



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

March 2021

Who Am I?



My name is Kang Na, and I am the new Protestant Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice. Even as I have been getting pleasantly lost during my first weeks here on this beautiful campus, I am looking forward to meeting you all soon, and I am grateful for the chance to introduce myself to you in this newsletter.

Before coming to Ann's Choice I was a professor for 21 years at Westminster College (New Wilmington, Pa.), where I taught courses on the Bible, biblical interpretation, theology, religion, and philosophy. My area of specialty is the New Testament (Paul's letters in particular) and hermeneutics (the science of interpretation). Born to first-generation Christians in South Korea on September 4, 1964, I was baptized June 13, 1965. My family moved to Tennessee in 1975, and since then I have lived, studied, taught, and worked in various places in New Jersey, Korea, Atlanta, Germany, and New York City. I earned an AB at Princeton University, an MDiv at Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD at Emory University — I also studied at Göttingen University in Germany. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), I enjoy music (violin, guitar, piano, singing), food (cooking and eating), exercising, computers and tech gadgets, traveling, fixing things, and riding my Harley. Although I get very excited about the Bible, worship, theology, philosophy, music, physics, math, cars, movies, as well as other things that interest me, the most significant among my many passions are my wife, Amy, and our three children, Christian (24), Laura (22), and Sofia (21).

So goes one brief narrative of who I am, and I would be glad to talk with you about any part of it as we get acquainted. But as I am sure you would understand from your own experiences, (“Who Am I?”, continued on page 3)

Weekly Worship Services for March 2021
each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel **
via live Broadcast on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)

March 7	Rev. John Lutz, Pastor, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Warminster, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
March 14	Preacher TBA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	 Daylight Saving Time Starts - Spring Forward
March 21	Rev. Mike Goldbloom, Shalom Assembly of God, Willow Grove, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
March 28 Palm Sunday	Rev. Kang Na, Protestant Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Joan Baranyi	

**** Worship service for March 7 only will be 'broadcast-only'. ****

****** Beginning on March 14, we will resume in-person worship services in addition to broadcast services. The total number of people in the chapel will be limited and reservations will be required to attend the service; call Lynn Swan at (215) 674-1935 or send an email to swantown@aol.com. Masks and social distancing will be required. An offering will be received in baskets at the rear of the sanctuary. See the insert for more details. ******

Quiet Reflections and Prayers:

The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

To receive this newsletter by E-Mail:

Please send an email to Rev. Kang Na at Kang.Na@Erickson.com .
Make sure to include your preferred email address for receipt of this newsletter.

Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

Large group activities are suspended until further notice.
Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831.

Virtual “Zoom” Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom. Mary Lee Friesz is leading the study on the Gospel of John.

Contact Mary Lee at (215) 394-5771, cubby ML-216 or mlFriesz@verizon.net for more information.

Contact Fred Keill at (kfsder@verizon.net, (215) 442-5650, or leave a note in his cubby at MT-418 in Keystone) to receive the connection information for using Zoom on your laptop, computer or smartphone, or for using Zoom in audio mode only by telephone.

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:

You can help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Na and taken to any clubhouse front desk. Donations by check are preferred; please make the check payable to “Ann’s Choice, Inc. – Protestant Fund”. On the memo line, please write “Donation.”

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who I am encompasses much more than a simple list of where I have been, what I have done, and my pastimes and my passions.

So I return to the question posed in the title – Who Am I?

This question is both simple and very complicated. It is one of the fundamental questions of life.

Even if we never stand before a mirror to ask it of ourselves, all that we think, say, and do either reveals or conceals the truth about ourselves. I have asked this question often, and my answers

through the decades have much to reveal about me to myself. But the most important answer that I can offer is this: I am baptized.

I realize that my answer is verbal; rather than *what* I am — husband, father, pastor, professor, etc. — my answer points to what has *been done to me*. That has not always



The Nas: Laura, Kang, Christian, Amy, Sofia

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been my answer to the question of who I am, but since seminary, it has become the fundamental way that I understand myself, the world, and God. It is an understanding of God’s love and grace, that God is the rightful center and subject of my life, and that I am the object of his love and grace, whose primary response is one of profound thanks.

You may remember from above that I was baptized as an infant. Although I wish I had memories of that tremendous experience, I have none. What I do have is an ever-growing knowledge of what that means for me and to me. As the fundamental way in which I answer the question “Who am I?” being baptized frames, informs, forms, and reforms all that I think, say, and do. Having been baptized as an ignorant infant, I am thoroughly aware that before I could seek and worship God, his grace and love for me were already a covenanted reality — one that it would take decades for me to learn about and grasp, even if imperfectly still.

My being baptized means that no matter what happens, nothing in all creation will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39). My being baptized means that I am united not only to God through Christ but also to you as a brother in Christ. My being baptized means that I wake up each morning thanking God and seeking God’s will for my life. My being baptized means that before I am an American, before I am Korean, before I am a pastoral associate, before I am a man, a husband, a father, a teacher, or whatever else *I am*, I have *been known* and *am loved*. I am a baptized, beloved child of God — as you also are.

Who am I?

I am your brother in Christ, and I am thankful for the privilege to be with you and among you on our common journey of faith. It will be a delight to meet all of you, brothers and sisters that I did not know before. Please pray for me, that I be faithful in my calling at Ann’s Choice. Please be patient as I learn your names and get to know who you are. Please do not hesitate to call or come by my office in Liberty Commons. I will be praying for you and for Ann’s Choice, that we together will witness faithfully to the love of God in Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria. (Glory to God Alone).