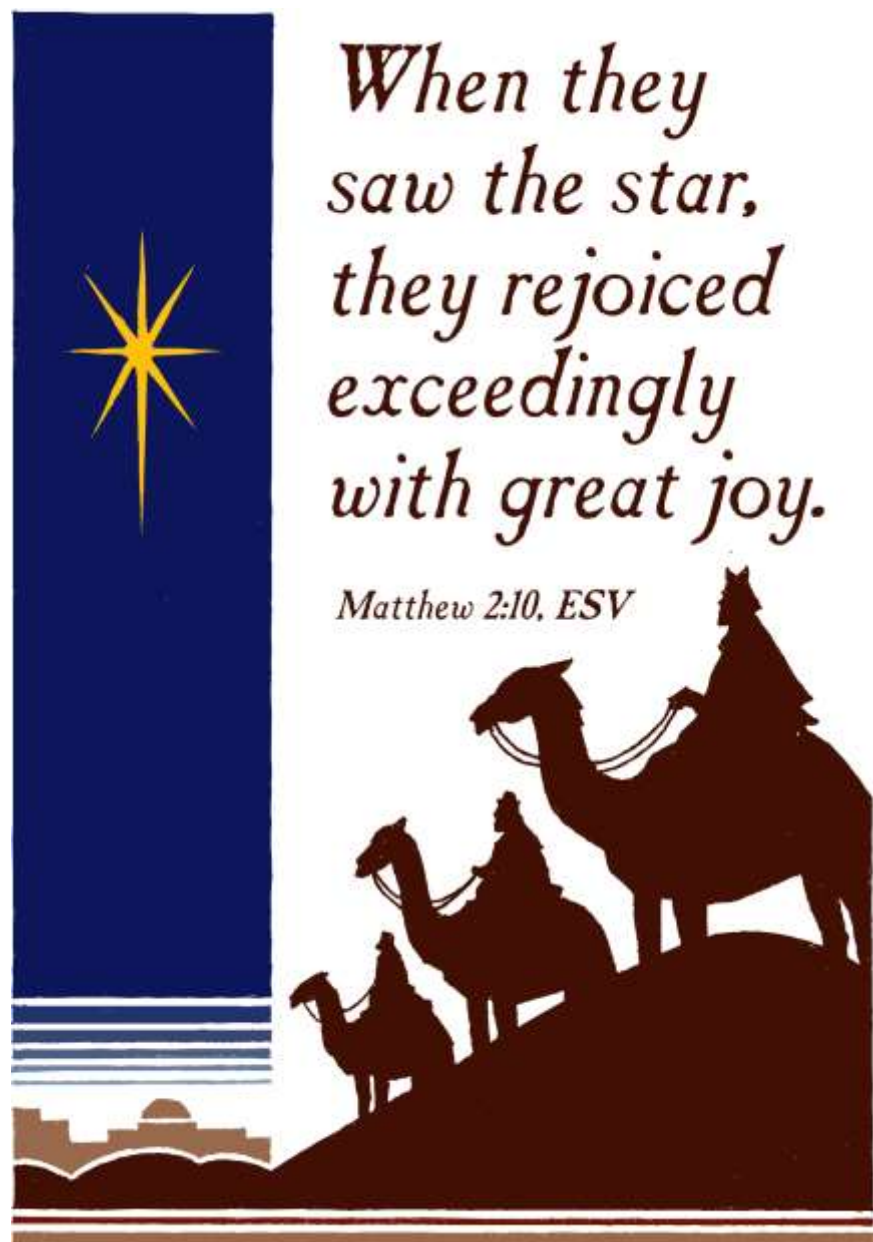


Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church



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*A welcoming place to discover where you belong
in the family of God*



January 6, 2019

8:30 a.m.

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10:45 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Song We Three Kings

Time for Greeting/Passing of the Peace

We Remember God's Work in Our Lives

Song He Reigns
(Please bring prayer cards forward during this time)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayers of the People

We Listen to God's Word

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Song Carried to the Table

Scripture
First Reading Ephesians 3:1-12
Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Message Still Searching Rev. RJ Leek

Holy Communion

We Answer God's Call

Song Majestic
Offering *(Please bring offerings during the song)*

Benediction

One: Go in peace.
All: We will go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Hearing Impaired: Worshipers who need amplification devices may obtain them from the ushers prior to the service. Please return them to an usher after the service.

