

PROCLAMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Proclamation Presbyterian Church is committed to maintaining a reformed and confessional presence in a world that is desperately in need of light. As a church, we have a regional presence in the greater Philadelphia area operating from a ten-acre campus in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Proclaiming Christ to the end of the earth until the end of the age, we hold to the Bible as the infallible and inerrant Word of God and maintain the standards of doctrine as expressed in the Westminster Confession Faith and Catechisms. Our Sunday morning and evening worship services are characterized by expository preaching with reverent and joyful music and hymns. The Lord's Supper is celebrated monthly in both the morning and evening services.

We have two pastoral positions available:

- Assistant Pastor of Discipleship & Congregational Care
- Assistant Pastor of Missions & Evangelism

Apply online at <https://bit.ly.PPC2026AssistantPastor> or send short inquiries to pastorsearch@proclamation.org. Serious candidates will undergo a background check, Consumer Reports, and Investigative Consumer Reports, all in partnership with Ministry Safe.

We thank you for your interest in Proclamation Presbyterian Church.

Proclaiming Christ to the ends of the earth until the end of the age

Mission

Proclamation Presbyterian Church is on mission to glorify God in the advance of his kingdom by making disciples of Christ, through the proclamation of Christ from all of Scripture, in the western suburbs of Philadelphia and to the ends of the earth until the end of age.

Vision

Proclamation Presbyterian Church 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.

Strategy

In the stewardship of this mission and vision, Proclamation Presbyterian Church devotes itself to:

- Reverent and joyful corporate Lord's Day worship
- Earnest dependence upon God in prayer
- Christ-centered preaching and teaching of the whole of Scripture
- Intentional personal evangelism
- Faith-filled support and sending for global missions
- Gospel nurture and shepherding of church members by church leaders
- Equipping every member for ministry according to the gifts and callings Christ has given them
- Developing and deploying Christ-like leaders for the vocations to which they are called
- Gospel discipleship of covenant children and future generations
- Deacon-led ministries of mercy to our members and our neighbors
- Wise mission-focused stewardship of our God-given resources
- Cultivating friendship and fellowship among the saints



Proclamation Essentials

Proclamation Presbyterian Church (PPC) is Scripture-based, Christ-centered, Reformed in doctrine, presbyterian in government, and supports reverent and joyful worship.

Scripture Based

We take the Bible seriously as God's inspired and inerrant word, and we believe that God has made himself known in the Scriptures. The Holy Bible is the sole authority and ultimate standard in how we understand who God is, what he is like, who we are, and how we relate to him. To that end, we are convinced that the regular preaching of the Word of God proceeds best precept upon precept and line upon line (Isa. 28:10). In a foundational use of the Scriptures, we desire everyone to be fully equipped, growing in understanding and trust, in faith and repentance, comfort, salvation, persuasion, conviction, godliness, and holiness.

Christ Centered

We hold to the supremacy of Christ over all things for his Father's glory and his people's good. We are called by faith and repentance to make Christ preeminent in all things. The responsibility of serving and following Christ is the calling of every Christian. We believe that every believer has been uniquely gifted by Christ for the building up of his church and the proclamation of his kingdom. The highest activity we can engage in as human beings is to worship God as our great Creator and glorious Redeemer. Our greatest goal in life is to live for God's glory and life's greatest joy is found in fellowship with him and his people.



Reformed in Doctrine

We stand with the historic understanding of the Christian faith traced back through the Protestant Reformation to Augustine and the early church. Our faith is expressed clearly in the confession and catechisms produced by the Westminster Assembly (1643-48) with the American revisions of 1788. PPC belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) which holds to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as its secondary standards for faith and practice. Anyone holding office in the church is required to take a vow to “sincerely receive and adopt” these confessional documents “as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.”

Presbyterian in Government

The most biblical form of church government in the New Testament is provided through elders chosen by the congregation. There is parity between ruling and teaching elders, who together form the session and provide teaching, pastoral care, and general leadership for the church. Alongside the session in congregational care, the diaconate and diaconal assistants support and serve the body.

Reverent and Joyful Worship

In worship, we make a joyful noise to the Lord and enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise, as God speaks to us through his Word and we respond in prayer and praise. Since faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Rom. 10:17), preaching is the most direct address of God to gather his people to himself. Creeds and Reformed catechisms and confessions that are true to the Word, such as the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed, guide our expression of faith.





