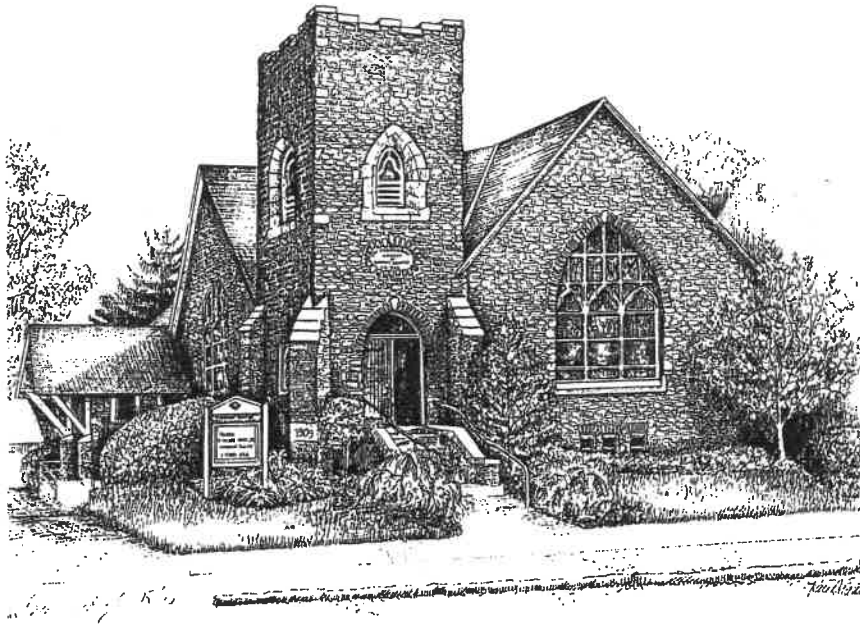


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**December 28th, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 34:8

For Reflection

“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel”

—(Charles Wesley, ed. George Whitefield).



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Hebrews 1:1-3a

Leader:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

People:

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal #133

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

Prayer of Adoration



Act 2: Fall

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, our light and our life, we confess with your word, "The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed" (Jn. 3:19–20).

We confess the many ways that we have walked in darkness and have hidden ourselves from your brightness. Let not our hearts grow dim with fear and pride. Shine upon us, not because we are worthy but because your mercy is greater than our darkness. Expose what is broken within us and, by your Spirit, turn us back to you, so that we might walk in the light of your presence, clothed in your righteousness.

Silent Confession

Prayer Response: "What Child is This" Hymnal #140 (remain seated)

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!



Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 62:1

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

Thanks be to God!

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Chalcedonian Creed

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

Storykeepers Prayer

Leader: What is our hope for these children?

People: That they would know the love of Jesus Christ, trust in his promise, and walk in his ways all their days.

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Now in Flesh Appearing

Hymn: "Christ is the World's True Light"

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, our brother:
Glory to God on high!



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

The Word was with God

Yet he came down and dwelt among us

The Word was God

And he took on flesh so that we might feast on his grace

(The Communion Bread is gluten free.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking Communion

Prayer for Faith: God, in my places of pain, give me your song; in my places of darkness, give me your light; in my places of unbelief, give me faith. Help my unbelief and help me see. Amen.

Prayer Amid Habitual Sin: God, if I have given myself over to sin, making a home for it, please kick the door down and clean my heart. Please forgive me for ways I've sinned against you, others and myself. Free me. I want life, freedom, and the joy of victory. Only through Jesus is this possible. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare to admit, but through you I am loved more than I ever dared hope. Thank you for dying for me, taking my place and offering me forgiveness. You've been raised from the dead, so I turn to you, my Redeemer. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (All)

Lord of all grace and truth, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and by your Spirit we truly feast on Christ. In him you have given us grace upon grace. Come Lord, pitch your tent within our hearts; open our eyes to behold your glory. By your Spirit, transform us to live as those who continually look to the face of God in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Intercession

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

In the Life of the Church

- **Advent Conspiracy** - Each Sunday in Advent, an MPC member will highlight one of PCKS's missions that require additional support to fulfill its goals. This year's featured missions are: The Garage Community & Youth Centers, Joyful Hearts Children Ministries, and Creative Hands/Imbali.
- **Adult Sunday School** will be studying the Gospel of Luke starting on January 4th at 9am in the Gilmor Room.
- **New Members Class** - This class will meet on January 14th and 28th at 6pm in the Library. Anyone interested in learning about becoming a member of PCKS is welcome. Please contact Pastor Michael if you have questions.

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Hymnal #135

1. Joy to the World,
the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart
prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and
nature sing.

2. Joy to the World,
the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins
and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His
love.

Benediction

Prayer Ministry is available in the sanctuary after the service.

Please join us for refreshments in the parlor!

Growth Groups

If you're not currently a part of a growth group, but have interest in learning more, feel free to reach out to the growth group leaders mentioned below.

All are welcome!

- **Sandy Meyer's Growth Group** will be studying and discussing the book of Deuteronomy using a 12-week study by Matthew H. Patton. Our usual dates for gathering together will be the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 1-2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact Sandy at 610-357-0443.
- **Barbara Handy's Growth Group** will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will continue our study of "Not Ashamed," Paul's letter to the Roman's by W. Robert Godfrey. Contact Joanne Taylor if you would like to join us at 610-444-0272.
- **Mackenzie Mojica's Growth Group** will be studying the book of John. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the youth room. Anyone interested in studying the book of John is welcome to join! Childcare will be provided.
- **Liz Lawson's Growth Group** is currently studying "God's Big Picture" by Vaughan Roberts. This group meets twice a month at times that best suit the members. If interested in joining, email Liz at lizlawson98@gmail.com.

Come Pray With Us!

There are two 15-minute online congregational prayer times each week. Please join in on one or both! No registration needed. We meet at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 11:45 a.m. on Fridays. Some participants pray out loud, others silently. The following zoom log on details are the same for both meetings:

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Passcode: 156928

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