

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 3, 2017 10:00 A.M.
1st Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” by *Thomas Helmore, arr. L. Stirling & K. Case* Nadia Khodakovska, Violin

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

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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 2

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *The Sposato Family*

Leaders: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.
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 Psalm 33:22; Isaiah 30:18 Pew Bible OT, p. 508; 658

CHANCEL ANTHEM “Prepare” by *Allen Pote* Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1: 5-7; 13; 24-25; 36-37 Pew Bible NT, p. 56 & 57

SERMON “**Holding On To Hope**” Rev. Stephany D. Graham

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” No. 379

OFFERING “What Child Is This” *arr. by Lindsey Stirling* Nadia Khodakovska, Violin

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 592

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of promise, You cause the branch of hope to bud and flower; we offer You the fruit of our labor. May what we do bring reassurance to those seeking evidence of Your goodness. Use our gifts as signs of what trust in You can produce. We join with Christ in the struggle for justice; we commit ourselves to the quest for a righteous peace. 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 hope.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION “Bring a Torch” by *Jeanette Isabella (French Traditional)*
Nadia Khodakovska, Violin

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN “People, Look East” No. 12

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE “The Holly and the Ivy” by *Traditional* Nadia Khodakovska, Violin

*Please stand if you are able.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION: Elder Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Nancy Horton; USHERS: Nancy Neff and Walter Neff; LITURGIST: Elder Rose Reed; GUEST MUSICIAN: Nadia Khodakovska, Violin; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; COMMUNION SERVERS: Jean Kaiser, Lynne Nayman, John Bishop & Dan Harrison; COFFEE HOUR: PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; FLOWERS: The Poinsettias are provided by Fay Meneses in memory of Ruth Dyckman. The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided by Terry Cadeaux in loving memory of her father, Edmond Robitaille, and her brother, Raymond Robitaille.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

On Call Friday and Saturday

Sunday	8:30 AM	Community Breakfast (<i>Social Hall</i>)
December 3, 2017	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Worship (with Communion)
	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	10:00 AM	Lord's Attic Thrift Shop Meeting
	6:00 PM	Personnel Ministry Meeting
	7:00 PM-9:00 PM	N.A. Meeting (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
	6:45 PM	Fit Club (<i>Social Hall</i>)
	7:30 PM	Christian Education Ministry Meeting (<i>Blue Room</i>)
	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>)
	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	Corporate & Business Ministry Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
	7:30 PM	"Thirsty" (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Friday	12:00 PM	Women of HOPE Christmas Luncheon, Little Sorrento, Yorktown Heights, NY
	4:30 PM-8:30 PM	Youth Ministry (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Saturday	6:00 PM	"The Spirit of Christmas"
		Bell Choir Concert, Caroling, "Spirit Talk" Praise Team and Lighting of Grounds
Next Sunday	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
December 10, 2017	10:00 AM	Worship
<i>2nd 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 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM-8:30 PM, Listening and Sharing with our neighbors at the Drum Hill Assisted Living Complex

December 13, 2017 – 1:00 PM, Bridge at S. Gardner's

December 24, 2017 – 10:00 AM, Christmas Pageant; 7:00 PM, Candlelight Worship Service

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

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FILL US ALL WITH

Hope



Welcome to the

Peekskill Presbyterian Church

Praying, Serving and Sharing Together

Rev. Stephany D. Graham, Pastor

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