Proclamation Sunday Worship

Proclamation gathers on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for worship. We celebrate the Lord's Supper each month in both morning and evening services.

Our Regular Order of Worship:

Morning Service

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn
Declaration of Faith
Hymn
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
Scripture Reading
Hymn
Pastoral Prayer
Sermon
Hymn
Benediction
Postlude

Evening Service

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn
Prayer
Hymn
Offertory
Sermon
Hymn
Benediction
Postlude



At Proclamation, preaching is:

- Biblical
- God-glorifying
- Christ-centered
- Redemptive-historical
- Expository through the whole counsel of God
- Applicatory to the life of the congregation
- Confessionally Reformed
- Evangelistic in its call to faith in Christ
- Mission-focused on Christ in a life of faithful, repentant, and renewed obedience with and among his people the Church
- Dependent upon the Holy Spirit

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Guiding Convictions for Preaching

As faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ (Rom. 10:17) and as everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom. 10:13), we believe in accordance with the Holy Scriptures that in the wisdom of God for the salvation of his people, it ordinarily has pleased God to save those who believe through the regular and faithful ministry of the Word, that is, the preaching of the whole counsel of God (1 Cor. 1:21) given infallibly, inerrantly and sufficiently in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament (2 Tim. 3:16-17) by a pastor duly called, examined, ordained, and installed.

In agreement with the Scriptures and the Westminster Larger Catechism, we believe that the Word of God is made effectual to salvation through the agency of the Holy Spirit of God who makes especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves and drawing them to Christ, of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will, of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions, of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith for the purpose of gaining salvation (WLC 155).

It is also our conviction in agreement with the Scriptures and the Westminster Larger Catechism, that the Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted and duly approved and called to that office. In agreement with the Scriptures, a pastor must preach sound doctrine, diligently at every opportunity in season and out of season, plainly, not in the enticing words of human wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power; faithfully making known the whole counsel of God; wisely applying himself to the needs and capacities of his hearers; zealously with fervent love to God and the souls of his people, and sincerely as well as earnestly aiming at God's glory and the conversion, edification, and salvation of God's people. (WLC 158-159).

In summary, the best way to conform to this pattern is the exposition of Scripture from a redemptive-historical hermeneutic that proclaims Christ as the center of all of Scripture (Luke 24:13-35) and makes appropriate applications of the text in keeping with the gospel structure of the indicative-imperative union with Christ, that is Christ-centered, gospel-driven exposition of the text of Scripture.

Japanese & Korean Congregations



Proclamation has sought, from its beginning, to proclaim the gospel to the lost. One of the earliest expressions of this was our outreach to the Japanese, which began in 1997 when a pastor began reaching out to the many Japanese people in nearby apartments and invited them to ESL classes at the church.

The Japanese church formally began in 2000 under the leadership of Pastor Kisup Lee. Weekly Japanese worship attendance averages around 20. The ministry also hosts many outreach events, which draw up to 100 people. These include Japanese VBS and holiday worship services for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day followed by special dinners and holiday events.



The Korean ministry began in 2017 with about 8 attendees and has grown to over 25 participants.

Over 13 children from the Japanese and Korean congregations participate alongside children from the English congregation in Sunday School each week and in Wednesday night ministries.

Proclamation's Korean and Japanese ministries serve those who have made a home in the US as well as many internationals who are in the Philadelphia area for a short-term stay. This includes visiting scholars and physicians, and their families who will return to their countries. We rejoice that the gospel is going out to Japan and other nations through this ministry.



Proclamation Ministries





Children

We believe children's ministry is a work of the Lord and that He calls parents to be primary disciplers of their children. The church comes alongside parents to raise our covenant children. At PPC, our children are welcome to participate in corporate worship with their parents. Sunday school classes are offered for all ages (using GCP curriculum) and we invite all children to participate in a Scripture Memory program. On Wednesday evenings, we have children's choir and handbells classes and activities for elementary aged children (Girls of Grace and Trail Life). We also hold a summer VBS for children of the church and as an outreach to the community.

Seniors

Eagles, our ministry for seniors, meets monthly for fellowship and often to hear from a special speaker. Eagles occasionally hosts Bible studies or organizes special outings.



