

# Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 21, 2015

PRAISE GOD   LOVE PEOPLE   PROCLAIM CHRIST   PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A mission congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

**NURSERY:** We welcome and encourage children to participate with their families in our gathered worship service. We also provide three separate nurseries upstairs staffed by loving volunteers: infant (0–1), 1- & 2-year-olds, and a 3-year-old room which also cares for children with special needs. Our 3-year-old nursery is also open to older children of our guests as needed.

**LARGER PRINT BULLETINS** and **HEARING AID DEVICES** are available as needed at the sound board in the back of the sanctuary.

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## REFLECTIONS

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. –1 Peter 2:9–10

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 25: Of the Church

- I. The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.
- II. The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the Gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.
- III. Unto this catholic visible Church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and does, by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual thereunto.

It is basic to understand that the church belongs to God. In no sense is it a human institution. It is God's church, His family. –John MacArthur

We believe the church is sent into the world to witness to Jesus by proclaiming the gospel and making disciples of all nations. This is our task. This is our unique and central calling. –Kevin DeYoung

The church is the church for the sake of the world. –Hans Kung

It is the promises of God that make the church, and not the church that makes the promises of God. –Martin Luther

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(The inclusion of quotes does not mean we endorse a person's entire theological outlook.)

**June 21, 2015**

▲ Those who are willing and able, please stand.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

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**G O D I S H O L Y**

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▲ CALL TO WORSHIP: **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** (Verse 4)

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASLM 86:11-13

*Teach us your way, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth; unite our hearts to fear your name. May we give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole heart, and may we glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward us; you have delivered our souls from the depths of Sheol.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

▲ HYMN: **Give Praise to God**

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**WE ARE SINNERS**

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▲ **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a  
broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

▲ **PERSONAL CONFESSION**

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**JESUS RECONCILES US**

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▲ **HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

1 Peter 1:13–21

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**Minister:** Believer in Jesus Christ, know that nothing less than the precious blood of Jesus has secured God's mercy for you and ransomed you to be the people of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

▲ **HYMN:**

**The Gospel Song**

PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**Speak, O Lord**

(Verse 1)

*Using your personal, numbered giving envelopes makes the recording process much easier for our volunteers. You may request a set of envelopes using the tear-off portion of this bulletin. These requests will not be taken as a commitment of any kind.*

**PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**▲ SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 Timothy 3:14–16

<sup>14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. <sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

**SERMON:**

***God's Plan for His Church***

**▲ HYMN:**

**We Are God's People**

*Parents should pick their children up from the nurseries during this hymn so that children and nursery workers can be with us for the reception of our members.*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today we receive members for the first time.\*

Cherie Adkins	Matthew & Kathy Derliunas	Jody Kooiman
Bill & Nikki Arnold	Ethan Derliunas	Karl Krieg
Josh & Amy Brengel	Seth Derliunas	Scott & Sara Lichtenwalner
Gregg & Diane Bretz	Jesse & Audrey Epps	<i>Chloe, Samuel</i>
Hannah Cargill	Ryan & Melissa Groff	Dick & Lori Meredith
Jimmy Carr	<i>Alivia, Tessa, Hannah,</i>	John & Nicole Moss, <i>Madelyn</i>
Colin & Chrissy Casella	<i>Kate, Mikayla, Talia,</i>	Jonathan & Megan Mott
<i>Camden</i>	<i>Carissa, Kenny</i>	David & Sarah Katherine Oliphant
Deb Chu	Matthew & Jackie Henny	Dustin & Megan Potteiger, <i>Beverly</i>
Ben & Bonnie Craddock	Ian Henny	Kevin Ritchey
<i>Lincoln, Noble,</i>	Ethan Henny	Jon & Kelly Rittenhouse, <i>Julie, Jill</i>
<i>Chancellor, Lavinia</i>	Chris & Heather Hermansen	Nathan Rittenhouse
Ryan & Liesel Davidson	<i>Benjamin, Nathaniel</i>	Sarah Rittenhouse
<i>Liam, Alice</i>	Timothy Hermansen	John & Stephanie Schwab
Amy De Bruin	Jamie Hess	Andy & Heidi Styer
Alayna De Bruin	Cindy Kauffman	<i>Geneva, Anna, Paul</i>
Molly De Bruin	Corey & Stephanie Kimble	Tim & Bethany Van Schoick
Luke De Bruin	<i>Trevor, Evan, Yana,</i>	<i>Jesse, Jenna, Lucy</i>
Lydia De Bruin	<i>Asher, Mila</i>	Jack & Aleris Wright
Ella De Bruin		

From the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America, the five membership vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

### CHAPTER 6: Church Members

6-1. The children of believers are, through the covenant and by right of birth, *non-communing members\*\** of the church. Hence they are entitled to Baptism, and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the church, with a view to their embracing Christ and thus possessing personally all benefits of the covenant.

