

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children’s Ministry Needs

The Children’s Ministry is looking for 6 grandparents to listen to children recite Scripture memory on one Sunday morning per month, 2 grandmothers to volunteer in the nursery on one Sunday morning every 5 weeks, 2 dads to lead Trail Life on Wednesday nights weekly or bi-weekly, and 4 Sunday School teaching assistants (any person aged 16-120, biweekly commitment). Please contact Emily (emily@proclamation.org) if you have a heart for our children and would like to serve in one of these ways.

Meal Ministry

Proclamation’s Meal Ministry provides meals for church members who experience a major life event. To participate in the Meal Ministry by providing meals, contact Betsy Brubaker (meals@proclamation.org). Volunteers receive and e-mail when a meal need is identified and may then sign up to deliver a meal or to provide a restaurant gift card via e-mail.

Women’s Bible Study

Women of Proclamation, please join us for a weekly in-depth Bible study of Romans beginning on Wednesday, September 13. Using a study and video lecture series by Courtney Doctor, we will examine the doctrine of sin and grace contained in Paul’s letter and look for applications to our lives and our evangelism. Studies will be on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:30 and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30. To register, e-mail Brenda Sbraccia (masbraccia@verizon.net, for the a.m. study) or Virginia Spykerman (virginia@proclamation.org, for the p.m. study). Childcare is available; please indicate if you will need it.

Need for Women Singers

We have been blessed for many years to have a vibrant choir leading us in morning worship September-May. However, with a few women retiring and moving away this last year, we are particularly in need of women singers. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30. If you are willing to serve the church in this way, it would mean a lot and make a difference. – *Ryan K.*

Hospitality Needs

We need 2-4 people willing to help on Wednesday nights to setup before and cleanup after dinner. Additionally, our hospitality team needs similar help for three Sunday all-church lunches this year. For more information, contact Noelle Kelly (singerskitchen@gmail.com, 903-424-5203).

Anti-Sexual Harrassment Policy Training • August 29

Proclamation will be holding a training on the Anti-Sexual Harrassment Policy on Tuesday, August 29th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pastors, Staff, Church Officers, Diaconate, Deaconesses, Diaconal Assistants, and any ministry leaders that don’t fit into those categories are all required to attend. All others are welcome, in person only. Cecelia Bernhardt is a faculty member and counselor at CCEF, where she has served since 2004. She holds a Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary and has earned the advanced counseling certificate from CCEF. Cecelia has counseled in the local church context and held leadership roles in women’s and singles ministries. She has a particular burden for counseling victims of childhood sexual abuse.

Now Hiring • Part-Time Staff Position Available

Mike Sbraccia recently announced his intention to retire from his position as part-time, daytime Sexton. Mike typically works 15 hours per week, spread out over three days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reach out to Dave Moneymaker at dave@proclamation.org or 610-520-9500, ext. 226.

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:

- Expository 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 and Korean Administrative Assistant
NATE HOOVER Evening Sexton
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* Media Services
ERIKA WOO* Administrative Assistant
DAWN KEMP* Bookkeeper
ASAKI NAKAGAWA* Accompanist
TOM FOUNTAIN* Daytime Sexton
MIKE SBRACCIA* Daytime Sexton

**part-time*

SESSION ELDERS

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

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PROCLAMATION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, August 13th, 2023



MORNING WORSHIP

August 13th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*
Rev. Ken Wendland, *assisting*

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
— Jeremiah 31:3

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP* 2 Samuel 22:2-4

INVOCATION*

HYMN N° 92* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

DECLARATION OF FAITH* Psalm 124

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—

Congregation: **If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,**

Leader: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

Congregation: **Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**

Leader: Then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Congregation: **Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Congregation: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

* Please stand.

HYMN N° 57* Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

CONFESSION OF SIN Isaiah 31:1

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:2-5

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 Dr. Ryan Kelly, *piano*
If My People
arr. Fred Bock

SCRIPTURE READING Paul Wik, *elder*
Hebrews 11:8-16, 12:1-2, pg. 1007

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* He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; his pro-mis-es shall last;
Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast



For my love is oft-en cold; he must hold me fast.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
"Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!



He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;



For my Sa-vior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

CCLI/660322 Words: Ada Habershorn, Matt Merker
Music: Matt Merker

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*
Wrestling with God
Genesis 32, pg. 27

HYMN N° 708* O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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.

Paul Wik will be available to pray with you
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Janyi Josephson and Betsy Kotanchik 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 with Hymn Sing.
Warning Against False Teachers
1 Timothy 1:3-7