

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir Resumes

We welcome back our Chancel Choir in September as they begin again leading worship music at the start of our ministry season. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 and kick-off with the fall choir retreat on Saturday, September 5. New participants are very welcome. Contact Dr. Ryan Kelly at ryan@proclamation.org for more information.

CityTeam • Back-to-School Contributions • Due Today

CityTeam provides school supplies to over 2000 children in Chester, PA, and surrounding communities annually. Proclamation supports the Back to School drive via financial donations and school supplies. August 16 is our final collection date.

- Your donations, of any amount, are greatly appreciated; \$35 will equip one child with a backpack filled with age-appropriate supplies. Please make checks payable to CityTeam, not Proclamation, with “Back to School” in the memo. You can place them in the offering plate, give them to Rich Conte, or place them in the City Team mailbox in the Deacon’s Nook.
- Supply backpacks or other school supplies such as: pens, folders, glue sticks, 1” binders, Crayons, colored pencils, Rulers, Scissors, Erasers, Composition books may be placed in the donation room.

Volunteers are also needed to pack backpacks and assist at the fair on Friday, August 28. For more information, please contact Rich.

Women’s Summer Gathering • Aug 18

This summer, Proclamation women are gathering in the homes of members to enjoy fellowship, dinner and a guided discussion based on the book *Treasures of Encouragement* by Sharon W. Betters. On Tuesday, August 18, women will meet at Sarah Keating’s home from 5:30-7:30. Email info@proclamation.org for more information.

ESL Training • August 27

Interested in serving in our ESL ministry? Join us for a volunteer training on Thursday, August 27, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. here at the church. We especially need 3 teachers for Monday mornings and 2 teachers for Wednesday evenings to meet the needs of our students. Classroom assistants and check-in volunteers are also always welcome and needed! Come learn how you can help make a difference in the lives of our ESL students. We’d love to have you join us!

Wednesday Family Nights Begin • September 9

Mark your calendars for Wednesday Family Night, beginning on September 9. There will be music, discipleship, and fellowship opportunities for all ages, along with dinner.

Online Giving

Proclamation offers several ways to give online, through both our website and app. You can make one-time gifts or set up recurring giving. You can give to the general fund or any of our restricted funds (missions, compassion, plant) and even give the suggested donation for books from the resource room. Gifts may be made by debit/credit card or by linking your bank account. All donations are tax-deductible and will appear on your end of year giving statement from the church.

Inauguration of Dr. Dave Garner • September 25

Proclamation is pleased to host the inauguration service of Dr. Dave Garner as the fifth President of Westminster Theological Seminary. Join us on Friday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at wts.edu/inauguration.

NOTES

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, August 16th, 2026



MORNING WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16th, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Clint Estes, *preaching*
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *executive pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 46:10-11

INVOCATION*

HYMN N^o 30* Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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.

* Please stand.

HYMN N^o 93* The Tender Love a Father Has

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:2-5

OFFERTORY Courtney Mitchell, *violin*

Thanks Be to God
Siegfried Ochs

SCRIPTURE READING* Sean Ellsworth, *elder*

2 Timothy 2:1-13, *pg. 995*

HYMN* He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; his-pro-mis-es shall last;
Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast



For my love is oft-en cold; he must hold me fast.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!



He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;



For my Sa-vior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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Words: Ada Habershorn, Matt Merker
Music: Matt Merker

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Rev. Clint Estes, *guest preacher*

Courage and Peace for Times of Trouble
John 16:25-33, *pg. 903*

HYMN N^o 111* This Is My Father's World

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