Youth

Youth ministry exists to serve middle and high school students the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching the Scriptures within the context of the church, so that they grow into Christian maturity and are sent out to bring glory to Christ. We do this through weekly Wednesday and Sunday morning meetings where we work through both passages of Scripture and theological concepts. We also provide opportunities for fellowship and Christian service through various events, trips, and activities.

Men's & Women's Ministries

Proclamation men and women meet for small group Bible studies and prayer and enjoy annual retreats and other gatherings.

A Praying Church

Led by the Session, PPC encourages intentional corporate and private prayer. We begin Sunday mornings with a prayer meeting and have elders and women available after the service for prayer. Small groups meet three times each week for morning prayer meetings via Zoom and phone. We have an active and responsive prayer chain.

Equipping the saints, building up the body

Ephesians 4:12



Music

Proclamation's music ministry is an important part of our church as it shepherds worshipers toward ever-maturing musical worship. Hymn singing is led weekly by our Chancel Choir and organist. Handbell ensembles, graded children's choirs, and orchestra also regularly lead worship. The annual concert series features local and regional performing artists and offers members and the community special opportunities for outreach and evangelism.



Serving & Caring Ministries

A variety of compassion ministries serve the many needs of the church: meals and care for families with new babies or family members in the hospital, transportation, visiting shut-ins, and compassionate financial assistance.

Growth Groups

Growth groups are a vital part of congregational life. On average they meet twice a month, study the Word, read through a session recommended book, pray together, and may include a meal.

Internships

Seminary students, both men and women, gain experience, mentoring, and ministry opportunities through 1 or 2 year PPC internships. We rejoice to train up interns to serve in Christ's kingdom.

Wednesday Family Night

On Wednesday evenings, Proclamation welcomes all families to gather at church for dinner and other church activities. Musicians of all ages use this time to practice for Sunday. The youth group meets during this night, as well as Trail Life (a boys scouting and discipleship ministry) and Girls of Grace for Grades K-5. Well attended ESL classes, prayer meetings, and adult Bible studies are also held during this time.



Missions

Our Missions program seeks to advance and obey Christ's command to make disciples of all nations, and we currently support 23 international and 6 domestic missionaries. We host an annual missions conference.

The PPC Missions Committee enthusiastically encourages our congregation to:

- pray for the work of missions around the world
- partner financially for the spread of the gospel
- participate in short-term trips
- pursue full-time service
- practically encourage Proclamation missionaries and their work

PPC sends short-term summer missions teams, with a long standing partnership in the Dominican Republic and at the PA Joni and Friends Family Retreat.

...to the end of the earth

Acts 1:8



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Our ESL ministry holds classes on Monday mornings, averaging 30 students, and Wednesday evenings, with an average of 20 students. While our ESL ministry began in 1997 with outreach specifically to the Japanese, it is now reaching students from over 16 different countries. Children of ESL participants often join other Wednesday night children's ministries.

Proclamation's Community

About Our Area

PPC is located in the western suburbs of Philadelphia, at the edge of Delaware and Montgomery counties which embraces 1.4 million people. The church draws members from areas traditionally considered the Main Line to the wider Delaware County and the rolling hills of Chester County.



Ministry Connections

PPC enjoys a special relationship with many Christian organizations in the area, such as:

- Westminster Theological Seminary
- Delaware County Christian School
- CCEF (Christian Counseling and Education Foundation)
- The Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals (with PPC hosting PCRT 2021-2025)

Opportunities for Outreach

PPC is situated among seven colleges or universities located within five miles providing a unique and wide opportunity for outreach to college students.

Many young people remain in or move to our region for employment opportunities. We desire to grow our ministry to singles and professionals of all ages, enfolding them into the life of the church.

The larger medical research influence in the Philadelphia region brings the nations to the area. The Radwyn apartments, across the street from the church, are home to many of these internationals. A third of our ESL students reside in these apartments.



Multiple retirement and assisted living communities are located within ten miles of PPC. With construction slated to begin soon for a new senior living facility on the property adjacent to Proclamation, we look forward to welcoming residents to worship and other church events as well as providing a variety of mercy ministry opportunities.

