Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. English Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Japanese Worship in room 044/046
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Call

Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Friday:

- 9:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Call

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



PROCLAMATION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

*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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*Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025*



MORNING WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21<sup>st</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  
*True Man, Yet Very God*  
Ryan Kelly

True man, yet very God: Dispel with splendor the darkness ev’rywhere.  
From sin and death now save us and lighten ev’ry load.

CALL TO WORSHIP\* Zech. 9:9, Isa. 61:10, Rev. 22:20

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.

Congregation: He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Even so: come quickly, Lord Jesus.

INVOCATION\*

HYMN N° 225\* Once in Royal David’s City

DECLARATION OF FAITH\* Heidelberg Catechism, qq. 29, 35, 36

Leader: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

Congregation: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

Leader: What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

Congregation: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Leader: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

Congregation: He is our mediator and, in God’s sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

HYMN N° 311\* Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

CONFESSION OF SIN Hebrews 3:13-15

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 6:2

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir  
*Mid-winter*  
arr. Bob Chilcott

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter, a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty—Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but only his mother in her maiden bliss worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart. —*Christina Rossetti*

SCRIPTURE READING\* Bennet Soenen, *pastoral intern*  
Isaiah 7:10-25, *pg. 572*

HYMN N° 197\* Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

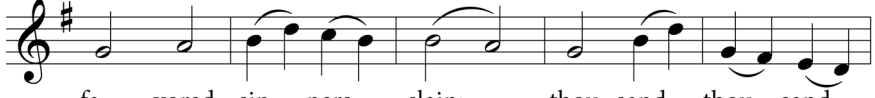
PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*  
*From Skeptic to Singer*  
Luke 1:57-80, *pg. 856*

HYMN\* Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - secnd - ing, once for  
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore thee, high on



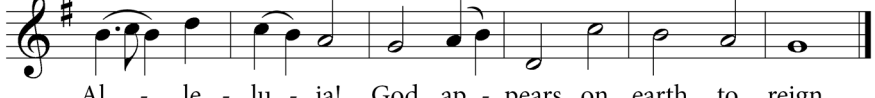
fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who set at  
thine e - ter - nal throne. Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
pow'r and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
own. O come quick - ly, O come quick - ly,



Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
O come quick - ly! A - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: HELMSLEY

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



Bennet Soenen will be available to pray with you  
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Kathy Gates and Janyri 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  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson preaching  
*What Matters Most*  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5

\* Please stand.