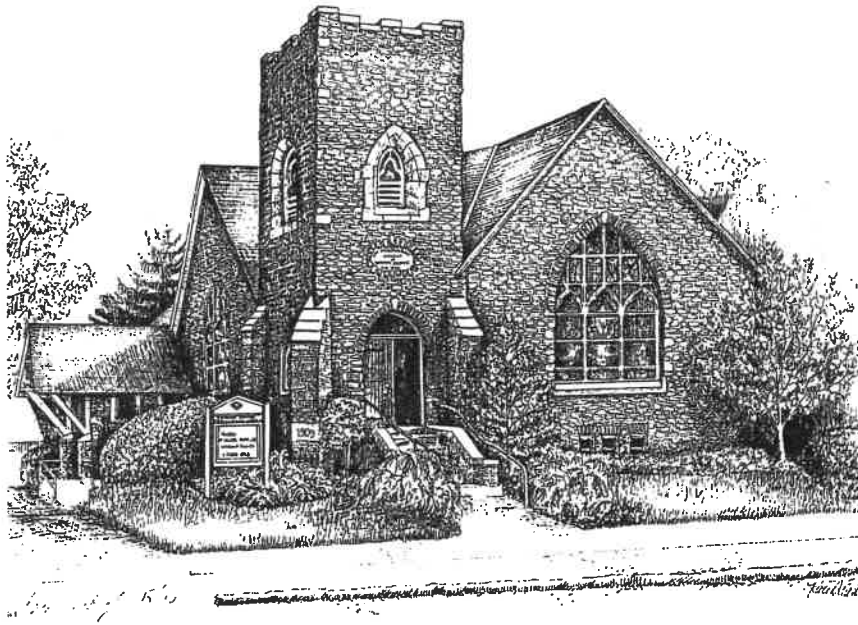


# **The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square**



**January 25th, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

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

## **For Reflection**

“Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.”—Jean Sophia Pigott



## **Act 1: Creation**

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### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 66:2**

**Leader:**

All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the Lord.  
But this is the one to whom I will look:

**People:**

**he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word.**

**Hymn: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

**Hymnal #85**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festive banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King:

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 Go on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe: [Refrain]

3 Then on, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice give thanks and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King: [Refrain]

**Prayer of Adoration**



## **Act 2: Fall**

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### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

**Prayer Response:** "Lord, Be Glorified" (remain seated)

In my life, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord,  
Be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified.  
In Your church, Lord,  
Be glorified today.



## **Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace**

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### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 16:9-11**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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 Apostles Creed**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **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.

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

**Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1-11**

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh — 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Rubbish and Riches**

## Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

1 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
for by thy cross absolved I am  
from sin and guilt, from fear and shame.

3 Lord, I believe thy precious blood,  
which at the mercy seat of God  
pleads for the captives' liberty,  
was also shed in love for me.

4 Lord, I believe were sinners more  
than sands upon the ocean shore,  
thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
for all a full atonement made.



## **Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us**

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### **The Lord's Supper**

We come by faith

**Counting every other means loss for the sake of knowing Christ**

We come as children

**Trusting that, by grace, Christ is our gain and we are found in him**

(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)**

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son who is our all in all. May all our hope be in him. We eat this bread and drink this cup—Spiritually and really his body and his blood—to refresh our hearts, to strengthen our faith, and to secure our hope in our place among your people, at your heavenly banquet with you and all you have redeemed. Help us to trust in his work and be found in him.

### **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

- **Adult Sunday School** is studying the Gospel of Luke at 9am in the Gilmor room.
- **The Annual Church Meeting and Potluck** - Our annual church meeting will be on Sunday February 1st after the service at 12:30pm. Members, regular attenders and visitors are welcome. Please bring a food item to share.
- **New Members Class** - This class will meet on January 28th from 6-7pm in the Library. Anyone interested in learning about becoming a member of PCKS is welcome. Please contact Pastor Michael if you have questions.
- **Hospitality Team** - If you would to join the hospitality team please contact the church office at [office@pcks.org](mailto:office@pcks.org).
- **KACS Empty Bowls**

### **Hymn: "Cornerstone"**

1 My hope is built on nothing less	2 When darkness seems to hide
Than Jesus' blood and	His face
righteousness	I rest on His unchanging grace
I dare not trust the sweetest	In every high and stormy gale
frame	My anchor holds within the veil
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name	
(Repeat)	Chorus twice

Chorus	3 When He shall come with
Christ alone cornerstone	trumpet sound
Weak made strong in the Savior's	Oh may I then in Him be found
love	Dressed in His righteousness
Through the storm He is Lord	alone
Lord of all	Faultless stand before the throne

### **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](mailto: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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