The Priority of Preaching  
Rev. Ben Falconer – preaching  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson – assisting

Thy Kingdom Come

“TO GLORIFY GOD & ENJOY HIM FOREVER.”

APRIL 2, 2017
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Prelude**  
Ryan Kelly, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Silent Meditation**

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**CHORAL INTROIT**

Chancel Choir  
*Behold the Cross Displayed*  
G. Thalben-Ball

Behold the Cross displayed, whereon the Savior of the world did hang.  
O come ye, O come ye, let us worship and bow down.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

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**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

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**HYMN**

*At the Name of Jesus*  
Hymn 163

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**DECLARATION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 8.5*

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.

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Congregation stands.*
Confession of Sin

From Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshment may come from the presence of the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:10-11

Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Worship in Giving

Record of your Presence

Please sign the blue attendance pad found in the pew back in front of you, pass it down the pew for everyone to sign and then return it to the end of the pew from which it was passed.

Compassion Fund Offering

In addition to collecting a General Offering, on the first Sunday of each month we collect a Compassion Fund offering. Our deacons distribute these offerings to those in particular need. Please place offerings in separate envelopes and mark “General” or “Compassion” as appropriate.

Chancel Choir

Almighty and Everlasting God

J. Aaron McDermid

Almighty and everlasting God, you love all you have made. Create in us clean hearts, that lamenting our sins we may find in you perfect peace.

Miserere nobis. (Have mercy on us.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you who have measured the heights and the earth in the hollow of your hand, let your love overcome your judgments, even as it did in giving to the world your only Son. Dona nobis pacem. (Lord, give us peace.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering
**Reading through the Bible**
Psalm 108, p.507 in the pew Bible; Elder Fran McGowen
Congregation will read the even numbered verses.

Children, ages seven (7) years and younger, may go to Rooms 147 & 149 for Children’s Church.

**Hymn**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Hymn 508

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**Sermon Scripture**

Luke 4:42-44, p. 860 in the pew Bible

**Sermon**

*The Priority of Preaching*

Rev. Ben Falconer

Notes
Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper
As the bread and cup are passed, please hold the elements so that we may commune together.

Words of Institution & Distribution of Bread and Wine

Abide With Me
What Wondrous Love is This
Matthew Genders, cello; Ryan Kelly, piano

Hymn

Gloria Patri

Benediction

Postlude

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Following the service, Fran McGowen will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.
If you have a pastoral need during the week, please contact the church office, 610-520-9500.
Evening Prayer Service – 6 p.m.

Prayer Service – Thy Kingdom Come

Meditation on “Thy Kingdom Come” – Ben Falconer

Corporate Prayer that Satan’s kingdom would be destroyed

Small Group Prayer for the kingdom of grace to be advanced around the world

Small Group Prayer for the kingdom of grace to be advanced at Proclamation Church

Corporate Prayer that God would rule in our hearts more and more by His Word and Spirit

Small Group Prayer that the kingdom of glory may be hastened

HANDEL’S MESSIAH

with Proclamation’s Chancel Choir and Professional Orchestra

Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.   Reception to follow

Children are welcome; what better way for children to grow in their appreciation for classical music than with historic music about our Lord? The performance will last about 90 minutes. A special activity booklet will be available for young children and childcare will also be offered for babies and toddlers.
**Pictures for Church Directory**

Pictures for the church directory will be taken in the Prayer Garden today after morning worship. A photographer will be available from 12:15-1:00 p.m. If you’d like to have a picture in the directory or would like to have an updated picture, we hope you’ll take advantage of this opportunity.

**Mom’s Fellowship Brunch – Thursday, April 6, 9:15 a.m.**

Come spend a relaxed morning with women of all seasons and stages of life to be encouraged in the calling of motherhood. Friends welcome! Childcare provided. Location: Jennifer Superdock’s home, Bryn Mawr. RSVP: Jennifer Superdock (610-527-6149) Next meeting: May 4

**Thank you!**

The Delaware County Pregnancy Center is very grateful for Proclamation’s participation in their recent baby bottle campaign. Over $1900 was donated to the center. These funds go to promoting a better way of life for the women, men and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

**Note:** The annual fundraising banquet for the Delaware County Pregnancy Center will be held on Thursday, April 27 at the Drexelbrook Banquet Facility in Drexel Hill. There is no cost; an appeal will be made. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chuck Frick (610-872-6787).

**Ultimate Retreat (UR) – April 21-23**

Over 150 students from the greater Philadelphia region will travel to North Bay, Maryland. During the weekend, you will experience first-class facilities, food, lodging, activities, games, free time, Bible studies and nightly discussions. The theme is “UR the Christ: the surprising things Jesus says, and why you should believe him” (Matthew 16:16). Early registration fee (by 3/25) is $100—includes transportation, lodging, and all meals and activities at the camp. Pick up a registration flyer from the narthex table. Note: Registration goes up to $150 after March 25.

