

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 31, 2017 10:00 A.M.

1st Sunday after Christmas

WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME

PRELUDE “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” *Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes* Matthew J. Russell

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

INTROIT “As with Gladness Men of Old” *by Conrad Kocher* Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

Leader: All the promises of God find their yes in Christ.

People: God has put the seal of Christ upon us and given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Leader: Through Christ we have been clothed with the garments of salvation, and covered with the robe of righteousness.

All: In that righteousness let us worship, and walk in the way of the Lord.

*HYMN “We Three Kings of Orient Are” No. 66

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

WORDS FOR ILLUMINATION

All: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2nd Timothy 3:16

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23 Pew Bible OT, p. 501

ANTHEM “The Snow Lay on the Ground” *Traditional English Carol* Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:28-39 Pew Bible NT, p. 158

All: “Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true: with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.”

SERMON “All Things For Our Good” Rev. Stephany D. Graham

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “Love Devine, All Loves Excelling” No. 376

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 592

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we know that whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. We seek to bind ourselves to You O God, and to bring Your heavenly realm here among us. May what we offer be a sign of our commitment to present to You our best for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous judge and benevolent ruler, hear us as we make our confession before you. You send forth Your spirit, yet we ignore Your counsel. Christ dwells among us, yet we fail to obey his teachings. We sing peace on earth, yet hostility continues. Forgive our deliberate and indirect misuse of Your graciousness. Make us worthy to receive the gift of Christ in our lives. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and dangers; a path unknown in the Spirit’s power. We must leave behind us the sins of yesterday, for God’s new beginning is a better way. Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back: God gives hope, and insight, and the strength we lack. The Spirit will teach us how to read the signs, how to meet the challenges of our troubled times, love us into action, and stir us into prayer, till we choose God’s life and find our future there.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Adapted from, Songs for a Hopeful Church by Elizabeth Smith

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 “From a Distant Home” No. 64

*BENEDICTION (Please remain standing for the choral response)

*CHORAL RESPONSE “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” *by Charles Coffin & Michael Praetorius* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” *by Johann Rist* Matthew J. Russell

*Please stand if you are able.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION: Elder Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Marilyn Tropiano; USHERS: Deborah Flood and Liz Maloy; LITURGIST: Michael Walker; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; COFFEE HOUR: PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; FLOWERS: The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided by Rosa Reed in loving memory of her aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. John E. Johnson.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

On Call Friday and Saturday

Sunday	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
December 31, 2017	10:00 AM	Worship
<i>1st Sunday</i>	11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
<i>after Christmas</i>	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
	3:00 PM-9:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship Service & Celebration
	11:30 PM	New Year's Eve Worship Service & Prayer
Monday, <i>New Year's Day</i>	7 PM-9 PM	N.A. Meeting (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Tuesday	6:45 PM	Fit Club (<i>Social Hall</i>)
	7:30 PM	Christian Education Ministry Meeting (<i>Library</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>)
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Corporate & Business Ministry 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>)
	7:30 PM	Book Club (<i>Library</i>)
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Community Breakfast
January 7, 2018	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	10:00 AM	Worship (with Communion)
	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>)
	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.**

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