

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 24, 2017 10:00 A.M.
4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME

PRELUDE Christmas Melody Hand Bell Choir

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

INTROIT “Come Lord Jesus ” by Dorothy Christopherson & Helen Stensrud Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep.
How priceless is Your unfailing love. We find refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
For with You is the fountain of life, in Your light we see light.
We come before You with praise and adoration because in Your heart we have found our home!**

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *The Woods Family*

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Love.

Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:6-7 Pew Bible OT, p. 638

NEW TESTAMENT John 3:16 -17 Pew Bible NT, p. 94

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“Mary Had a Baby” *Traditional* Solos Chancel Choir

“The Friendly Beasts” *Traditional* Solo, Sam Sposato Children’s Choir

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Verse 1 Solo, Miranda Sposato vs. 2-3 Congregation No. 31

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Congregation No. 29

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Solos: Patrick Buckiewicz, Warren Button, Cliff Heaton Congregation No. 66

“Joy to the World!” Congregation No. 40

Finale Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

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, You have allowed us to have. Whatever good we do, is a reflection of Your grace. Accept these glad offerings as an expression of our praise and gratitude. Amen.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us.

People: So that we might be justified by God’s grace and become heirs of eternal life.

Leader: God saved us not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but by virtue of God’s own mercy.

People: So that we might be justified by God’s grace and become heirs of eternal life.

Leader: God saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which God poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Response: So that we might be justified by God’s grace and inherit the promises of eternal hope, peace, joy and everlasting love.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

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

*BENEDICTION (Please remain standing for the choral response)

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

POSTLUDE “It’s Christmas” by *Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash* Praise Choir

*Please stand if you are able.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION: Elder Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Caroline Jaisarie; USHERS: Robert Kalmer; LITURGIST: Christine Button; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; FLOWERS: The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided by Norma and Terry in loving memory of Robert and Donald Straub.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Wed: 10AM-3PM, Thurs: 4-7PM,
On Call Friday and Saturday

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| Sunday | 9:15 AM | Pageant/Choir Rehearsal |
| December 24, 2017 | 10:00 AM | Christmas Pageant |
| <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM | Gates of Heaven Worship Service |
| <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 6:15 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | Worship (with Communion) |
| | 10:45 PM | Christmas Eve Meditation |
| December 25, 2017 | 10:30 AM | Christmas Celebration Meal (<i>volunteers report</i>) |
| <i>Christmas Day</i> | 11:00 AM | Christmas Celebration Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>) |
| | 7:00 PM-9:00 PM | N.A. |
| Tuesday | 6:45 PM | Fit Club (<i>Social Hall</i>) |
| | 7:30 PM | Gates of Heaven (<i>Sanctuary</i>) |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Morning Prayer call 1.641.715.3277, 703366# |
| | 6:30 PM | A.A. Meeting (<i>Social Hall</i>) |
| Friday | 12:00 PM | Knitting (<i>Library</i>) |
| | 4:30 PM-8:30 PM | Youth Ministry |
| | 7:30 PM-9:30 PM | Gates of Heaven |
| Next Sunday | 9:15 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| December 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM | Worship |
| <i>1st Sunday after</i> | 11:30 AM | Coffee Hour |
| <i>Christmas Day</i> | 3:00 PM-9:00 PM | Gates of Heaven Worship Service and Celebration |
| | 11:30 PM | New Year's Eve Service of Meditation and Prayer |

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.*

ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 24, 2017 10:00 AM

4th Sunday of Advent

FILL US ALL WITH

Love



Welcome to the

Peekskill Presbyterian Church

Praying, Serving and Sharing Together

Rev. Stephany D. Graham, Pastor

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