\* Since we are still a mission church (church plant) those received today are members of the Presbyterian Church in America, until we organize as a particular church, Lord willing, later this year.

\*\* Non-communing members indicated in *italics* in above list.

## THE PEACE OF GOD

Galatians 3:27–29

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**Minister:** Since we are one in Christ, let us welcome one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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## JESUS SENDS US

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*In keeping with Christ's command we celebrate the Lord's Supper today; this helps to keep our eyes firmly focused on Christ, who is our only hope. As redeemed sinners who are weak and needy, we need constantly to be reminded of the gospel, and the Lord's Supper makes the gospel message visible and tangible to those who receive it by faith in Christ. It communicates to us afresh the cost of our sin and the glory of our salvation, nourishing us spiritually and reminding us that the death of Jesus assures us of God's love for us as individuals, and binding us together in a new community, as we wait for the coming of our Lord.*

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians. We invite to partake of this sacrament: all who receive and rest upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek the grace of the Holy Spirit to walk worthy of the gospel. Baptized children are welcome to share in this meal when they have been confirmed in their faith. If you are not able to partake of the Lord's Supper, please use this time to meditate on the person and work of Christ displayed in this sacrament and one of the prayers on page 9.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD\* AND THE CUP

*You may partake of the bread individually up front or at your seat. Please hold the cup so we may all partake together.*

*\*gluten-free*

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison)

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A: 54*

Q: What do you believe concerning the holy catholic church?

A: **I believe that the Son of God  
through his Spirit and Word,  
out of the entire human race,  
from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself  
a community chosen for eternal life  
and united in true faith.  
And of this community I am and always will be  
a living member.**

▲ SONG OF THANKSGIVING: **I Hear the Words of Love**

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us prayerfully go forth as one body to praise God, love people, and  
proclaim the risen Christ until He comes.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

————— **J E S U S I S C O M I N G F O R U S** —————

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### *Prayer for Covenant Children Not Yet Confirmed*

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me daily to trust in you alone for salvation, to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, and to follow you more nearly. Amen.

### *Prayer for the Unconvinced or Those Searching for the Truth*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are and the necessity of what this sacrament represents. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### *Prayer for Belief \**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you and your work displayed in this sacrament, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing the punishment for my sin on the cross and offering me complete forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and will come again, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### *Prayer for Those Struggling to Repent of Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may taste and see that you are good and there is no need to look elsewhere, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the one who loved me and gave himself for me, and is coming again. Amen.

### *Prayer of Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

\* (If you are saying *Prayer for Belief* for the first time today, please share with a member of Proclamation, a church leader up front, or let the pastor know.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** All are invited to join us **tonight** for our monthly fellowship meal immediately following the service. We typically have these meals the third Sunday of each month.

**MEN'S PRAYER:** 6:45AM Friday morning at the church office (81 E Main St, Mount Joy).

**ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY** with Pastor De Bruin **each Sunday at 4:30PM** prior to our gathered worship service. We pray in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

**PROCLAMATION COMMUNITY GROUPS** meet **this week**. If you would like to participate in this small group ministry but do not yet have a group please contact Troy (203-9675 or [debruin@proclamationpca.com](mailto:debruin@proclamationpca.com)).

**CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY** will take a break for the rest of the summer.

**LEADERSHIP/OFFICER TRAINING:** While only men nominated for office have the opportunity to be presented for election to office, **all men** are invited to participate in the weekly training on Thursday nights, 6:30–7:30 at the Proclamation office, starting **July 2**.

**YOUTH SUMMER SERIES:** Wednesdays, 6:30–8pm, July 1–August 19. All students who have completed grades 6–12 are invited to join us at the De Bruin home to study the book of Galatians, exploring the themes of Law and Gospel. For more information contact Andy Styer ([astyer@proclamationpca.com](mailto:astyer@proclamationpca.com), 203-6179).

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:** Because of recent changes in state law, Proclamation must have **background checks** completed on all nursery, children, and youth volunteers. The paperwork for these background checks must be submitted to the state by **July 1**. Information packets are available in the lobby today. If you are involved in any way with nursery, children's ministry, or youth ministry, please pick up a packet.

**BIG SALE OF USED CHRISTIAN BOOKS:** Saturday June 27, 1:00–3:00PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church (2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster) in the activity room. You will find Bible commentaries, theology, biographies, church history, devotional books, marriage and family, apologetics, worship, prayer, counseling and more. Come to buy, to sell, or both. Anyone interested in *selling* books should contact Pastor Rogers ([rogers@westpca.com](mailto:rogers@westpca.com) / 569-2151) ahead of time to reserve table space.

