

**OUR MISSION**

*In response to the profound love of God through Jesus Christ toward all, we welcome everyone to join us as we study and proclaim the gospel, seek the will of God, grow in spiritual maturity, share our resources, and respond in service to the needs of our members and our neighbors.*

**ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:00 A.M.  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME**

PRELUDE “Behold That Star” by *Thomas W. Talley, arr. Mark Hayes* Matthew J. Russell

WELCOME AND SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN MINISTRY  
WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

INTROIT “Come, Lord Jesus ” by *Dorothy Christopherson & Helen Stensud* Chancel Choir  
*featuring Nancy Horton, Jane Lemak & Carol Robinson, Hand Bells*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

**Behold, Christ comes.  
His coming is neither past nor future, but the present.  
As we await his coming, grant us the grace to live now, in the hour of Advent.  
Perhaps we would see his presence, if we knew how to find him.  
Could it be that Jesus too, is waiting for us to know that he is already here?**

\*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 9

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *The Martinez Family*  
The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel, (God is with us). On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Peace.  
**Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

WORDS FOR ILUMINATION

**“God’s Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path”** Psalm 119:105.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 26:2-4 Pew Bible OT, p. 653

ANTHEM “From Distant Lands the Wise Men Come” *French arr. by Carl F. Schalk* Chancel Choir & Hand Bells

NEW TESTAMENT John 14:27; 16:33 Pew Bible NT, p. 109; 111

*Open My Eyes*

**Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou has for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee ready my God Thy will to see, open my eyes illumine me Spirit divine.  
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear, and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee ready my God Thy will to see, open my ears illumine me Spirit divine.**

SERMON “The World In Which We Live” Rev. Stephany D. Graham

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. That God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.** ~Confession of Belhar, September 1986 (section 3)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

HYMN “Guide My Feet” No. 354

OFFERING

\*THE DOXOLOGY No. 592

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, to You all knees are bent and all voices declare Your sovereignty. All that we bring to You, You have allowed us to have. Whatever good we do, is a reflection of Your grace. Accept these glad offerings we bring before You as an expression of our praise and gratitude. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of abounding grace, continue to pour out Your mercy upon us. We have erred in our judgement of what You desire of us. We seek to appease You with offerings, earn Your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making a sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a deep and abiding relationship with You. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: Ours is a God who does not make empty promises for the hereafter, nor trivialize the present darkness, futility or meaninglessness, but who Himself in-the-midst of darkness, futility and meaninglessness, invites us to the venture of eternal peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)  
(Persons are invited to come forward to the altar for prayer)

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

\*HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 8

\*BENEDICTION (Please remain standing for the choral response)

\*CHORAL RESPONSE “People in Darkness Are Looking for Light” by *Dosia Carlson* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE “Come and Hear the Joyful Singing” by *Michael Perry & Hal Hopson* Matthew J. Russell

\*Please stand if you are able.

**SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH**

CLERK OF SESSION: Elder Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Patrick Buckiewicz; USHERS: Julianna Asare and Manny Asare; LITURGIST: Elder Kathy Cerreta; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; COFFEE HOUR: PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; FLOWERS: The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided through the Church Flower Fund.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Office Hours: Wed: 10AM-3PM, Thurs: 4-7PM,

On Call Friday and Saturday

<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>December 10, 2017</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	11:45 AM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship Service & Coffee Hour
Monday	7:00 PM-9:00 PM	N.A. Meeting ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Tuesday	6:45 PM	Fit Club ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Listening and Sharing w/ our neighbors at the Drum Hill Assisted Living Complex
	7:30 PM	Gates of Heaven ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer call 1.641.715.3277, 703366#
	11:30 AM	Adult Bible Study ( <i>Library</i> )
	1:00 PM	Bridge (at S. Gardner's)
	6:30 PM	A.A. Meeting ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Session Meeting ( <i>Library</i> )
Friday	12:00 PM	Knitting ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	4:30 PM-8:30 PM	Youth Ministry ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Next Sunday	9:15 AM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
<b>December 17, 2017</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship (with Communion)</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	11:30 AM	Adult Bible Study ( <i>Library</i> )
	11:45 AM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship Service & Coffee Hour

Flowers are needed for upcoming Sundays. Call Fay Meneses, 737-4675

Can we pray for you? Join us each Wednesday for prayer by phone.

**Pastor Stephany can be contacted for appointments or emergencies at: 410.493.6748**

**VISION STATEMENT**

The Peekskill Presbyterian Church is a faithful and diverse community of Christians with varied backgrounds, ethnicities, talents, and ages. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to nurturing individual and corporate faith through *Vibrant Worship; Committed Stewardship; Relationship Building Fellowship; Mission Focused Discipleship; and Servant Leadership.*

**Save the Date**

December 24, 2017 – 10:00 AM, Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM, Candlelight Worship Service (*with Communion*)

December 25, 2017 – 11:00 AM, Christmas Celebration Meal, Volunteers report at 10:30 AM

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**FILL US ALL WITH**

*Peace*



*Welcome to the*  
**Peekskill Presbyterian Church**  
*Praying, Serving and Sharing Together*  
**Rev. Stephany D. Graham, Pastor**  
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