

Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church



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

November 18, 2018

10:45 a.m.

Hearing Impaired: Worshippers 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 "Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you."

-Steve Maraboli

PRELUDE Prelude on Ash Grove Chester

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.

* **THE PEACE**

"May the peace of Christ be with you" . . . "and also with you."

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Psalm 100

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
 Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
 For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

* **HYMN**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **SONG** All the People Said Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise. Amen. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Meditation

Social

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using debts and debtors) Page 16

* **Song** Rising

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Children age 3 through second grade may leave for Children's Church after the message.

ANTHEM First Fruits

Lovelace

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:35-38

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON It's a Big Harvest!

Rev. RJ Leek

Please bring your pledge cards up during last hymn

* **SONG** Go Make Disciples

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

One: Go in peace.

All: We will go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

* **POSTLUDE**

Worship Notes:

Participants in the service, November 18, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: Worship Leader: N/A; Usher: N/A; Welcome Center Host: N/A. 10:45 a.m.: Lay Assistant: Clyde Roberts; Children's Sermon: Liz Staber; Children's Church Leader: Jessie Bradica; Ushers: TBD, Jim Horn, Anne Tappen, June Rushmore, and TBD; Welcome Center Host: Ruth Linn; Sound Room Attendant: Sam Thornton. The flowers today are given by the Noontime Circle for those times when flowers are not dedicated.

Participants in the Service, November 25, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: Worship Leader: Ken Weber; Usher: Bob Kloss; Welcome Center Host: Sandy Salveter. 10:45 a.m.: Lay Assistant: Sally Hawkins; Children's Sermon: Paul Bisio; Children's Church Leader: Jessie Bradica; Ushers: Paul Bisio, Anne Tappen, June



The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Matthew 9:37

Rushmore, Ruth Austin and TBD; *Welcome Center Host*: Don Albinson; *Sound Room Attendant*: Jim Watters.

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. Gerdelmann, *Minister of Music Emerita*.

Opportunities for Service and Giving:

Noisy Offering: The Noisy Offering will be collected next week during worship at both services. Collections will go toward various mission projects such as the Heifer Project, 3 cents a meal, and The CROP Walk, just to name a few.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate: As the holiday season approaches, remember to buy some of the Fair Trade coffee or chocolate bars from the shelves in the library. This project offers a special link between our congregation and communities around the world. Through fair trade, farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia work together in a cooperative to sell their coffee directly to international middlemen. The farmers receive a fair price for their efforts and needs, and they use environmentally friendly growing practices. Our participation ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

Deacons' Angel Tree - 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, and 12/2: 'Tis the season! The frost is on the pumpkins and the Deacons' Angel Tree is up in the narthex. It is covered with wishes for Christmas presents for children and families that otherwise may not receive holiday gifts. Again this year we will collect gifts for children and teenagers from the Village (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village), children served by Hope Prison Ministries, and families served by Keystone Opportunity Center. Take a white angel (please leave the gold one on the tree!): some have a specific individual's wish, while others will be for a certain age group. Then bring back the new, unwrapped gift with the angel attached to it. Please pay careful attention to the due date specified on the angel. Also, any donations of gift wrap or gift bags for these organizations are greatly appreciated. We thank you for your past generous support, and thank you in advance for your participation again this year! Please see a Deacon for any questions.

Property Clean-up Day: Come on Saturday, December 1, from 9-12 and help us make the building and grounds look good for winter.

Alternative Gift-Giving Mart for Family and Friends

This year's Alternative Gift-Giving Mart (AGGM) will be held on December 2, 9, and 16 and will benefit six local and international organizations. You may pick up a booklet describing each organization in the narthex beginning on December 2. The AGGM will be open for purchases after each Sunday worship service beginning December 2, and ending on Sunday, December 16.

Our Church Family:

November is Pastor Appreciation Month! What can you do personally to show and tell our Pastor, RJ, how much you appreciate the ministry he does? Send a complimentary email, write a note, or send a greeting card. Or you might like to cook a special treat, give a gift card, etc. Use your imagination (or see the November Spire for more ideas. And remember, the rest of the Leek family are blessings to our church, so let's include them in our celebration! And once November is over, continue to show the Leeks your appreciation, love, and caring all year long.

Pastor RJ's Bible Challenge Question: What were the names of Daniel's three friends? If you know the answer, please email Pastor RJ. There will be a new question each week to test your knowledge.

GSPC Prayer Challenge: Let us give thanks! In the book of Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (5:17-18) Let us give thanks this week:

1. For the pastor and staff of GSPC and for the love and care they give us
2. For all the many blessings God has given to us and our families

Our Daily Bread: Did you know we have copies of *Our Daily Bread* devotional available? Look on the bottom shelf under the mailboxes in the library and pick up a copy today. The December/January/February issue is available now in the library or at the welcome center.

DIVAS: next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 26, at the Pizza Time Saloon. Contact Trisha Leek if more information is needed.

TAGS: We will have our Christmas luncheon at the Turning Point Restaurant in the English Village Shops at noon, on Thursday, December 6. Contact Nancy Weber or Anita Lamond if more information is desired or to sign-up.

From the Financial Secretary: If you check off on the 2018 pledge card that you want offering envelopes, and you already have an envelope number, please write that number next to the word "envelopes" on the same line. Remember to turn your pledge card in today, November 18. Fold the pledge card in half, place in the return envelope, and seal the envelope.

2018 GSPC Directory: The new pictorial directory has been distributed to all church mailboxes so please pick up your family's copy today. For those who are homebound, a copy was mailed to them. For those few who want something different, contact the church office and request a copy of the abbreviated PDF version to keep on your phone or home computer. It is abbreviated in that there are no pictures, no anniversaries listed, and no birthday/anniversary pages at the end of the directory. It is formatted to be booklet style (8.5" h x 5.5" w). The church will NOT be printing the PDF version.

Staff Vacation: The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The church secretary will be on vacation November 26 through 30. Office hours for that week are as follows: Monday 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday closed, Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. The office will be capably staffed by Cathy DeSonier, Judy Emerson, Pat Peddie and Anne Purdy.

Youth and Family:

All events listed here are open to our whole church family

November 18 – AMPs/SLUGs Youth Room Make Over, 3:00-8:00 p.m. Come for all or part of the time. Bring \$5 per person to help cover the cost of pizza.

November 30 – GSPC Family Advent Night, service projects, church decorating, and pizza dinner.

Our Church This Week

Sunday, November 18 – Stewardship Sunday

Church Office closed

9:35 a.m. – Adult Forum in the Calvin Room

9:35 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Combined worship service

2:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church

3:00-8:00 p.m. – AMPs and SLUGs youth room make-over

Monday, November 19

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21

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, November 22- Happy Thanksgiving!

Church office closed

6:45 p.m. – NO Band rehearsal in the sanctuary

7:45 p.m. – NO Sunrise rehearsal in the sanctuary

Friday, November 23

Pastor Leek's day off

Church office closed

8:00-10:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church in the sanctuary

Saturday, November 24

Church Office closed

7:30 a.m. -1 p.m. – Lansdale Korean School in various parts of the building

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Grisi family birthday party in Weber Hall

Sunday, November 25

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

2:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church