

Calendar of Coming Events

August

- 7 7:00 PM Worship Mtg.
9 7:00 PM Preschool Mtg.
7:00 PM V.F. Area Cottage Prayer
7:30 PM C.E. Mtg.
7:30 PM Worship Team
10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM CL&O Mtg.
7:30 PM twenty
12 9:00 AM Invitation to Prayer

SESSION — **Moderator:** Rev. Keith Fink **Clerk:** Jonathan Schuck

Christian Ed: Larry Gould, CH Greg Porter **CL&O:** Paul Gundersen, CH, Greg Porter, Ted Wray **Corp. Affairs:** Bill Riggs, CH, Ted Wray **Missions:** Paul Welle, CH; Ken Garrison **Nominating:** Millie Montgomery, CH, Jonathan Schuck **Personnel:** Mark Montgomery, CH, Barb Wray, Paul Welle; **Preschool:** Barb Wray, CH, Mark Montgomery **Worship:** Les Zan, CH, Ken Garrison, Millie Montgomery

DEACONS — **Moderator** – Denise Higgins **Aid to Worship:** Jane Porter

Aid to Congregation: Helen Lee Potter **Aid to Community:** Sharon Harmon

Class of 2018: Mary David, Dan Herbst, Denise Higgins, Jane Porter

Class of 2019: Kristen Constable, Debbie Fanus, Dale Garrison, Helen Lee Potter

Class of 2020: Sharon Harmon, Frani Hitzelberger, Tami Miller, Susan Toms

TRUSTEES — **Cemetery Investments & Endowment:** Alan Papson** CH, Roland David **Cemetery:** Bill Anderson, CH, Bill Best, Chris White** **Finance:** Bill Riggs, CH, Mike Cartularo**; **Insurance, Key Control & Counting:** Rees Hunt **Nominating:** Brian Gilbert **Property:** Bob Harmon CH, Brian Gilbert, Wendy Leland, Chris White**; **Secretary:** Kristen Picha; **Corporate Affairs Chairman:** Bill Riggs* *Session representative **Non-Trustee member

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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.”**

Pastor

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Sharon S. Smoker

Director of Youth

Josh John

Facilities Supervisor

Chris White

(Forefront Business Services)



Great Valley Presbyterian Church

“We exist to glorify God...”

August 6, 2017

*We are a member congregation
of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
August 6, 2017

Our Greeters this morning are Elizabeth & Allan Soldwisch
Our Deacons on call for assistance and aid in August are
Jane Porter (610-933-2635) & Helen Lee Potter (610-647-8649)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP (Please fill out the "Fellowship" clipboard)

PRELUDE "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" Thompson

CHIMES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Daniel 7)

Leader: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

People: He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him.

Leader: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away,

People: His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

(Prayer cards will be collected during the next song)

*HYMNS "This is Amazing Grace" (see screen)
"I Hear the Savior Say" #252

CONFESSION OF SIN

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "He's Always Been Faithful" Sara Groves
Roxy Scott

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" #556

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "The Gospel Song" (see screen)
(Children in 1st-5th grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT John 4:7-14 (p.1030) Jim Lackman

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:25-31 (p.701)
"An Endangered Species?" Rev. Paul Toms

*HYMN "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?" #145

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Note: Gluten-free bread is served)

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #78

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Song of Rejoicing" Hughes

*Those who are able may stand

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

It is a joy and a privilege to be here with you, praising our God. May you sense His presence in the worship and fellowship of this church today.

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL after the service for coffee fellowship time.

If you know of **SPECIAL NEEDS, CONCERNS, OR ILLNESSES** among our church family, call the office (610-644-1995). After hours you may leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for bearing one another's burdens (*Gal. 6:2*).

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY – 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 hymn. If you prefer your request to be private, take the yellow card to the Prayer Room following the service, where **prayer leaders are available to pray with you.** Today's prayer leader is Karen Erickson.

We love that you've brought your kids with you today! They are welcome to stay with you during the worship service or participate in the following ministries: **Infant childcare (up to 18 months)** is provided in our nursery (across from the gym). There is an area in the nursery for nursing moms. **Young children (18 months through Kindergarten)** meet during the worship service in the pre-school wing (first room on the right) for songs, Bible stories, snacks, and play. **Jr. Church (1st-5th grade):** Children will be dismissed before the Scripture reading. They are met at the side door and go to the gym for the remainder of the service. Today's leaders are Kristy & Rees Hunt. Next week's leaders are Cinda Marturano & Cathy Gilbert.

With Appreciation and Gratitude: I want to thank the people of Great Valley for their encouraging prayers, cards, calls, flowers & more, while I convalesced from my cancer. Jay Segner

Valley Forge Area Cottage Prayer meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 9 at 7 PM at the home of Mary Jane Matson.

If you would like a **LARGE PRINT BIBLE** or a **HEARING ASSIST DEVICE** to use during the worship service, contact the Deacon on duty.

*The flowers this morning are given by Les and Irene Zan
in loving memory of Irene's father, Levis B. Keech.*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Heard from the Mission Field: Mark and Anne Marie Winz, CRU, Orlando - By the time you read this, Mark and Anne Marie will have returned from their CRU staff conference. They ask for effective follow up as they will make connections there and find inspiration for new stories for their email newsletter. The first issue will be sent out soon; email Mark at Mark.winz@cru.org if you would like to receive the email. Pray also for finances as they have travel expenses over and above their usual budget this quarter. They will be visiting with supporters and seeking to meet new supporters in the coming months; pray for effective times of mutual encouragement.

Christian Education Series - August 2017

The Finger Print of God:

Larry Gould

Do you believe that the Bible is true? If yes why? Can you explain? Is it a matter of faith alone or can rational and factual arguments of proof also be made? Are you prepared to make such an argument?

In this session we will see how the scriptures show themselves to be an integrated message providing proof of their sublime design and designer. They display an unmistakable DNA linking the “Word” with the natural world around us.

We will discuss the following:

- “Where did we get the Bible” – We’ll show how the scriptures came together and dispel common and lingering myths regarding so called errors and contradictions and that they are “Beyond Coincidence”.
- “Hidden Treasures” - Reveal “astounding” facts embedded in the scriptures very structure that reveals the unmistakable fingerprint of God on His word and creation.

SERMON NOTES **“An Endangered Species?”**

Isaiah 40:25-31

John 4:7-14