

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Officer Nominations • Now Open

During the earliest days of the New Testament, the Christian church was governed by direct Apostolic authority and command. Anticipating a time when they would no longer be, the Apostles provided the church with a government for its continuing life that would be representative, conciliar, and connectional. It was representative in that the people were to choose their leaders. Thus, elders were appointed or elected to succeed the Apostles (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5). Likewise deacons were selected by the people (Acts 6:1-6)

Roughly speaking, the elders in Session are responsible for the spiritual concerns of the church and the deacons for the material concerns. Qualifications for both offices are found in 1 Timothy 3. Officer nominations for Ruling Elder and Deacon are now open for the class of 2024. If you know men who meet these qualifications and would like to nominate someone, forms are available in the narthex. The nomination period will be open until June 11.

Baby Bottle Campaign • Through June 18

Today on Mother's Day, the Women's Servant Leadership Team will be handing out baby bottles as part of a campaign to support the ministry of Young Lives. The mission of Young Lives is to support pregnant and parenting teens through mentorship, community, and a life with Christ. We could think of no better way to honor the moms of this congregation than to support these young moms who have chosen life over death for their children. Put your loose change and cash in the baby bottle over the next month, and bring the bottle back on Father's Day, June 18. We will then donate the proceeds raised in honor of all the mothers of Proclamation Presbyterian Church.

Directory Pictures

There is an opportunity for new directory photos for you and your family. There will be a station where you can have your picture taken after the morning service on May 14 or 21. The photos are free!

Eagles Gathering • May 19

Eagles, our ministry for senior saints, will gather on Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. Come enjoy a catered breakfast and hear retired PA state trooper, Kevin Pierce sing hymns, praise songs and maybe a couple of oldies! Kevin was part of the state police ceremonial unit and has sung at many sporting events, for numerous governors and a president, and on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Bob Sidor (bob.sidor@gmail.com) so we have a count for breakfast. There will be a free will offering for Kevin.

Proclamation Men's Softball • Upcoming Games

Our men's softball team plays home games near our church at the St. Aloysius Academy's athletic fields (401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue). Please consider coming out and cheering them on against other competing churches! Upcoming games at St. Aloysius will be played on 5/19, 5/23, 5/30, and 6/9. All games start at 6:30 p.m. Bring your dinner and a lawn chair! (A fuller schedule with all games and weather-related cancellations are listed on the PPC App|Thrive|Fellowship|Men's Summer Softball.)

Congregational Meeting • June 11

After the morning service on June 11, we encourage all members to stay after the service for our annual congregational meeting. All members were mailed a sample ballot for officer nominations, a summary of the budget, and other materials.

Online Giving

Did you know you can give online? Did you know that the missions budget is separate from the operating budget? Did you know you can pay for Wednesday night dinner, support those going on missions trips, or give to the compassion fund online? Visit proclamation.org/give

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC THIS YEAR!

Children's choirs were a significant part of the Protestant Reformation. Both Calvin and Luther advocated for them to be part of local church's worship, to train the children in singing and doctrine, but also for them to lead the congregation's singing in worship. Calvin writes, "Selecting children and teaching them to sing in a clear and distinct fashion, so that people, listening with attention and following with the heart what was sung by the mouth, might, little by little, become accustomed to sing together." The children involved in our music ministry are both growing in their "understanding" of worship song and are learning that it is a biblical, historic, honorable, and holy task to lead the saints to worship God in their song. Parents, thank you for guiding them to participate.

Covenant Choir 2022-2023:

Adelaide Baker, Owen Baker, Aowyn Bonner, Nathaniel Bonner, Leo Chinburg, Elizabeth Christman, John Craig, Kianna Ekhterae, Cecelia Falconer, Titus Falconer, Noah Gates, Emily Keating, Julianne Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Caroline Lengkeek, Grace McGowen, Lily McGowen, Chris Moon, Rosie Neblett, Susie Neblett, Addison Rogers, Henry Rogers, Yuzuno Sekigawa, Mia Shannon, Joshua Shen, Kai Stevens, Lily Whitman

Directed by Kelly Leibensperger, accompanied by Asaki Nakagawa

Training Choir 2022-2023:

