ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concert of Prayer • February 26

The next installment of our prayer focus plan will take place this Wednesday night in the Beechwood Chapel from 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend a concert of prayer led by Pastor John. Our prayer focus is on our nation, those serving in the armed forces, and local first responders. All other Wednesday night activities will take place as usual.

Youth Event • March 29

All youth are invited to gather at the church from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for a Nerf blaster bonanza, dinner, and a movie. RSVP by emailing Antonio Ayala (antonio@proclamation.org) by March 27.

Easter Sunday School for Children • April 20

Children in the toddlers through 5th/6th grade classes will participate in a special Easter Sunday School on Easter, April 20th. The hour will include crafts, a joint Bible lesson, and an egg hunt. Please come at 9 AM and invite your friends!

To assist in the egg hunt event, we are asking all families to donate pre-stuffed and taped eggs. Donations will be accepted over the next 3 weeks outside the CE office or in the donations room on March 30, April 6, and April 13. Contact Emily Woo (emily@proclamation.org) with any questions.

Proclamation Expositors • Men's Spring/Summer Softball

Our church's softball team, the Proclamation Expositors, is scouting for players for this year's season of competitive church league play that starts at the end of April! This is our fifth year to participate in an evangelical church men's slowpitch league. Season games are primarily in May and June. It may seem far away, but the next few weeks are when we'd like to know if you're interested in playing; we are always excited about adding more able-bodied players. Ball players who are 13 and up who are interested should contact Matt Craig (craigmw37@gmail.com).

Ultimate Retreat • April 25-27

All youth are invited to the Ultimate Retreat! The 2025 Ultimate Retreat will be held at NorthBay Adventure Camp. Sign up at https://bit.ly/2025ppcUR. Speak with Antonio if you have any questions.

Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology • April 25-27

Proclamation will be hosting PCRT again this year and the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals is offering free registrations for PPC members! Members may register at https://bit.ly/PPCPCRT25. We will also need many volunteers to make this conference run smoothly. Sign up at https://bit.ly/volunteerPCRT2025.

VBS Registration • July 14 - 18

Registration for this year's Kids Camp (VBS) is now open. Visit proclamation.org/kidscamp to sign up. All children ages 4 years old (potty trained required) by July 1st through completed 5th grade are welcome to participate. Registrations are accepted until Monday, June 30; class space is limited and availability is first-come, first-served.

Easter Devotional

30-day Easter devotionals will be available in the narthex for the next few weeks, or until supplies run out. Families, please pick one up to use during the Easter season.

THIS WEEK AT PROCLAMATION

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Korean Worship in the Beechwood Chapel

10:30 a.m. English Worship

10:30 a.m. Japanese Worship in room 243/245

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

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)

Refinery Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Chancel Choir rehearsal

Men's and Women's Bible Studies

FSI (English as a Second Language) of

ESL (English as a Second Language) class Concert of Prayer in the Beechwood Chapel

Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Call

10:00 a.m. Barbara Kolb Memorial Service

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Youth Event

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

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PROCLAMATION

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PROCLAMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025



MORNING WORSHIP

March 23rd, 2025 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Soli Deo Gloria Ringers

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Matthew Prins

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. John Currie, interim senior pastor

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down Healey Willan

O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. – *Psalm 95:6*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 69:32, Psalm 30:11

Minster:

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.

INVOCATION*

HYMN Nº 508*

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

DECLARATION OF FAITH*

Heidelberg Catechism, qq. 70, 73

Minster:

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and

Spirit?

Congregation:

To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Minster: Why does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth

and the washing away of sins?

Congregation: God has good reason for these words. To begin with,

God wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more important, God wants to assure us, by divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water

physically.

HYMN Nº 499*

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 64:5-6

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 6:40

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

The Call of Wisdom
Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy: walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: Do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. I am here, I am with you. I have called:

Do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.

Rulers govern under me with my insight and wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. I am here, I am with you. I have called: Do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal: Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the ends of ages. I am here, I am with you. I have called: Do you hear me? I am here, I am with you. – *Michael Hampel, based on Proverbs 8*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Knox Ellsworth, Dana Smith, Cullen Smith

• Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

• Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

- Do you now unreservedly dedicate him to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN Nº 415*

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

SCRIPTURE READING*

Mike Cuzzolina, elder

John 10:22-42, pg. 896

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Currie interim senior pastor

Lessons from Philippi Philippians 3:1–9, pg. 981

HYMN Nº 521*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Dr. Ryan Kelly, organ



Mike Cuzzolina will be available to pray with you at the front right of the sanctuary.

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

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our Evening Service Rev. Jeremy Johnson preaching *The Gift of Repentance* Psalm 32

Barbara Kolb went home to be with the Lord on March 18th. A memorial service will be held here at Proclamation on Friday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.