

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***  
**Week of January 19, 2020**

Sun 19	6:00pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 20	7:30pm	Session Meeting
Wed 22	11:30am	Worship Planning
Thurs 23	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:15am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	G3 Senior High Bible Study
	7:00pm	PHR Sandwich Making
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	twenty: Bible Study for Young Adults
Sat 25	8:00am	Philadelphia Homeless Run (departs from Zans')
	9:00am	Great Valley Prayer
	9:30am	Officer Training
Sun 26	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:00am	Corporate Worship

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

**STAFF**

Pastor	Keith Fink
Director of Ministries	Jim Shackleton
Pastoral Associate	Robert Scott
Director of Worship and Communications	Christopher Starr
Organist	Sharon Smoker
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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.



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 of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

*The Way We Could Be*

## 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: Frani Hitzelberger.

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

**Jr. Church** (*1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Mike and Aline Woodard.

**Greeters** – Today's greeters are Bruce and Lynn Vessey.

**Flowers** – The flowers this morning are given by Rick and Kristen Constable in praise to our awesome God.

**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 Jackie Welle 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.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude Flute Trio – Van Delft  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship  
Song Join All the Glorious Names – #83 (verses 1,2,3 & 5)  
Responsive Reading from Psalm 34  
Song O Church Arise

Confession of Sin  
Unison Affirmation of Forgiveness Isaiah 53:5

Song Be Still My Soul – #318

Prayers of the People  
Offertory All Ye Saints Be Joyful

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 Proverbs 6:12-19 – Marta Beaner

Message Rev. Keith Fink

**Honoring Others with Acceptance**  
James 4:11-12

## WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  
Benediction  
Postlude O God Our Help in Ages Past – Paxton

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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### PHR Postponed

**January 25**

Due to yesterday's forecasted winter weather, Philadelphia Homeless Run will depart from the Zans' *this Saturday*, January 25 at 8am. Sandwich making will be in Fellowship Hall on Thursday (1/23) at 7:00pm.

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### Great Valley Book Club

**January 28**

January's Book club meeting will take place on 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.

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### Lenten Cantata Rehearsals

**Thursdays at 7:30pm**

You are invited to join the Great Valley Chancel Choir for our 2020 Lenten Cantata, *In My Place*, which will be presented during the April 5 worship service. We rehearse each Thursday at 7:30pm. Consider a short term commitment to this enthusiastic and welcoming ensemble; experience and music reading ability are not prerequisites. If you are interested in singing, please contact Chris Starr.

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### Left Behind

No, this is not about the books or movie, but about kitchen stuff – bowls, platters and pans, etc. – left behind and forgotten in our church kitchens. **Today is the last day** these items will be on display in the chapel. Please have a look and reclaim your items; everything unclaimed will be donated elsewhere. Any questions? Contact Gwen McDonald.

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### Can We Help?

The challenges we experience throughout the many stages of life sometimes necessitate the help of professional counselors. Great Valley Presbyterian Church has a partnership with Kairos Counseling Services to address such needs. Funds are available, if needed, to help cover the costs of these services. For more information or answers to questions you may have about this resource, contact Barbara Wray, Great Valley's coordinator.

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### College Student of the Week

This week's college student is **Steven Gundersen**. Steven is a senior at Stevens Institute of Technology. Please pray that Steven would be "not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of [his] mind...able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2)."

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### Christmas Greetings from Great Valley Missionaries

Check the missions bulletin board in Dickerson Hall for Christmas greetings from our missionaries! Many of those in the mission field who are supported by Great Valley sent Christmas cards and photos this year. Those are displayed on a bulletin board in Dickerson Hall (the vestibule between the side entry to the sanctuary and the Chapel). Please take a moment to enjoy these written expressions of gratitude and good wishes extended to you as part of our Great Valley family.

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### Heard from the Mission Field

Kim Gladney, Greek InterVarsity – Kim returned to work early this month after the birth of her daughter in October. She is putting together final details for "Greek Conference 2020," the first of which is starting the end of this month.

Members of fraternities and sororities who want training in how to communicate Christ to their brothers and sisters attend these 3 day conferences and come back energized with fresh ideas and a renewed commitment to see others move towards a relationship with Jesus. The cost of attending a conference is \$250 per student; in addition, students need to get transportation to the site they select – either Los Angeles, Indianapolis or Raleigh.

Last year over 50% of students attending the conferences received a scholarship. If you are interested in providing one, contact Kim. Pray for students attending this event, that it might bless them and further the kingdom of God.

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### 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 and celebrate with us!

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## Year-End Financial Report

In early December we said we needed \$112,000 to meet our unified budget goal of \$670,000 for the year. We are very happy to announce that based upon preliminary calculations, our total contributions for December amounted to \$121,990, thereby exceeding our December goal by \$9,990. We praise God for this generous response by the congregation in support of our ministries this past year.

We are also excited to announce that the congregation gave an additional \$89,776 to our anticipated 2020 sanctuary improvement capital campaign. This is a great jump-start to a project to significantly enhance our worship facilities, which we will hear more about in the next few months.

### Unified Budget

December Contribution Goal	\$ 112,000
Received	121,990
Exceeded Goal By	<u>\$ 9,990</u>

### Anticipated Capital Campaign

December Contribution	<u>\$ 89,776</u>
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