## LEADERSHIP AT PROCLAMATION

### Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Officers (Elders and Deacons)

Below is the outline of the steps for nominating and electing our first elders and deacons at Proclamation. Any **member** of Proclamation may submit a name for nomination to the office of Elder or Deacon. Only **members** of Proclamation will be eligible to vote for the election of these officers. Being nominated for office is **no guarantee** of either being eligible for election to office or actually being elected to office.

#### 1. **NOMINATION** (Nominations will be open from June 21 –July 26)

- Review the qualifications for office as set forth in Scripture (I Timothy 3 and Titus 1) and summarized in the Book of Church Order. (Lord willing, Troy will preach on these qualifications June 7 & 14). Visit the resources page of [www.proclamationpca.com](http://www.proclamationpca.com) for related documents.
- Prayerfully consider whether there may indeed be a man who has exhibited the qualifications for a given office and thus should be nominated to serve.
- Fill out the nomination form to formally introduce a name (or names) into nomination for office. These forms are available in the gathering space and on our website.  
**Being nominated for office is no guarantee of election.**

#### 2. **TRAINING**

- All men at PPC are invited to participate in the ongoing training that has already begun.
- Session will confirm the nominations; Nominees will be asked if they accept the nomination.
- Nominees who accept the nomination will be required to participate in further training, which will consist of a number of meetings over a period of months to discuss the Biblical calling and qualifications for the respective offices and training for the same.
- During this period of time a nominee may remove himself from the training process and consideration for office as he deems necessary. Being nominated for office is no guarantee of election and it is no shame to remove oneself as needed.

#### 3. **EXAMINATION**

- Nominees who complete the training will be **examined** by our Session. This exam will cover both doctrinal and practical considerations.
- Nominees **approved by our Session** to stand for election will be made public to the congregation, Lord willing, on September 20.

#### 4. **ELECTION**

- A congregational meeting will then be called for the purpose of the **ELECTION** of officers. (Lord willing, October 18).
- Officers are elected by a simple majority. Only **members** of Proclamation may vote.
- Soon after the election a service of ordination and installation will be held. (Lord willing, November 1).

The importance of this process cannot be overemphasized inasmuch as the church officers are the Lord's tools for guiding and directing His people in this particular congregation. Let us, therefore, enter into this period **with prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit** and please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Session or pastoral staff if you have any questions.

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

*Last week's Q & A and passage for study/memorization:*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #24

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Scripture: Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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*This week's Q & A and passage for study/memorization:*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #25

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Scripture: Romans 5:10–11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

## REFLECTIONS (continued)

In every task of the church, the ministry of the word is central. Where there is a famine of the Word, no expertise in business administration or group dynamics will build Christ's church.

–Edmund Clowney

The Word builds the Church. Our power is not in having small groups, or meeting the felt needs of our target audience...Our power is in our unique message – the Gospel – not in our innovations. As such, our primary method must be to clearly communicate that message as widely as possible.

Biblically, that means we must faithfully preach it, fearlessly calling for repentance and belief as the only saving responses (Mark 1.14-15)...God's Word builds His church. So preaching His Gospel is primary.

–Mark Dever

The proclamation of the gospel, then, is not merely one thing among others in the church's life. It is the basis of the church's life. The church is a Creature of the Word.

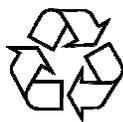
–Wolfhart Pannenberg

## PROCLAMATION MISSION STATEMENT

*Prayerfully dependent on and empowered by the Spirit in all of life, we will: joyfully praise God; sacrificially love all people in deed and truth; and faithfully proclaim Christ, to the glory of God and for the good of our neighbors.*

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## MEMBERSHIP:

Write your name below if you would like to become a member of or transfer your membership to Proclamation Presbyterian Church:

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## NAME TAGS

Please write your first and last name as you would like it to appear on your nametag:

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## PRAYER REQUEST

I would like the prayer team to pray for the following need or concern:

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I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern. Please have someone contact me at:

Daytime     Evening

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMENTS

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Use the space below and place in the offering plate:

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WELCOME TO OUR  
CHURCH COMMUNITY!

We are glad to have you with us today. Please complete this card and deposit in the offering plate, or give it to an usher or greeter.

Thank you.

*Please print clearly*

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr.

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Children (names and ages):

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How did you hear about Proclamation?

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Check all that apply:

- I am a first-time guest at Proclamation  
 I am a returning guest at Proclamation  
 I am a guest from out of town  
 I am visiting from another church:

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Church

- I regularly attend Proclamation Church  
 I have recently moved to the area  
 Please include me in the directory  
 I would like to receive email updates/prayer list  
 Please do not add me to any mailing lists  
 Please update my information

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