ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Lunch • Today!

Join us after the morning service for a luncheon! We will serve pulled pork sandwiches and drinks. Everyone is welcome!

Visitor's Luncheon • March 26

Are you new to Proclamation? Have you been visiting the church over the past weeks or months? We hope you have been welcomed warmly by our congregation and that the Holy Spirit has used your time with us to stir your heart towards the Lord Jesus Christ. We are eager to connect with you further and introduce you to various ministries of the church. Whether a single, couple, or family, we would love to have you join us for a visitor luncheon being hosted downstairs immediately following the morning service on Sunday, March 26th. No cost, and no need to bring anything the meal will be catered. Just sign-up via the church app, call the church office, or send an email to henry@proclamation.org to register your attendance at this luncheon by March 19th. Please note any dietary restrictions when you register.

Join our Palm Sunday Concert Choir

Our Chancel Choir will perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* with Covenant Choir and festival orchestra on April 2nd at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to join the concert choir (high school and older), rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7-7:50 p.m. If interested, e-mail Ryan Kelly at ryan@proclamation.org.

CityTeam • Easter 2023

CityTeam Ministries in Chester, PA needs to supply 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 Mike Martin, Dominic Mattioni or put in the offering plate. If you want to give a ham, turkey or candy speak to Mike or Dominic. See them if you would like to help pack the boxes or deliver them. Donations need to be here by April 4th.

Spring Youth Retreat • April 21-23

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for this year's Spring Youth Retreat. We will be heading to Black Rock Retreat for a fun time outdoors and edifying sessions where we will study God's Word together. Parents are warmly invited to join us as trip leaders. Visit proclamation.org/spring-youth-retreat to register! The cost of the trip is \$125 (price increases after February 15). Sign up today!

Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology • April 28-30

Since the inception of the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology in 1974, the spirit of Martin Luther's stirring claim at the Diet of Worms has animated the ministry. Asked to recant the doctrines of the fledgling Reformation, Luther refused to abandon the sole authority of Scripture, declaring, "Here I stand. I can do no other." The 2023 gathering of the PCRT will mark the fiftieth conference—half a century of joining the great Reformers by standing on God's holy, authoritative Word. This year's speakers include Kevin DeYoung, Geoff Thomas, Rick Phillips, and Jeff Stivason. For more information and to register, visit <u>AllianceNet.org/Here-We-Stand-PCRT50</u>

If you are interested in volunteering for the conference, email Annette (annette@proclamation.org). Volunteers who serve 3 or more hours will receive free attendance!

Men's Softball

This is our third year to participate in a competitive church league for men's slowpitch softball. Season games are primarily in May and June. We are looking for a few additional able-bodied players this year, and would love to know early-on who may be interested in joining us for the first time. For more information, contact Joel Mason (mason.joeld@gmail.com).

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:

- Expositional 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 and Korean Administrative Assistant
NATE HOOVER	Evening Sexton
RYAN KELLY*	Director of Music
PAT TOLBERT*	
VIRGINIA SPYKERMAN*	Director of Women's Ministry
KELLY LEIBENSPERGER*	Director of Children's Music
SANDY MARTIN*	Director of Handbells
EMILY WOO*	
JONATHAN HARNLY*	Media Services
ANNETTE HUNSAKER*	Administrative Assistant
DAWN KEMP*	Bookkeeper
ASAKI NAKAGAWA*	
TOM FOUNTAIN*	Daytime Sexton
MIKE SBRACCIA*	
*part-time	

SESSION ELDERS

BEN FALCONER, moderator JEFF KIESEL
DAVE MONEYMAKER, clerk ROBERT NULL
MIKE HARNISH PAT TOLBERT
JEREMY JOHNSON KEN WENDLAND
DAVID JOSEPHSON PAUL WIK

DEACONS

RON VOTTO, *chair* ANDY LEISNER
DAN BAKER MIKE MARTIN
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, February 26th, 2023



MORNING WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26th, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, preaching Rev. Jeremy Johnson, assisting

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ. — Colossians 2:11

PRELUDE

Soli Deo Gloria Ringers Sarah Seaman-Whitehead, *flute* Rich Amoroso, *cello* Michael Martin, *guest director*

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus) Gabriel Fauré, arr. David L. Sanders

WELCOME

Rev. Ben Falconer, senior pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dominic Mattioni, CityTeam

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

He Shall Call upon Me Healey Willan

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. I will deliver him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

— Psalm 91:15-16

CALL TO WORSHIP*

1 Peter 1:6-7

INVOCATION*

HYMN Nº 92*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.

*Universal

HYMN Nº 508*

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 119:1-3

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

At this time we would encourage you to record your attendance with us in the blue attendance pads.

Visitors, please consider filling out our connect card on the church app.

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir Sarah Seaman-Whitehead, *flute* Rich Amoroso, *cello* Asaki Nakagawa, *piano*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
arr. Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

— Elisha Hoffman

SCRIPTURE READING

Pat Tolbert, elder

Matthew 4:1-11, pg. 809

We offer a Children's Church curriculum designed for pre-readers ages 4-6 in Room 147.

Children are welcome to participate at this time in Room 147.

HYMN Nº 667*

God Is My Strong Salvation

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Ben Falconer, senior pastor

The Covenant of Circumcision Genesis 17, pg. 11

HYMN Nº 460*

Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Dr. Ryan Kelly, organ



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.

Pat Tolbert will be available to pray with you at the front right of the sanctuary.

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

Mark 15:33-41

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our evening service.

The Death of Jesus