Large Print bulletins and hymn books are available in the narthex. Please see an usher.

SILENT MEDITATION Genesis 1:1-5

PRELUDE Sunset Karg-Elert

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Signature of Friendship pad. Pass it along and back, noting and greeting those worshipping with you and especially the stranger in our midst. Also please wear a nametag, so that members and guests alike may greet one another by name following worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

All: What have we done to deserve God's love?

One: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

All: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

One: God's love never vanishes from us.

All: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

* **Hymn** As with Gladness Men of Old #63

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We undoubtedly believe that, insomuch as it was impossible that death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus, crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification and, destroying him who was the author of death, brought life again to us that were subject to death, and to the bondage of the same. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his very enemies, by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchers did open, and they did arise, and appeared to many, within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the senses and judgments of his apostles and others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

- * **THE PEACE**
"May the peace of Christ be with you" . . . "and also with you."
- * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Glory to the Father #567
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- OFFERING**
OFFERTORY Hidden As a Baby Williams/Martin
- * **DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Using debts and debtors) Page 16
- * **HYMN** We Three Kings of Orient Are #66
- TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**
Children age 3 through second grade may leave for Children's Church after the message.
- ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
- ANTHEM** The Gift Martin/Courtney
- FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ephesians 3:1-12 page 903
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.
- SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 page 815
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.
- SERMON** Still Searching Rev. RJ Leek
- THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Please retain each element until all have been served.
Gluten-free crackers have been placed on each bread plate.
- * **HYMN** For the Bread Which You Have Broken #509
- * **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**
One: Go in peace.
All: We will go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.
- * **POSTLUDE** Marziale Socal

Worship Notes:

Participants in the Service, January 6, 2019: 8:30 a.m.: *Worship Leader:* Becky Hunt; *Usher:* Carolyn Purdy; *Welcome Center Host:* TBD; *Communion Servers:* Erin Giordano, Kathy Kloss, Pat Peddie, Jeremy Varner, Sharon Bisio. 10:45 a.m.: *Lay Assistant:* Clyde Roberts; *Children's Sermon:* TBD; *Children's Church Leader:* Jessie Bradica; *Ushers:* Dick Hawkins, June Rushmore, Ruth Austin, Anne Tappen and TBD; *Welcome Center Host:* TBD; *Sound Room Attendant:* Jim Watters; *Communion Servers:* Jim Horn, Michelle Selip, Liz Staber, Allie Sanborn, Paul Bisio. Flowers: the flowers today are given by the Noontime Circle for those times when flowers are not dedicated.

Participants in the Service, January 13, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: *Worship Leader:* Ken Weber; *Usher:* Judy Emerson; *Welcome Center Host:* TBD. 10:45 a.m.: *Lay Assistant:* Sandy Levine; *Children's Sermon:* TBD; *Children's Church Leader:* Jessie Bradica; *Ushers:* TBD, Clyde Roberts, Linda Roberts, Marge Kuhn, and TBD; *Welcome Center Host:* TBD; *Sound Room Attendant:* Sam Thornton.

Our Staff: Rev. RJ Leek, *Head of Staff* (rjleek@gwyneddsquare.org); Donna J. Stewart, *Secretary* (office@gwyneddsquare.org); Jeff Varner, *Interim Organist* (jvarnerod@comcast.net); Jeremy Varner, *Interim Choir/Band Director* (jvarner@gwyneddsquare.org); Jessie Bradica, *GSPC Youth & Family Ministry Leader* (jbradica@gwyneddsquare.org); Fred Blankenburg, *GSPC Youth & Family Ministry Co-Leader* ; (fblankenburg@gwyneddsquare.org); Lisa Cable, *nursery attendant*; ex officio: Louise M. Gerdemann, *Minister of Music Emerita*.

Opportunities for Service and Giving:

Habitat Faith Build Day- Join us at Gwynedd Square's Faith Build Day on Saturday, January 12. We will be working indoors on Habitat's twin houses on Bush St, Bridgeport, and will carpool from the church parking lot that morning. Sign up on the church bulletin board by the water fountain; bring a friend- the more the merrier!

