

## 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, September 23, 2018 10:00 A.M.  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Back to Church / Friends and Family Sunday

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PRELUDE "In the Garden" by C Austin Miles, arr G Lanier Billy Shaw & Gokce Erem

WELCOME AND SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

INTROIT "Make Me A Servant" by Kelly Willard Chancel & Praise Choirs

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the church throughout the ages, we proclaim the love of the one and triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: We are called together to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.**

Leader: Our living of the gospel makes us a part of a community of saints who have been saved by grace to serve as vessels of love and hope.

**People: We are each given**

**All: Your way is holy, there is no god so great! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN "Gather Us In" Red Hymnal No. 649

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: God of wisdom and understanding, we thank You for Your Word in scripture. It is a constant source of comfort and a guide for our living. Help us to read and reflect and in our meditation find Your Spirit speaking to us. We pray through Jesus; whose words became Your Word. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 84 Pew Bible, OT, p. 543

CHANCEL ANTHEM "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" by S. Temple Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT John 6: 63-69 Pew Bible NT, p. 99

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

**All: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia, Alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Alleluia, Alleluia**

THE MESSAGE "Why The Church Still Matters" Patricia Button

SPECIAL MUSIC "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven" by AH Malotte Billy Shaw & Gokce Erem

THE MESSAGE "Why The Church Still Matters" John Bishop

SPECIAL MUSIC "You Raise Me Up" by R Lovland & B Graham Billy Shaw & Gokce Erem

THE MESSAGE "Why The Church Still Matters" Susan Gardner

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch Billy Shaw & Gokce Erem

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN "To God Be the Glory" Red Hymnal No. 66

OFFERING "God Is on the Move" by I Eskelin & T Wood Praise Choir

\*THE DOXOLOGY No. 592

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Creator God, you have given each of us particular gifts of the Spirit, both lay and ordered. Some witness to the good news; some uphold the art of worship; some comfort the grieving and guide the wandering; some build up the community; some stand with oppressed and work for justice; and some are called to be lead stewards. All that we are and ever hope to be, we owe it all to you. With gratitude we give in response to what you have so graciously given to us. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We acknowledge that the church has not always lived up to its vision. It requires the Spirit to reorient it, helping it to live an emerging faith while honoring tradition, challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement, for we are called to be a blessing to the earth. We are broken but hopeful believers; striving to love what Jesus loved, to live what he taught, and to be faithful servants in our time and place. Thank You for your mercy and Your forgiving nature. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor – By becoming flesh in Jesus, God makes all things new. In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering, God empowers us to live in love. In Jesus' crucifixion, God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world. In Jesus' resurrection, God overcomes death. Nothing separates us from the love of God.

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

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 "Sing a New Church" Red Hymnal No. 577

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Threefold Amen" Chancel & Praise Choirs

POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In" Billy Shaw & Gokce Erem

\*Please stand if you are able.

**SERVICE TO OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH**

CLERK OF SESSION: Charlene Woods; GREETER: Deacon Marilyn Tropiano; USHERS: Linda Buckiewicz and Phyllis Froebrieh; GUEST MUSICIANS: Billy Shaw – Vocalist, Gokce Erem – Violin; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Matthew J. Russell; PRAYER CHAIN: Philena Bolden; COFFEE HOUR: Congregational Life; FLOWERS: The flowers in the Memorial Vase are provided by Marsha Vernon in loving memory of her aunt, Enid Watson-Gonsalves.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 AM	Chancel & Praise Choir Rehearsal
<b>September 16, 2018</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<i>Back to Church Sunday</i>	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
<i>Apple Fest</i>	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	Gates of Heaven Worship Service/Coffee Hour
Monday	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
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer call 1.641.715.3277, 703366#
	6:30 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:30 PM	“Thirsty” ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Friday	12:00 PM	Women of HOPE Pot Luck Luncheon ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	4:30 PM-8:30 PM	Youth Ministry ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
	7:30 PM	Book Club ( <i>Library</i> )
	7:30 PM	Gates of Heaven Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:15 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</i>	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
<i>Pentecost</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.*

**Save the Date**

October 13, 2018 – Saturday, 6:00 PM, “Spirit Talk” (Visual Arts), New Worshipping Center  
 October 16 & 30, 2018 – Tuesday, All Day, Photos for new directory by appointment, Social Hall  
 October 27, 2018 – Saturday, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, Work Bee, Cleaning Chandeliers/Painting  
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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Back to Church Sunday**



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*Welcome to the*  
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*Praying, Serving and Sharing Together*  
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