

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy Training • August 29**  
Proclamation will be holding a training on the Anti-Sexual Harassment 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.

**Wednesday Family Night • September 13**  
Inviting all children to participate in our Wednesday night children's ministry programs, which begin September 13th! We offer music classes including handbells and choir, and girls' and boys' programs for elementary-aged children. Registration is now open at [proclamation.org/wednesday](http://proclamation.org/wednesday). Schedule and descriptions of the programs are on the website. Contact Emily ([emily@proclamation.org](mailto:emily@proclamation.org)) with any questions.

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](mailto:singerskitchen@gmail.com), 903-424-5203).

**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](mailto:masbraccia@verizon.net), for the a.m. study) or Virginia Spykerman ([virginia@proclamation.org](mailto: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.*

**Handbells**  
Looking for a fun way to share God's gift of music with others? Join one of our Handbell teams. We have opportunities for children, youth, collegians and adults, music readers and non-music readers. Check us out on the church website or contact Sandy Martin ([sandy@proclamation.org](mailto:sandy@proclamation.org)).

**Eagles Bi-Weekly Bible Study**  
Eagles bi-weekly Bible study resumes September 6th from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. We spend the first 30 minutes catching up while eating a bag lunch, have our study/discussion for 45 minutes, and end with prayer. Come and enjoy this special time of fellowship with other senior saints!

**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](mailto: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 Ministry 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\* ..... IT Manager  
ERIKA WOO\* ..... AV Manager  
DAWN KEMP\* ..... Bookkeeper  
EUNSEN MOON\* ..... Korean Ministry Assistant  
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

DEACONS

RON VOTTO, *chair*   JEFF FIRGES  
DAN BAKER   ANDY LEISNER  
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

*Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



MORNING WORSHIP

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*

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*So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.  
For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another  
law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin  
that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this  
body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*  
— Romans 7:21-25a

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

MISSIONS MOMENT Rev. Dr. Dean Chia, *MTW*

CALL TO WORSHIP\* Jude 1:24-25

INVOCATION\*

HYMN N° 181\* We Come, O Christ, to You

DECLARATION OF FAITH\* Westminster Confession of Faith, c. 5.5  
**The most wise, righteous, and gracious God does oftentimes leave, for a season, his own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION 497\* I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

\* Please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 49:15, 66:13

*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 Noelle Kelly, *soprano*  
*And Can It Be?*  
arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain—for me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above—so free, so infinite his grace—emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine. Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? — *Charles Wesley*

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER David Josephson, *ruling elder*  
*Questions to the Candidate*

- Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
- Do you accept the office of Ruling Elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
- Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- Do you promise to strive for the edification, peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

*Question to the Congregation*

- Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as Ruling Elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

SCRIPTURE READING Jeff Kiesel, *elder*

Matthew 6:25-34 , *pg. 811*

*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 N° 629\* What a Friend We Have in Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*  
A Dreaded Yet Delightful Family Reunion  
Genesis 33, *pg. 27*

HYMN N° 637\* What Shall I Render to My God

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.*

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Jeff Kiesel will be available to pray with you  
at the front right of the sanctuary.

Janyi Josephson and Carole Tolbert 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 Service.  
What Does the Bible Teach about Homosexuality?  
1 Timothy 1:10