**Note:** Adult Chaperones are needed – Please contact Jeremy Johnson if you are interested.

**Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology – April 28-30**

Proclamation is excited to again host PCRT this year. The theme is “REFORMATION: Recovering the Essence of the Gospel.” Speakers include Dan Doriani, Richard Phillips and Carl Trueman. There is no registration fee for Proclamation members and regular attenders. To obtain this complimentary registration fee, you must go to www.alliancenet.org/events and click on the special link for Proclamation Presbyterian Church Members. There are information flyers on the narthex table.

**Ravi Zacharias at Temple’s Liacourous Center – April 12**

On April 12, Ravi Zacharias will be speaking at Liacourous Center on the topic, "Does Truth Matter." Ravi is the foremost apologetic in our time, speaking to the "Big Questions" in a convincing, clear and winsome way. This is a great opportunity to go and bring friends, especially those who do not yet know Jesus. It is a great presentation during Holy Week. To get your FREE tickets (5 maximum), go to www.raviphilly.com.
Women’s Spring Luncheon — Saturday, April 22, 12—2 p.m.
The theme for this year’s luncheon is “Come, Be Renewed” which completes our focus on Romans 12:2a: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...”. Lisa Wendland, wife of our new Assistant Pastor, will be our guest speaker. Sign-up in the narthex or contact Brenda Sbraccia (610-446-9513) or Nancy Carty (610-527-3779).

Pastoral Intern Applications
We are blessed at Proclamation to have 4 wonderful pastoral interns serving alongside and learning from our staff and elders. Each year, there are two openings for men pursuing pastoral ministry. The internship focuses heavily on mentoring in the areas of character, prayer, shepherding, and other aspects of church life. It will require about 12-15 hours/week and lasts from September 2017 through May 2018. Each intern will receive a small stipend. If you are interested in finding out more, please talk with one of the pastors. Internship descriptions and applications are available on our website and hard copies are in the church office. Anyone who would like to be considered must turn in an application to Pastor Ken by May 15.

Tuesday Prayer Conference Call
Proclamation members have been gathering to pray each Tuesday morning since October 2015. At this time we would love to encourage the men and women of Proclamation to join us from 7:00—7:30 a.m. each week. A member of the prayer team begins the time through reading God's Word and then leads through a response of rejoicing, repenting and requests for our pastors, church leaders and families at Proclamation Church. You can join us by praying silently or out loud, either is fine! As we open our hearts before our Heavenly Father this promises to be a time to draw near to God and to one another in spirit led prayer.
To call-in, dial 712-770-4700 and then enter the access code 390261.

Opportunities for Service

New PCA Church Plant in Garnet Valley
Our presbytery is planting a new PCA church in the Garnet Valley area called Hope Presbyterian Church. Pastor Will Stern is hosting a Christianity Explored (CE) Course at Garnet Valley Elementary School starting April 26. It will run seven weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.. They are hoping to provide a meal and childcare each night. Pastor Will is looking for help from local churches and individuals who may be willing to sign up one Wednesday evening to help with food, setup, and childcare. Also, if you know anyone in the Garnet Valley area who may be looking for a church in their area, he would love to have their name and so he can personally invite them. If you would like to help with the CE course or if you know anyone in the area who might be interested in this new church plant, please contact Pastor Will at pastorwill@explorehopechurch.org.
CityTeam Easter Requests

Non-perishable food items for Easter dinner, monetary donations for hams (make check payable to CityTeam), Easter basket items: candy such as Hershey’s Kisses, Starbursts, M&M packets, fun sized chocolate bars, big chocolate bunnies, or small toys such as crayons, bubbles, matchbox cars. Please place the basket items and non-perishable food in the Donations Room. Deadline for these items is April 10. Checks can be given to Joe Formica, Mike Martin, Steve Mitchell or put in the offering plate. CityTeam also needs drivers to help deliver the Easter baskets on April 15. Contact Lynnette, CityTeam Volunteer Coordinator, directly if you can help (610-872-6865).

CityTeam – Food items needed this month

Would you add one or more of the following items to your grocery list this week for CityTeam? There is a need this month for: baby food (Stages 1 & 2), mac & cheese, canned tuna, peanut butter & jelly, soups, canned beans (kidney, black & lima), pasta & pasta sauce, ground coffee and laundry detergent. Bring the item(s) to our Donations Room. Thank you! Note: There’s a handy grocery list on the narthex table to keep on hand.

Save the Date – Missions House Work Day – Saturday, May 6

Our Missions House in Havertown offers both short and long term housing for our missionaries when they are visiting the area or are on sabbatical. We are having a Work Day at the house on May 6. Look for information about signing-up to help next month.

