

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*
Week of January 26, 2020

Sun 26	6:00pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 27	7:00pm	Missions Team Meeting
Tues 28	7:30pm	Book Club (Andersons')
Thurs 30	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:15am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	G3 Senior High Bible Study
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	twenty: Bible Study for Young Adults
Sat 1	9:00am	Great Valley Prayer
Sun 2	9:00am	Christian Education Hour (New Adult Electives!)
	10:00am	Corporate Worship with Communion

* There are a variety of weekly Life Groups that meet in individuals' homes. Pick up a new Winter/Spring spreadsheet in Dickerson Hall, or check out our website for more info.

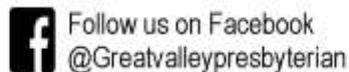


We exist to glorify God
 by enabling all people to become fully devoted
 followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We prayerfully strive,
 through the Holy Spirit, to fulfill our purpose by worship,
 Biblical teaching, service, fellowship, and active involvement
 in world evangelization.

STAFF

Pastor	Keith Fink
Director of Ministries	Jim Shackleton
Pastoral Associate	Robert Scott
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 of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

The Way We Could Be

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude	Prelude – Mason
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
Song	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing – #2
Unison Reading	Apostle's Creed
Song	The Glories of Calvary
Confession of Sin	
Unison Affirmation of Forgiveness	Isaiah 53:5
Song	Revelation Song
Prayers of the People	
Offertory	O How Amiable
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings – #556
Prayer of Thanksgiving	

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song (children dismissed)	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 2:4-11 – Richard Whitfield
Message	Rev. Keith Fink
Making Plans with Godly Wisdom	
James 4:13-17	

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – #319
Benediction	
Postlude	Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty – Walther

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

It is a joy and a privilege to gather together to praise our God. May you sense His presence here today in worship and fellowship (Heb. 10:25).

Families – Please see the cards in the pew racks for an explanation of family worship at GVPC. Children are welcome to stay with you during the worship service or participate in the following ministries:

Infant Care (*up to 18 months*) in the Nursery. Today's caregiver: Helen Lee Potter.

Rompers Church (*18 mos. – K*) in Room 1 of the Children's Wing. Today's leader: Julie Turner.

Jr. Church (*1st - 4th graders*) in the Library. Children are dismissed from the service during the song before the Scripture reading. A parent or older sibling should pick them up after the service. Today's leaders: Tracey and Paul B. Toms.

Greeters – Today's greeters are Craig and Karen Erickson.

Flowers – The Flowers this morning are given by Deb Clark and Dan, Wendy and Donna Herbst in memory of their parents, Raymond and Anne Herbst.

Public and Private Prayer – The yellow cards in the pew racks are for praise or prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People. Fill one out and pass it to the center aisle for the prayer leader to collect during the second song. If you prefer your request to be private, please meet Ted Wray in the Prayer Room following the service.

Deacons on Call – In January, our deacons Denise Higgins and Frani Hitzelberger are on call for assistance.

Following the Service – Please join us in the chapel after the service for Coffee Fellowship.

Bearing One Another's Burdens (Gal. 6:2) – If you have or know of special needs, concerns, or illnesses among our church family, please call the church office at 610-644-1995.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Great Valley Book Club

January 28

January's Book club meeting will take place this Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30pm at the home of Kathy Anderson. We will be discussing the book *The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding* by Jennifer Robson. This book is an enthralling historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century—Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown—and the fascinating women who made it. Everyone is welcome, so please join us! Contact Carol Jones with questions.

College Student of the Week

This week's college student is **Devon Higgins**. Devon is a junior at West Chester University. Please pray that that through the work of the Holy Spirit, Devon would "...put on the armor of light...and clothe [herself] with the Lord Jesus Christ... (Romans 13:12-14)"

Heard from the Mission Field

Jim and Nan Huhta (McCullough) of the Christian Embassy, CRU – Nan and Jim write in a Christmas letter of the blessings of this year:

"It has been a busy year full of ministry opportunities with leaders here and abroad. Two big highlights this fall have been Jim leading two young men to the Lord. The most recent was our ballroom dance instructor. Last week he excitedly told us how much it has meant to him and how his life and attitudes have changed. He's started reading the Bible everyday now. The other guy was a widower who immediately wanted to be baptized. His testimony thrilled many in church that Sunday."

They end their letter by saying, "We thank God often for wonderful friends like you all." Pray for Nan's continuing ministry to Governors' spouses in the US. There will be another Prayer Fellowship with them in February, plus trips to state capitols.

Strode/Shackleton Wedding

February 1

The Great Valley congregation is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Laura Strode and Dan Shackleton on Saturday, February 1 at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. Come celebrate with us!

ADULT EDUCATION ELECTIVES

February 2020

Starting next Sunday morning, February 2, three new classes will be offered during our 9am Adult Christian Education Hour (CEH). Please register for the elective of your choice at gvpres.org/sign-up or on the clipboard in your pew. Your sign up is helpful to us in determining the best location for each class.

The Parable of "The Prodigal Son"

Led by John Pauley – teacher of communication studies for over 20 years, recently retired as Dean and Vice Provost for Academic Operations at Eastern University; married to Cheryl for 44 years

...There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate..."

So begins a very familiar parable of Jesus. This story is most often referred to as the "Parable of the Prodigal Son." We often assume that the central character of this parable is the younger, or "prodigal" son. In this four-week study, we'll go over this well-known parable and become acquainted with the whole family as we try to get to the point Jesus hoped to teach.

After the Sermon...Now What?

Led by Rick and Kristen Constable - Graduates of Bucknell University, Communicators Extraordinaire; married for 33 years

Many of us receive God's Word on Sunday, but then fail to apply it on Monday. Keith's current sermon series on the Book of James challenges us to consider "The Way We Could Be." This elective will attempt to provide some practical means to grow in this pursuit. The goal is to deepen relationships between church members, as well as to provide opportunities for spreading the Gospel with neighbors, friends, and family members.

Jonah

Led by Paul Reader - Graduate of Clemson University and Westminster Seminary (MDiv 2008), married to Sonja (Smoker) Reader! Paul enjoys family, teaching the Bible, repairing Macs, and growing succulents

The short book of Jonah invites us to engage with our God and His conflicted prophet. Jonah draws us into the tension of God's mercy and justice, asking how He will move to set brokenness right. In this class we will seek to dialogue with heavy theological issues, laugh at the ironies inherent in the narrative, and discuss our own engagement of God when things don't feel or seem right. Come join us as we together follow a prophet on the run!

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sits at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.