Our Church Family:

Pastor RJ's Bible Challenge Question: Who was the beloved disciple? If you know the answer, please email Pastor RJ. There will be a new question each week to test your knowledge.

GSPC Prayer Challenge: The beginning of the year is a time of reflection. As we face the this new year, let us respond to the charge that the author of Hebrews gives us in Chapter 12:1. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Let us pray for:
1) Our church - that we will accept this challenge with joy and love for each other, our community, and the world.
- 2) Our members – that we will examine our own lives with honesty before God as we face the opportunities of the new year.

Annual Report Reminder: All boards, committees, and fellowship groups should prepare a written report of their group's work and activity during 2018. **Due date was Saturday, January 5** so submit today if you have not already done so!

Noontime Circle will meet on Thursday, January 10, in Weber Hall at noon. Bring your lunch, and we will have fellowship while we eat. Afterwards, we will discuss lesson five of the PW Horizons "God's Promise" Bible Study book. Come even if you have not attended for the prior book lessons or have not read this one. Questions: Sandy Salveter at SLSSEPA@YAHOO.COM or 215-353-8297.

Mary and Martha Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marge Kuhn on Monday, January 7. Please note the date is a week earlier than usual.

Tuesday Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on January, 8, 2019, weather permitting. We will use lesson 5 from the study book about God's Promises. If you have questions, call Sandy Levine 215 368-0973.

Family Mailboxes in Library: The January Spire has been distributed to mailboxes around the church (or mailed to those without mailboxes.) Check your mailbox. Verify the name on the mailbox, as the location of each family mailbox may move as new members are added or others deleted per their request. Remember the names are UNDER each mailbox. Don't forget to regularly check your family mailbox.

Youth and Family:

All events listed here are open to our whole church family

Winter Fun Youth Ministry Event – Friday, January 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. Do you want to build a snowman? Join us for some creative Christian fellowship and indoor winter fun! SLUGs/AMPs and friends are welcome!

Martin Luther King Day sock challenge and service project. Please donate white athletic socks and/or individually wrapped snack bars or crackers to donate to the homeless. Join us Sunday, January 20, from 6-8 p.m. for a crazy sock stuffing party at Earl Bowl.

Our Church This Week

Sunday, January 6

Church Office closed
8:30 a.m. – Worship service
9:35 a.m. – Adult Forum in the Calvin Room
9:35 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Worship service
12:00 p.m. – Christian Education Team meeting in the Calvin Room
2:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church

Monday, January 7

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. – Mary and Martha Circle at the home of Marge Kuhn
7:00 p.m. – Finance Team meeting in the Knox Room

Tuesday, January 8

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – Tuesday Circle in the library

6:30 p.m. – Board of Deacons meeting in the Calvin Room
7:00 p.m. – Session meeting

Wednesday, January 9

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – Bible Study in the Calvin Room
7:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary

Thursday, January 10

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – Noontime Circle in Weber Hall
6:45 p.m. – Band rehearsal in the sanctuary
7:45 p.m. – Sonrise rehearsal in the sanctuary

Friday, January 11

Pastor RJ's day off
Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church in the sanctuary

Saturday, January 12

Church Office closed

Sunday, January 13

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Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church Activities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This Bible Study meets in the Calvin Room on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. and will resume on January 9. No need to RSVP, just come!

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Day, January 12

A volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.
Contact Harry Tweedie for more information.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please come join us on January 16, from 1-3 p.m. in the Calvin Room. We make prayer shawls for those in our congregation (or friends of those in our congregation) who are sick, grieving, or going through a hard time. Please contact either Carol Kutyla or Donna Stewart if you plan to attend.

Divinely Inspired Victoriously Affirmed
Studies Women's Bible Study
Join us on January 21 at 7 p.m. at the
Pizza Time Saloon on West Point Pike
Women of all ages and stages are
welcome!
Contact Trisha Leek for more
information



Upcoming Winter Events

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Keep a look out for Youth and Family Ministry events throughout the year!

For Sunday School info, please contact Trisha Leek.
Contact Jessie Bradica, jbradica@gwyneddsquare.org or Fred Blankenburg, fblankenburg@gwyneddsquare.org if you need assistance with any GSPC youth or family event.