Proclamation By the Numbers

383

communicant members

125

non-communicant members

273

average Sunday morning
worship attendance

58

average Sunday Japanese &
Korean worship attendance

175

households regularly
attending worship

29

supported missionaries

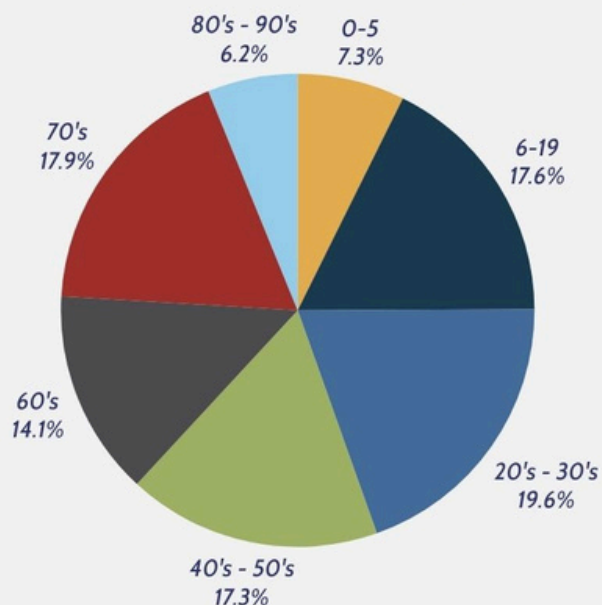
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new members via a new
profession of faith 2020-2024

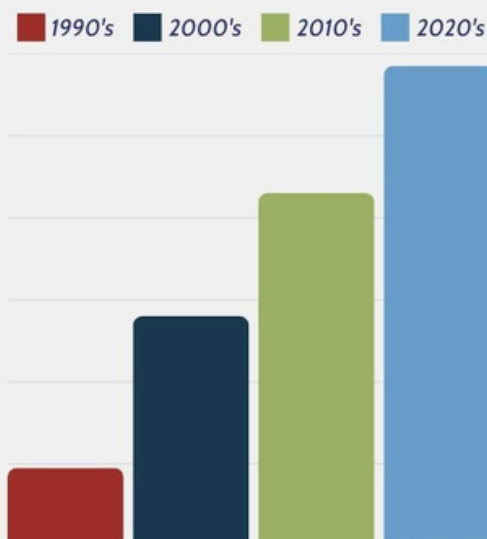
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households within 2
miles of the church

AGE OF CONGREGATION



CURRENT MEMBER
JOINING DATES



Proclamation Officers & Staff

Elders

Dan Apostolu - Ruling Elder Emeritus
Bob Carlson - Ruling Elder Emeritus
John Currie - Teaching Elder*
Mike Cuzzolina - Ruling Elder
Jeremy Eekhoff - Ruling Elder*
Sean Ellsworth - Ruling Elder*
Jerry Giosa - Ruling Elder
Mike Harnish - Ruling Elder
Roger Herrell - Ruling Elder Emeritus
Jeremy Johnson - Teaching Elder*
David Josephson - Ruling Elder*
Joe Kempf - Ruling Elder
Jeff Kiesel - Ruling Elder
Jerry Kunze - Ruling Elder
Fran McGowen - Ruling Elder
Dominic Mattioni - Ruling Elder
Dave Moneymaker - Ruling Elder
Robert Null - Ruling Elder*
Pat Tolbert - Ruling Elder
Paul Wik - Ruling Elder

* Currently on Session

Ministry and Administrative Staff

Rev. Dr. John Currie, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, Executive Pastor
Antonio Ayala, Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Kristen Harnly, Administrative Coordinator*
Dr. Ryan Kelly, Director of Music & Organist*
Kerrick Sullivan, Bookkeeper & Senior Pastor's Assistant
Pat Tolbert, Financial Advisor & Comptroller*
Kisup Lee, Japanese & Korean Pastor
Yoshie Lee, Japanese Administrative Assistant*
Soonsang Moon, Assistant Pastor of Korean Ministry*
Eunsun Moon, Korean Administrative Assistant*

* Indicates part-time staff

Deacons

Dan Baker
Chris Cooper*
Matt Craig*
Joshua Cuzzo*
Jeffrey Firges*
Brian Korty
Andy Leisner
Hiro Nakagawa*
Matt Roberts
* Currently on Diaconate

Diaconal Assistants

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