

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Girls of Grace • March 22

Girls of Grace is collecting care package items to send to college students. Please bring items marked “Girls of Grace - College Donation” to the donation room by March 22. Items can include serving size snacks such as chips or pretzels, protein bars, tea bags, chewing gum, candy, a \$5 dollar gift card to Starbucks or Dunkin’ Donuts, and stress balls. Gift cards should be brought to the church office for storage until mailing.

Easter Donations for CityTeam • March 25

CityTeam in Chester needs assistance supplying Easter boxes for underprivileged families in Chester and the surrounding area. They would like monetary donations for hams, turkeys, and candy for Easter baskets. Checks made payable to CityTeam (not Proclamation) and earmarked Easter can be given to Rich Conte, or put in the CityTeam mailbox. If you want to give a ham, turkey, speak with Rich; candy donations can be placed in the donation room. Donations need to be submitted by Wednesday, March 25. If you would like to help pack the boxes or deliver Easter packages, opportunities will be posted on cityteam.org.

Concert and Sunday School: Handel’s *Messiah* • March 29

Our Chancel Choir, Covenant Choir, and soloists, with orchestra will perform Handel’s magnificent oratorio *Messiah* on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. It is free and a reception will follow the concert.

You will also not want to miss our combined adult Sunday School class that morning at 9 a.m. at which Dr. Ryan Kelly will present “Messiah: The Music and Message.” Additionally, if you’d like to gain more insight into the work before the concert, you’re invited to purchase a copy of *Messiah: The Gospel according to Handel’s Oratorio* by Roger A. Bullard (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1993), Dr. Kelly’s recommended book for studying the lyrics and theme of *Messiah*. Some copies are available in the resource room; others can be purchased online.

New Members Class • March 29

Our next new members class will begin on March 29 and run through April 29. Whether you’ve just begun attending in recent weeks or have been with us for some time, we invite you to our upcoming new members class. It will be led by Pastor John and Pastor Jeremy and will walk through the five membership vows. Children and youth interested in becoming full communing members should attend our Communicants Class. Pick up a flyer in the narthex, talk with a pastor or email info@proclamation.org for more information.

Communicants Class • April 12

We are excited to announce our new Communicants Class format this April! Communicants Class is an opportunity for children and youth to learn more about making a public profession of faith and participating in the Lord’s Supper, so that they can take membership vows and begin partaking of the Supper. The class will meet on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. before our evening service, beginning April 12 and lasting 7 weeks. Please contact Antonio (antonio@proclamation.org) if you are interested in having your child attend the class.

PCRT • April 24–26

Proclamation is hosting the 2026 Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, which will focus on *Declaring Our Faith: Confessions in the Modern Age*. Proclamation members may register at no cost at <https://bit.ly/PPC2026PCRT>. We will also need many volunteers to help the conference run smoothly; view opportunities to serve at <https://bit.ly/PPCserves2026PCRT>.

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Ultimate Retreat • April 24–26

All youth are invited to the ultimate retreat! The 2026 Ultimate Retreat will be held at NorthBay Adventure Camp. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2026ppcUR>. Speak with Antonio if you have any questions.

Christianity Explored Training • May 16

We look forward to welcoming Rico Tice to Proclamation on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., for a workshop focused on motivating, mobilizing, and training in evangelism. More details are coming soon.

Kids Camp 2026 • Volunteers Needed

We are preparing for our Summer Kids Camp 2026 and are in need of volunteers! The dates are Monday to Friday, July 13-17, in the mornings. We need help in games, crafts, music, snacks, camp counselors, and many assistants! Youth must be finishing 6th grade to help out. All ages and gifts are needed to bring VBS to life! Email antonio@proclamation.org if you are interested in serving in all or part of the week.

Kids Camp Registration • Now Open

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. Registration is now open; note class space is limited and availability is first come/first serve.

Israel Tour • 2027

We are excited to announce a 10-day biblical journey through Israel in 2027. The trip will take place from January 27 to February 5. Pastor John will lead sections of the tour as we get on-site to gain insight. If you’re interested in learning more, pick up a trip booklet from the tables in the narthex.

Tabletalk

March issues of *Tabletalk* have arrived. Pick up a free copy in the narthex today!

Proclamation 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.

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Sunday, March 8th, 2026



MORNING WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD

March 8th, 2026
10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT Covenant Choir
Ruth Thompson, *conducting*

Kyrie Eleison
Becki Slagle Mayo

Kyrie, Lord have mercy; Kyrie, Lord have mercy on me. When I feel afraid,
when I'm all alone, when I've lost my way, bring me safely home.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 64:10

INVOCATION

HYMN N^o 247* O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Stanza 1: Praise Makers, Training Choir, and Covenant Choir
Stanza 2-3: All stand and sing

* Please stand.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW* Mark 12:28-33

Leader: Which commandment is the most important of all?

Congregation: **The most important is, "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."**

Minister: The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

Congregation: **He is truly one, and there is no other besides him. To love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION N^o 486* God, Be Merciful to Me

Parents, please pick up your children in the narthex.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
Sarah Whitehead, *flute*

I Am the Vine
Allen Pote

I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me and I will abide in you.
Then you will bear much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.
Abide in me and I will abide in you. As the Father has loved me
so I love you, go then and love one another.

Keep this commandment for no greater love have you, than to lay down your
life for your friends. I am the vine and you are the branches.
Abide in me and I will abide in you.

Love one another as I have loved you. I am the vine, you are the branches,
go then and bear much fruit. Go abide in my love. — *from John 15*

SCRIPTURE READING* Elden Pan, *pastoral intern*

Luke 12:13-34, *pg. 871*

HYMN N^o 642* Be Thou My Vision

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*
Lessons from the Jerusalem Road: Devotion
Luke 10:38-42, *pg. 869*

HYMN N^o 649* More Love to Thee, O Christ

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

Elden Pan will be available to pray with you
at the front right of the sanctuary.

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