Simon Baker, Bryce Bowman, Chloe Chinberg, Claire Jang, Lydia Johnson, Caroline Keating, Natalie Kelly, Isabella Lu, Yoshimaru Miyamoto, Esther Moon, Luke Rogers, Harumichi Sekigawa, Towa Stevens, Rebecca Tian, Honoka Tanaka

Directed by Kelly Leibensperger, accompanied by Asaki Nakagawa

Praise Makers 2022-2023:

Matthias Chia, Annie Ellsworth, Owen Ellsworth, Timothy Gu, Momoka Hayase, Addy Johnson, Micah Johnson, Julia Keating, Isla Mason, David Mitchell, Harutaka Omori, Ethan Pan, Gia Shin, Ito Stevens, Nicholas Swieson, Angelina Tham, Nathaniel Whitehead

Directed by Kelly Leibensperger

Jubilate Ringers 2022-2023:

Adelaide Baker, Nathaniel Bonner, John Craig, Kianna Ekhterae, Cecelia Falconer, Titus Falconer, Noah Gates, Julianne Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Caroline Lengkeek, John Lengkeek, Rosie Neblett, Susie Neblett, Addison Rogers, Mia Shannon

Directed by Sandy Martin

Alleluia Ringers 2022-2023:

Owen Baker, Barrett Bowman, Leo Chinburg, Emily Keating, Chris Moon, Henry Rogers, Yuzuno Sekigawa, Elliot Shannon, Kai Stevens, Lily Whitman

Directed by Michael Martin, assisted by Nancy Moore and Kristen Harnly

Thank you to all who helped with Children's Music this year:

Allison Christman, Kristen Harnly, Elise Lengkeek, Karen Lengkeek, Courtney Mitchell, Steven Mitchell

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, May 14th, 2023



MORNING WORSHIP

May 14th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*
Rev. Ken Wendland, *assisting*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
— Psalm 116:15

PRELUDE
Jubilate Ringers
The Angelus
Gounod, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Crown Him With Many Crowns
arr. Sondra Tucker

WELCOME
Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT
Covenant Choir, Training Choir, Praise Makers
Da pacem Domine
Gounod, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Grant us peace, O Lord, in this our day.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 46:4-5, 8

INVOCATION

HYMN N^o 115
All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanza 1: Praise Makers, Training Choir, and Covenant Choir
Stanza 2: All stand and sing

*Parents of Praise Makers, during the remainder of the hymn,
please pick up your child in the narthex and return their robe.*

* 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. **Universal*

HYMN N^o 310* Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CONFESSION OF SIN Luke 4:8

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

*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
Covenant Choir and Training Choir
Mia Shannon, *soloist*
Elise Lengkeek, *violin*
Asaki Nakagawa, *piano*

Like a Tree
Ellen Woods Bryce

I put my trust in Christ alone because he loves me so. His love has taken
root in me and he will help me grow like a tree planted by a stream—
when the days are hot, all its leaves are green. In a year without a drop of
rain, there’s no fear; it remains planted by a stream.

And as I learn to trust him more, his Spirit makes me strong and helps
me know his deep, deep love, how wide and high and long. Like a tree
planted by a stream—when the days are hot, all its leaves are green. In a
year without a drop of rain, there’s no fear; it remains planted by a stream.

Rooted, grounded in his love, feeding on his Word, by his Spirit growing
strong and bearing fruit: Let my roots grow deep into his Word, for his
Word is always sure. When the wind grows high and storms arise my life
remains secure, like a tree planted by a stream—when the days are hot all
its leaves are green.

*Parents of Training Choir, please pick up your child in the narthex and return their robe.
Covenant Choir will stay robed and sit in the front pews to play handbells for the postlude.*

SCRIPTURE READING Roger Herrell, *elder*

John 14:15-21, *pg. 901*

*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 N^o 32* Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON
Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*
Abraham’s Death
Genesis 25:1-18, *pg. 19*

HYMN N^o 34* The God of Abraham Praise

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Alleluia and Jubilate Ringers
Ode to Joy
Beethoven, arr. Kathleen Wissinger
Jesus Loves Me
arr. Valerie W. Stephenson



*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.*

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- Roger Herrell will be available to pray with you
at the front right of the sanctuary.
- Betsy Kotanchik and Susan Wambua will be available to pray with women
at the front left of the sanctuary.
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- Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our Evening Hymn Sing Service
Though Satan Should Buffet
Nehemiah 6