

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Officer Nominations • Now Open

Officer nominations for Ruling Elder and Deacon are now open for 2026. To be nominated, the candidate must meet the scriptural requirements, have gone through our church officer training, be a member in good standing, and be approved by the session after examination. If you know men who meet the qualifications and would like to nominate someone who is willing to stand for election by the congregation, forms are available in the narthex.

Messiah Concert Parking • March 29

Parking at Barrack Hebrew Academy will be available to Proclamation next Sunday evening for our Messiah concert. We would encourage all who are able to park there, allowing the maximum space in our lot for guests. There will be a shuttle van running from 4:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Girls of Grace College Student Care Packages • March 22

Today is the last day to drop off donations for the Girls of Grace care package items to send to college students. Please make sure to leave marked items in the donation room.

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.

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New Members Class • March 29

Our next new members class will begin on March 29 and run through April 29. Pastor John and Pastor Jeremy will lead the membership class, meeting on the following dates:

- Sunday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 017
- Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beechwood Chapel
- Sunday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 017
- Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 017
- Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beechwood Chapel

If you have not signed up but would like to attend, please email info@proclamation.org before the first class.

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.

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.

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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Sunday, March 22nd, 2026



MORNING WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD

March 22nd, 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
May I Never Boast
David Cherwien

May I never boast in anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. – *Galatians 6:14*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 5:2, 116:12-14

Minister: Lift up your voice and cry out to your King and your God, and to him offer your prayers.

Congregation: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

INVOCATION*

HYMN N° 263* Lift High the Cross

* Please stand.

DECLARATION OF FAITH*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN N° 75*

O Father, You Are Sovereign

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:9

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Behold the Lamb of God (Messiah)
G.F. Handel

Behold the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world. – *John 1:29*

SCRIPTURE READING*

Jerry Giosa, *elder*

John 11:55-57, 12:1-8, *pg. 898*

HYMN N° 648*

My Jesus, I Love Thee

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Currie, *senior pastor*

Lessons from the Jerusalem Road: Denial
Luke 14:25-33, *pg. 874*

HYMN N° 252*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



Jerry Giosa will be available to pray with you at the front right of the sanctuary.

Lauren Leisner and Carole Tolbert will be available to pray with women at the front left of the sanctuary.