

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanging the Greens • November 29

Join us on Wednesday, November 29 at 12:00 p.m. to help decorate the building for Christmas! From the sanctuary to the hallways, there are many areas that will be decorated. Email Virginia if you plan to attend. (virginia@proclamation.org)

Trim the Trees • December 2

Kids and families are invited to decorate the Christmas trees! This family friendly event will feature music, treats, and an opportunity to brighten up our church for the Christmas season. Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. Email Virginia with any questions. (virginia@proclamation.org)

Women’s Christmas Tea • December 2

The Women’s Christmas Tea is this Saturday, December 2nd, 2-4pm. Bring a wrapped gift of one of your favorite things- homemade or store bought (\$5 value)- for a gift exchange. Be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, November 29th to attend. Sign-up in the narthex or email kim.obryan24@gmail.com.

Caroling to Our Neighbors • December 10

Join us for our annual caroling event before the evening service. On Sunday, December 10 at 3:45 p.m., join a group to walk across the street to sing Christmas carols to our neighbors at Radwyn Apartments. This outreach opportunity is a wonderful way to invite our neighbors to church. Any questions, contact Pastor Ken. (ken@proclamation.org)

Concert: Born on Christmas Night • December 17

Proclamation’s adult, children’s, and handbell choirs present a concert of celebratory and inspiring music with chamber orchestra. Invite family, friends, and neighbors for this special concert.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • December 24

Worship our Lord at this candlelight service with our church family. Join us Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Eve service. Proclamation choir, strings, and organ will accompany the singing and worship of our Lord. Pastor Ben will be preaching.

CityTeam Chester • Christmas Donations

CityTeam in Chester, PA needs your help for Christmas. Here are some ways we suggest: Donating *non-perishable traditional Christmas meal items*. Put the non-perishable items in the CityTeam section of the donation room. Donate *toys and games*, put them unwrapped in the box located in our Education Building. Donate *wrapping paper, bows, and scotch tape*. You can *adopt a child’s wish list* and buy them gifts from their list (this will cost you at least \$65.00). See Mike or Dominic if you want to adopt a child. Volunteer to *help pack food boxes, gifts, or deliver the items* to families on Dec. 16th. Incidentally, gifts and food items need to be here by Dec. 10th. *Monetary gifts* (any amount). Make checks payable to CityTeam (not Proclamation) and earmark Christmas and give them to Mike or Dominic. You can also put them in the offering plate. Any questions, see Mike or Dominic.

Men’s Retreat 2024 • January 12-13, 2024

Brothers, come and join us for our Men’s Retreat over the weekend of MLK Day in 2024. We’ll be spending 2 days and 1 night together at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville PA, thinking through the topic “What is Man?” with our guest speaker, Dr. David Garner. It’ll be a great time of fellowship and digging deep into God’s Word. Bring your dad, uncle(s), son(s), or friend(s) along! Flyers are available on the usher’s tables just outside the doors of the sanctuary. Register at <https://bit.ly/PPCMensRetreat2024>. Contact Elden Pan at (215) 403-1445 for more information.

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* Administrative Assistant/AV
DAWN KEMP*..... Bookkeeper
EUNSUN MOON*..... Korean Ministry Assistant
TOM FOUNTAIN*..... Daytime Sexton
PAT CANAVAN* Daytime Sexton
AUSTIN ANSBRO* Evening Sexton

**part-time*

SESSION ELDERS

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

DEACONS

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Proclamation Presbyterian Church



THANKSGIVING
EVE SERVICE

November 22, 2023



THANKSGIVING EVE

November 22nd, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
— Psalm 136:1

PRELUDE Nancy Moore, *organ*

Improvisations on For the Beauty of the Earth
Rene Frank and Ron Boud

Give Thanks
arr. Keith Christopher

WELCOME Rev. Ken Wendland, *associate pastor*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 92:1-4, 95:1-3

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Congregation: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Congregation: **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Congregation: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

INVOCATION*

HYMN N^o 6* O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord, *st. 1-3*

* Please stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION Genesis 1:20, 24, 26, 31a

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens. Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

HYMN N^o 120* All Things Bright and Beautiful, *st. 1, 3, 5*

THANKSGIVING FOR LABOR Genesis 2:15, 19-20a

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beats of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR VOCATION

THANKSGIVING FOR REST Genesis 2:2-3

On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

HYMN N^o 401* All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night, *st. 1-3*

THANKSGIVING FOR PROVISION Genesis 2:8-10, 16-17a

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.

HYMN N^o 716* Sing to the Lord of Harvest

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S PROVISION

THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY Genesis 2:18, 21-23

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the

man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

HYMN N^o 116* For the Beauty of the Earth, *st. 4-5*

THANKSGIVING FOR SALVATION Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “We heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

HYMN N^o 460* Amazing Grace, *st. 1, 2, 4*

MEDITATION Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

Trading Anxiety for Thanksgiving
Philippians 4:6-7, *pg. 982*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GRACE

HYMN N^o 44* How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Nancy Moore, *organ*

All Creatures of Our God and King
arr. Don Hustad



*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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Join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
The Power of Prayer
James 5:13-18