Prayer Needs

Our Church Family

Bob & Sally Sorensen, Starr Family, Bill & Doris Stillman, Superdock Family, Abraham Sylvestre, Janet Taggart, Dottie Taylor

Those Serving in the Military


Gary and Beth Caton – Christar, Japanese Ministry

PTL!!! In direct answer to prayer, a new Japanese mother and her two children (3 year old girl and 9 month old boy) came to observe our children's classes last Monday. She is planning on observing the Monday morning adult group ESL classes. She is also interested in a private English class. PLEASE PRAY that she will register to attend all of these classes.

PTL!!! Another new Japanese mother is planning on observing the Monday classes. PLEASE PRAY that she too will register, come to classes, hear the Word of God and be saved. Amen?

PTL!!! We have been living in this beautiful "Brian-friendly" condo for over a year and a half now. PLEASE PRAY that God will direct Brian to a place where he can live independently once again.
Christian Education

Children’s Classroom Assignments

Nursery ...........................................151  3rd & 4th Grades.................................146
Toddlers (2 & 3 y/o) .............................149  5th & 6th Grades..............................144
Pre-K & Kindergarten ..........................147  7th to 12th Grades............................049
1st & 2nd Grades .................................143

Note: Should you have any questions about the Christian Education ministries, please feel free to stop by Rm. 150 of the Christian Education Building during the Sunday School hour and speak to the Asst. Sunday School Superintendent.

Adult Sunday School Electives

Beginning April 2

Fishers of Men.................................................. Room 243
What is Christianity?!................................. Room 240
Proclamation 101 ................................. Room 241
Visiting with Us Today?

We are always happy to have you with us and to enjoy your fellowship. If you have questions, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or one of our elders. To help us learn how we might serve you, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew back and drop it in the offering basket or leave it at the Welcome Desk.

Childcare
While children of all ages are warmly welcomed in our worship service, for your comfort and convenience, we have childcare (Nursery and Toddler) available during the Sunday School hour and during the worship service and a “crying room” for families with nursing infants and/or active babies located in the right rear of the sanctuary. Children seven years of age and younger are invited to Children’s Church which takes place before the sermon.

Pink Prayer Request Forms
Proclamation's staff and elders are happy to lift your concerns and praises to the Lord in their prayers. Please note that the pink prayer request forms have been moved from the pew backs to the narthex table. You can place your completed form in the box on the table, place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our deacons. You are also welcome to contact Pam in the church office by phone or e-mail and she will convey your message to the staff and elders.

Recordings
Audio CD or DVD recordings of today’s sermon and adult Sunday School classes are available for a small donation ($3/$5). You may order at the media table located in the Resource Room (across from the Parlor) immediately following the 11 am service, and pick up two weeks later (usually). If you desire a recording from a prior week, use the order forms that are available on the table. Today’s sermon message will be available for playback online starting tomorrow at the church website www.proclamation.org. You can find the sermon under “Sermons” on the homepage. For more recordings, click on “Sermons & Talks” under the “Media” heading in the main menu.

Staff on Call: Today – Ben Falconer (517-449-2388)

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Job Postings
Please see the bulletin board in the 1st floor hallway in the Education Building for various job postings.
This Week at Proclamation

Today
9:00am  Prayer for the Church
9:30am  Sunday School for all ages
9:30am  Korean Worship Service
10:30am Fellowship Time
10:55am Announcements/Sanctuary
11:00am Morning Worship
12:30pm Japanese Congregation Lunch
  6:00pm Evening Prayer Service

Monday
9:45am  ESL Class
2:30pm  Kid’s ESL Class
  6:30pm Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday
  7:00am All Church Prayer Conf. Call
  10:00am Staff Prayer & Meeting
  7:00pm Young Adult Fellowship

Wednesday
  9:15am Women’s Bible Study
  10:00am Papaya Club
  5:00pm Japanese Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday (cont’d)
5:30pm  Adult Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 to 7:00 pm  Family Night Dinner
  6:00pm  Children’s Music
  7:00pm  Chancel Choir Rehearsal
           Boys of the Bible
           Girls of Grace
           Refinery

Saturday
  9:00am  Men’s Bible Study
  9:00am  Messiah Rehearsal

Next Sunday – April 9

Morning Worship: Ben Falconer’s message will be “Fishers of Men” (Luke 4:1-11).

Evening - Handel’s Messiah (6:00 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

♦  4/9  Handel’s Messiah
    Featuring Proclamation’s Choir and Professional Orchestra
    6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♦  4/13  Maundy Thursday Service
    7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♦  4/14  Good Friday Service
    12:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♦  4/22  Women’s Spring Lunch
    12:00 p.m., Music Suite

♦  4/21-23  Youth Ultimate Retreat
    North Bay, Maryland

♦  4/28-30  Phila. Conference on Reformed Theology
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