

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Girls of Grace College Student Care Packages • 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 families in need 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.

Focus Groups • March 25

The next step in our ministry health plan will take place Wednesday, March 25. All active members are invited to participate in structured focus groups on the ministry focus for next year, Missions and Evangelism. Pastor John will give an introduction and lead each group through a brief exercise to identify ministry aspirations. Sign ups are required; visit <https://bit.ly/PPCMarch2026focusgroup>. Two time slots are available to accommodate other ministry commitments, if your preferred time slot is filled, email kerrick@proclamation.org to be placed on a standby list. If you plan to eat dinner and are not registered, please sign up for dinner separately on the church app under the “thrive” tab or email Noelle Kelly (noelle@proclamation.org).

Eagles Meeting • March 27

Eagles, our monthly gathering for seniors, will be on Friday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This month, Eagles will hear from Carol Johnston and Tina Simon. Contact Dan Brubaker (danbru2805@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

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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>.

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

Registration for our Summer Kids Camp 2026 is filling up and we are in need of additional 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 for all or part of the week.

Kids Camp Registration

Register for this year’s Kids Camp (VBS) at proclamation.org/kidscamp. All children ages 4 years old (potty trained required) by July 1st through completed 5th grade are welcome to participate. Class space is limited and availability is first come/first serve.

Israel Tour • 2027

Proclamation is invited to join 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.

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.

PROCLAMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, March 15th, 2026



MORNING WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD

March 15th, 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

Chancel Choir

If Any Man Will Follow Me

George Thalben-Ball

If any man will follow me, let him forsake himself and take up his cross and follow me. Whosoever shall endure to the end, he shall be saved. – *Luke 9:23*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Hebrews 4:16

INVOCATION*

HYMN N° 9*

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

DECLARATION OF FAITH*

Belgic Confession, art. 17-18

We believe that our good God, by marvelous divine wisdom and goodness, seeing that Adam and Eve had plunged themselves in this manner into both physical and spiritual death and made themselves completely miserable, set out to find them, though they, trembling all over, were fleeing from God.

And God comforted them, promising to give them his Son, born of a woman, to crush the head of the serpent, and to make them blessed. So then we confess that God fulfilled the promise made to the early fathers and mothers by the mouth of the holy prophets when he sent the only and eternal Son of God into the world at the time appointed.

* Please stand.

HYMN*

The Good Garden



1. The Man, in the Gar - den, once walked with the Lord
2. A sim - ple com-mand to our co - ve - nant head
3. One day in the Gar - den of end - less de - light,
4. Yet in the for - sak - ing of God's ho - ly law,
5. How can we dare doubt then the good - ness of God?
6. With hearts bowed be - fore you, Lord, hum - bly we pray,



in faith, love, and pu - ri - ty, joy un - de - terred.
was giv - en that he might, the Lord, learn to dread.
there fell on our race a cold, dark, dead - ly blight.
our fore - fa - ther A - dam sal - va - tion fore - saw.
For in that sad day, when with sin we were shod,
that your Ho - ly Spi - rit would teach us each day;



For in that good Gar - den where A - dam did dwell,
O - be - dience would bring pro - mised life with - out end,
The Ser - pent de - ceived and caused A - dam to fall,
For in that grim mo - ment, when all good seemed lost,
we should have been pun - ished with un - end - ing strife;
to right - ful - ly fear your do - min - ion and wrath,



the Lord God Al - might - y made ev - 'ry - thing well.
pro - tect - ing his soul from the cur - ses of sin.
and, in his first sin, we did sin, one and all.
the Lord made a cov - 'nant to pay the full cost.
in - stead we were giv - en the hope of new life!
and walk in your prom - is - es, foll - 'wing your path.

Words and Music: Gideon Whitehead

CONFESSION OF SIN

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:13-16

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Come to the Water

arr. Howard Helvey

Oh let all who thirst, let them come to the water and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water and let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord. All who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water and let the ones who are laden, let them come to the Lord. Bring the children without might; easy the load and light. Come to the Lord. – *Isaiah 55:1-2, Matthew 11:28-30, John Foley*

SCRIPTURE READING*

Dr. Robert Null, *elder*

Luke 14:15-33, *pg. 874*

HYMN N° 469*

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*

Lessons from the Jerusalem Road: Decision

Luke 11:14-23, *pg. 869*

HYMN N° 442*

Arise, O God

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



Robert Null will be available to pray with you at the front right of the sanctuary.

Minda Garner and Susan Wambua will be available to pray with women at the front left of the sanctuary.