

Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church



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



Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

November 4, 2018

8:30 a.m.

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10:45 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Songs My Redeemer Lives
Hear Our Praises

Time for Greeting/Passing of the Peace

We Remember God's Work in Our Lives

Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Song Love the Lord

(Please bring prayer cards forward during this time)

Prayers of the People

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture

First Reading Hebrews 9:11-14

Second Reading Mark 12:28-34

Message Love Above All

Rev. RJ Leek

We Answer God's Call

Song Take to the World

(During the song please write and bring up your response cards and put them in the basket. No one will read them. They are between you and God)

Communion

Song God Is Good

Offering *(Please bring offerings during the song)*

Benediction

One: Go. Make Disciples!

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 "Providence, to whom we are infinitely more indebted than we are to our own wisdom, or our own exertions, has always displayed its power and goodness, when clouds and thick darkness seemed ready to overwhelm us." – George Washington

PRELUDE Adagio

Guilmant

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 (Unison)

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.—Psalm 5:7–8

* **HYMN** Praise the Lord!

#225

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen (*silent confession*)

Worship Notes:

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 Aria Handel

* **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**

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TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

ANTHEM Celtic Communion Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 9:11-14 page 975

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 12:28-34 page 825

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Love Above All Rev. RJ Leek

* **HYMN** Give Praise to the Lord #257

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** Let Us Break Bread Together #513

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

One: Go in peace.

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

* **POSTLUDE** Grand Choeur Young

Participants in the service, November 4, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: Worship Leader: Becky Hunt; Usher: Judy Emerson; Welcome Center Host: Sharon Bisio; Communion Servers: Jay Kimball, Sharon Bisio, Paul Bisio, and Becky Hunt. 10:45 a.m.: Lay Assistant: Judy Varner; Children’s Sermon: RJ Leek; Children’s Church Leader: Jessie Bradica; Ushers: Paul Bisio, Ruth Austin, Diane Jones Ferrier, Marge Kuhn, and TBD; Welcome Center Host: Don Albinson; Communion Servers: Ken Weber, Don Albinson, Jim Horn, Liz Staber, Ruth Austin, and Kai-Li Liaw; Sound Room Attendant: Sam Thornton; Special Participants: Jeff Varner, organ; Sharon Bisio, flute. The flowers today are given by the Noontime Circle for those times when flowers are not dedicated.

Participants in the Service, November 11, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: Worship Leader: Jeff Varner; Usher: Carolyn Purdy; Welcome Center Host: Pat Peddie. 10:45 a.m.: Lay Assistant: June Rushmore; Children’s Sermon: TBD; Children’s Church Leader: Jessie Bradica; Ushers: Tom Howe, Jim Horn, Clyde Roberts, Linda Roberts and TBD; Welcome Center Host: Elaine Watters; Sound Room Attendant: Jim Watters; Special Participant: Jeff Varner, organ.

Our Staff: Rev. RJ Leek, Head of Staff (rjleek@gwyneddsquare.org); Donna J. Stewart, Secretary (office@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:

Thank Offering: Blue Thank Offering envelopes can be returned through today, Sunday, November 4, or given to your circle leader this month. Presbyterian Women thank you for your support.

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 famers who actually grow it.

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 was Priscilla’s husband called; which job did he have? If you know the answer, please email Pastor RJ. There will be a new question each week to test your knowledge.

GSPC Prayer Challenge: Are you working too hard? Sometimes we forget while working in the church that we are doing it in thankfulness to God for his great gift to us, not for the approval of other people, not for a feel-good feeling, not to earn our way to heaven. In Ephesians 2:8-9, Paul says, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”* Then we can rise up with joyful spirits to work together to serve Him. This week when we pray, let us thank God for the salvation he has given us.

God’s General Store: Sunday school is in session & God’s General Store is back in business! Please consider donating gift cards, toys or a monetary gift. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Selip.

Noontime Circle: Noontime Circle will meet on Thursday, November 8, in Weber Hall (formerly called the fellowship hall) at noon. Bring your lunch, and we will have fellowship while we eat. Afterwards, we will discuss lesson three (pages 27-32) of the PW Horizons “God’s Promise” Bible Study book. These books (\$10) will be for sale at the meeting. Please come, even if you have not attended for the prior book lessons. Questions: Sandy Salveter at SLSEPA@YAHOO.COM or 215-353-8297.

Tuesday Circle: Tuesday circle will meet at our new time, 12:30 p.m., on November 13 in the church library. We will study Lesson 3 in our Horizons book about God’s Promises to us. It’s never too late to join our fellowship. Need a ride? Call Sandy Levine at 215-368-0973.

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.

From Property: If you no longer use your door fob or only rarely use your fob, please turn it back in to the church office. There are now no spare fobs and we are trying to avoid having to order more fobs. They are expensive.

Family Mailboxes in Library: The November *Spire* and Stewardship packets have 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.

Reminder: There is a sign-up chart on the bulletin board in the narthex for flowers every week. These are \$33 per vase and can be placed in the church in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Make your check payable to Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church, place it in a pew envelope, mark it “flowers,” and place the envelope in the offering plate. Let us remember or celebrate with you! (Note: The flower arrangement is in a green or blue plastic vase or liner that fits into the brass urn. The liner must stay at the church to be reused. See a deacon or the church secretary to have the flowers transferred to another

container if you want to take the flowers home with you after the second service.)

Youth and Family:

All events listed here are open to our whole church family

MOPS/MomsNext will meet on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. All moms and mom friends are welcome. RSVP to Jessie if childcare is needed. This year's theme is Find Your Fire!

November 9 – **Keystone Opportunity Sleep-out for hunger.** This was a pre-registered event and is now closed. Details and reminders will be emailed to those who registered closer to the event.

November 16 – King's Kids Golden Rule Game Night

November 18 – AMPs/SLUGs Youth Room Make Over, times TBD

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

Our Church This Week

Sunday, November 4

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

Monday, November 5

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Finance Team meeting in the Knox Room

Tuesday, November 6

Church office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – Deacons meeting in the Calvin Room
7:00 p.m. – Mission/Stewardship Team meeting in the Luther Room
7:00 p.m. – Evangelism, Fellowship, Fundraising Team meeting in the Youth Room
8:00 p.m. – Christian Education Team meeting in the Calvin Room

Wednesday, November 7

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 8

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

Friday, November 9

Pastor Leek'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, November 10

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

Sunday, November 11

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