

Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church



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



Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

December 30, 2018

8:30 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Songs Glory in the Highest
Hear Our Praises

Time for Greeting/Passing of the Peace

We Remember God's Work in Our Lives

Song Who You Say I Am
(Please bring prayer cards forward during this time)

Confession

Prayers of the People

Song What Child Is This?

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture
First Reading Colossians 3:12-17
Second Reading Luke 2:41-52

Message Healthy Living Rev. RJ Leek

We Answer God's Call

Song Sing a Song

Offering *(Please bring offerings during the song)*

Benediction

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

December 30, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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 "He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." ~Roy L. Smith

PRELUDE Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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)

We praise and magnify you, Lord our God! We proclaim your greatness, God Most High. We bless you for your covenant, for your mercy shown to Abraham and Sarah, for your promise to David and Bathsheba, for your word spoken by the prophets, and for the gift of your Son, our mighty Savior. Blessed are you, Lord our God! Blessed are you, Lord our God!

* **Hymn** The First Nowell #56

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You seek justice and righteousness, but we pursue selfish agendas. You promise us salvation, but we trust in our own strength. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in your way of truth so that we may be ready to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(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 Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us! His name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERING**OFFERTORY** Away in a Manger

- * **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** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks #59

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 page 958

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 2:41-52 page 833

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON** Healthy Living Rev. RJ Leek

- * **HYMN** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #31

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

One: Go in peace.

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

- * **POSTLUDE** Joy to the World!

Worship Notes:

Participants in the Service, December 30, 2018: 8:30 a.m.: *Worship Leader:* Judy Emerson; *Usher:* Bill Duncan; *Welcome Center Host:* Pat Peddie. 10:45 a.m.: *Lay Assistant:* Judy Varner; *Children's Sermon:* RJ Leek; *Children's Church Leader:* N/A- *no children's church today;* *Ushers:* Jim Horn, Clyde Roberts, Linda Roberts, Marge Kuhn, and TBD; *Welcome Center Host:* Don Albinson; *Sound Room Attendant:* Sam Thornton. Flowers: the flowers today are given by the Noontime Circle for those times when flowers are not dedicated.

Participants in the Service, January 6, 2019: 8:30 a.m.: *Worship Leader:* Becky Hunt; *Usher:* Carolyn Purdy; *Welcome Center Host:* TBD. 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.

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:

Sound System update: As we finish the year, we are thankful to those who contributed to the sound system fund. We have involved more people in helping with the worship service, and the transition to using screens has been very encouraging. Please consider one more donation to this fund by using the green envelopes in the pews.

Gwynedd Square Christmas Post Office is still open! Please consider using your mailbox at church to "send" someone a Christmas card through January 6. There is a box in the library to place your cards to "send" your cards if you don't want to "deliver" them yourself. There are envelopes available for your postage money contribution to Manna on Main Street. Remember to put your envelope number on the envelope, if you want credit on your GSPC giving statement.

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: What is the first commandment that comes with a promise? If you know the answer, please email Pastor RJ. There will be a new question each week to test your knowledge.

GSPC Prayer Challenge: In January, many of us get an attack of clearing out closets and drawers to greet the new year. We collect our records to prepare for taxes. Some of us even delete time-wasting apps from our computers. Do we need to hold a spiritual clean-up as well? In Psalm 51 these verses occur, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me...Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." This week as we pray, let us examine our spiritual closets to see if there is anything in them that should be discarded or repaired with God's help.

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 is Saturday, January 5.**

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, 15, 2019, weather permitting. We will use lesson 5 from about study book about God's Promises. If you have questions, call Sandy Levine 215 368-0973.

Special Choir Rehearsal: 6 p.m. on January 2 at the Hawkins' home. There will not be band rehearsal on January 3, 2019.

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

Hatfield Ice Skating, Friday, January 4. Meet at GSPC at 7 p.m. to carpool. Open skate is 7:30-9:00 p.m.; \$10 per person and \$3 for skate rental. All ages are welcome to join us!

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 WeekSunday, December 30

Church Office closed

8:30 a.m. – Worship service

9:35 a.m. – NO Adult Forum in the Calvin Room

9:35 a.m. – NO Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Worship service – No children's church

2:00 p.m. – Korean Open Door Church

Monday, December 31

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

Tuesday, January 1 – Happy New Year!

Church office closed

Wednesday, January 2

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

6:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal at the Hawkins' home

Thursday, January 3

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

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

7:45 p.m. – Sonrise rehearsal in the sanctuary

Friday, January 4

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 5

Church Office closed

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

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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.