

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 7:00 P.M.

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Do You Hear What I Hear" by Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne Matthew J. Russell

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (in unison)

O God of peace, to You we ascribe all honor and majesty, beauty and strength. You bring forth a child whom we all call blessed, upon whose shoulders rests the destiny of nations. You give us the gift of life everlasting, a wonderful counselor who shall guide all Your people. With shepherds and angels, we lift our voices rejoicing: All glory to You in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom You dwell. Amen.

INTROIT "Still, Still, Still" Austrian Carol Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

As the light of the of the candles grow, let us hold fast to our hope, let us pray fervently for peace, let our joy exceed words, and let love spread through our homes, our families, our congregation and our own lives; that we might come at last to kneel before the manger and allow the child of Christmas to be born a new within our hearts.

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 44

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

WORDS FOR ILLUMINATION

"The gospel is good news! Between each line, we see ourselves, and how our Living God interacts with and loves humanity. The gospel reveals the heart of God, and the Eternal Spirits relentless efforts to reason with us. When we seek God, we will find God. God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path."

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

ANTHEM "O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adams Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT John 1: 1-5; 10-12,14 Pew Bible NT, p. 91; 92

SERMON "Love Came Down at Christmas" Rev. Stephany D. Graham

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN "From Heaven Above" vs. 1, 4 No. 54

OFFERING "Silent Night" by Franz Gruber, arr. by David Russell & Lindsey Stirling

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 592

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of goodness and loving kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of Your grace. As the heavenly host sang of Your glory, accept what we bring You as our offerings of praise. With the shepherds we witness the birth of our Savior; our response is in gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding forgiveness, we have wounded Your love. Through Your mercy heal us. We continue to stumble in darkness. Light Of The World, transfigure us. We have forgotten that our hearts are Your home. Spirit Of God, dwell within us. Amazing Grace, align us with Your plan and purpose for our lives. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF GRACE

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but shall have everlasting life. God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
John 3:16-17

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION "He Is Born" Traditional French Carol

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN "The First Nowell" No. 56

*BENEDICTION (If you desire, remain standing for the choral response)

* CHORAL RESPONSE "Night of Silence" Chancel Choir
(Congregation is invited to sing the 3 verses of "Silent Night", No. 60, when directed)

*Please stand if you are able.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION: Elder Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Barbara Devir; USHERS: Diana Heaton and Linda Buckiewicz; LITURGIST: Elder Lynne Nayman; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FEATURING: Nadia Khodakovska – Violin, Ruth Garcia – Oboe and Voice, Joanna Russell – Voice; COMMUNION SERVERS: Liz Maloy, Linda Johns, Dan Harrison; 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

Sunday	6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
December 24, 2017	7:00 PM	Worship (with Communion)
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	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. Meeting
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.*

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Welcome to the

Peekskill Presbyterian Church

Praying, Serving and Sharing Together

Rev. Stephany D. Graham, Pastor

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