

**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**

January 15, 2017 10:00 AM

*Race Relations Sunday*

**WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME**

PRELUDE “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” *arranged by Jeanette Isabella* Matthew J. Russell

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

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant” *by Kelly Servant* Praise Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the acceptable time.

**People: Here, is the acceptable place.**

Leader: To gather in humility and power,

**People: To listen with imagination and courage,**

Leader: For God who spoke and created the earth and the heavens, to speak anew this day.

**All: Come quickly love! Bring justice, healing, and hope as we worship our creating and reconciling God!**

\*HYMN “Lift Every Voice and Sing” No. 563

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

STATEMENT OF BELIEF IN UNISON

*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 the peacemaker, that the church is witness both by Word and 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.*

**The Confession of Belhar 1986 (section 3).**

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 32: 3-4 Pew Bible, OT, p. 187

ANTHEM “Rain Down” *by Jaime Cortez, arr. John Carter* Praise Choir

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 3:15 Pew Bible, NT, p. 3

LITURGICAL DANCE God’s Disciples (GDX)

*Children may proceed quietly to their Sunday School classes.*

**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!” Rev. Stephany D. Graham

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Insert.

OFFERING  
\*The Doxology No. 592

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING IN UNISON

**Gracious God, you create us and sustain us; you desire that we live together as the “beloved community”. As we bring our gifts, guide us to live by your vision, where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your people know wholeness and well-being. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we come to you this afternoon full of turmoil. We see violence daily in the world around us and we struggle to understand the solution. We wonder where we have been complicit in the hurt and the hate. We wonder where we have failed to stand firm against the powers of oppression. We long to follow you, but find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Call us to your side, give us strength and courage. Forgive our failure of nerve. Resurrect us as a people that will play a part in your vision of justice and love for the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: Our God is a God of grace. Our sins are seen and we are still loved unconditionally. We will never walk in this world alone because God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

In Jesus Christ, all our sins have been forgiven and our guilt has been washed away.

**All: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION “Open the Eyes of My Heart” by Paul Baloche  
Matthew J. Russell

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

\* HYMN “America The Beautiful” No. 564

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Let There Be Praise” *by Dick and Melodie Tunney* Praise Choir

POSTLUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *by Joseph Scriven and Charles C. Converse* Matthew J. Russell

\*Please stand if you are able.

### SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION: Charlene Woods; GREETER: Nancy Horton; USHERS: Carol Robinson and Carol Apolinario;  
LITURGIST: Patricia Rooms; COMMUNION SERVERS: Deacons; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J.  
Russell; PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; COFFEE HOUR: FLOWERS: The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided  
by Manny Asare's Family, in memory of his friend, Nicholas Adu,

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: peekskillpresby.org  
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**Elder Barbara Devir, CLP will be on call while Pastor Stephany is away attending classes (January 17-29, 2017).  
She may be reached at: 845-270-1864**

<b>Today, January 15, 2017</b>	9:15 AM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship (with Communion)</b>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
	11:30 AM	Adult Bible Study (Library)
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship and Social Hour
	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Community Dinner (Social Hall)
Monday	3:00 PM	Peekskill Community Martin Luther King Jr Service at Mount Olivet Church
	7:00 PM-9:00 PM	N.A. Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday	6:45 PM	Fit Club (Social Hall)
	7:30 PM	Gates of Heaven
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer call 1.641.715.3277, 703366#
	6:30 PM	A.A. Meeting (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Head Start Parents Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	12:00 PM	Knitting (Social Hall)
	3:30 PM-9:00 PM	Youth Ministry (Social Hall)
	7:30 PM	Bridge (at J. Kaiser's)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Stewardship Ministry Meeting
<b>January 22, 2017</b>	9:15 AM	Cancel Choir Rehearsal
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	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship and Social Hour

Flowers are needed for upcoming Sundays. Call Fay Meneses, 914-737-4675

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.*

### Dates to Remember

January 8-29, 2017 – Mission Food Drive

January 15, 2017 – 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, Community Dinner Resumes (Social Hall)

February 10, 2017 – 12:00 PM, Women of HOPE Brown Bag Lunch, Heart Healthy Month (Social Hall)

February 11, 2017 – 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, Pot Luck Social (Social Hall)

February 26, 2016 – 11:15 AM, Annual Meeting (Social Hall)

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**Race Relations Sunday**



*The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just.  
A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he;  
DEUTERONOMY 32: 4*

**Welcome to the**  
**Peekskill Presbyterian Church**  
**Praying, Serving and Sharing together**  
**Rev. Stephany D. Graham, Pastor**  
**705 South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566**  
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