

Protestant Fellowship Worship Service in Ann's Choice Chapel

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Note: This service is also broadcast on ACTV 976 and 980.

Prelude

Ann Keeseey

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven",
"Song of Meditation",
"My Jesus, I Love Thee",
"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus",
"Beautiful Savior"

(As we prepare to worship God, we are invited to a time of music and quiet meditation so as to remove the distractions in our minds so that we are ready to encounter our God.)

Announcements about Our Ministries

John Hodges

Call to Worship

John Hodges

**** Opening Hymn # 298, vs 1, 3 & 4**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Responsive Reading (pages 5 and 6) "Prayer" Barbara Lehman

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (trespasses) Rev. Martin

**** Hymn # 225, vs 1, 2 & 3** "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

**** Doxology and Presentation of the Offering**

**** Prayer**

John Hodges

Ministry in Music

Ann's Choice Chapel Choir

"Revive Us Again", Accompanist: Betty Kingston

Scripture

John 14:1, Isaiah 26:3

Rev. Martin

**** Please stand in spirit or in person.**

Sermon "Prayers That Find God" Rev. Martin

**Commissioning New Members of
Protestant Fellowship Council** Rev. Martin

Rev. Martin: Jack Custer and Trudi Hertfelder were elected as new members, AND today we are formally commissioning them as part of the Protestant Fellowship Council.

Protestant Fellowship Council Chair Bob Swan and new members Jack Custer and Trudi Hertfelder are invited to come forward to the front of the sanctuary, as well as our previously commissioned members Lynn Swan, Janet Wentz and John Hodges.

Rev. Martin: As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ - Do you welcome the responsibility of this service of a PFC Member - to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? If so, respond with "I do".

Jack and Trudi: I do.

Rev. Martin: Will you serve the people with love, energy, intelligence, and imagination - relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

If so, respond with "I will, with God's help".

Jack and Trudi: I will, with God's help.

Rev. Martin: I welcome you and ask the congregation to join Bob and me as we pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon Jack and Trudi who today affirm their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the

world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bob Swan: God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on these your servants, that they may be faithful leaders. Give them ears to hear the Holy Spirit's leading; anoint their lips to speak your truth with power. In everything, give them the mind of Christ, Who taught in deed as well as in word.

Rev. Martin: Give them joy in their work, and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All: Today, we commission Jack and Trudi to this work of the Protestant Fellowship Council, and we welcome back as members of the Council Lynn Swan, Janet Wentz and John Hodges. We pledge our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you - that in this and in all things you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Martin: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing you are beloved children of God.

All: We come and we go, we live and breathe as children of God. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

**** Closing Hymn # 504, vs 1, 2 & 4** "Trust and Obey"

**** Dismissal with Blessing** Rev. Martin

Choral Response Ann's Choice Chapel Choir

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Ann Keesey

(Please remain respectful of other worshipers who have chosen to remain during the Postlude)

Preaching Today –

Today, we are pleased to welcome to our pulpit Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann’s Choice.

“What do you think of when you think of prayer? Do you think of answered prayers, or does your mind recall a time of unanswered prayer that greatly troubled your heart (John 14:1) so much, that it led you on a path away from God? On Sunday we’re going to look at how contemplative prayer can provide peace, and calm our minds and troubled hearts; and how He (our dear Father God) alone is our perfect peace when our mind is stayed on thee (Isaiah 26:3)..”

Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday afternoon, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Eastertide, when Rev. Amy Visco Na from Ivyland Presbyterian Church will preach and officiate as we celebrate Communion. The prelude by Jane Smith will begin at 1:45.



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Scripture Readings: John 14:1 (NRSV)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

Isaiah 26:3 (NRSV)

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace - in peace because they trust in you.

(You may use this space for your notes about the service.)

“Prayer”

David wrote this in a prayer for guidance:

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

And David wrote this in a prayer for help:

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud. But truly God has listened;
he has heard the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Paul wrote these words to the church in Philippi:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything.

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

These are the Words of the LORD for His people.

Thanks be to God.

May the LORD bless this reading and hearing of His Holy Word.

Psalm 25:1, 4-5, 8-10; Psalm 40:1, 3-4, 19-20; Philippians 4:4-7

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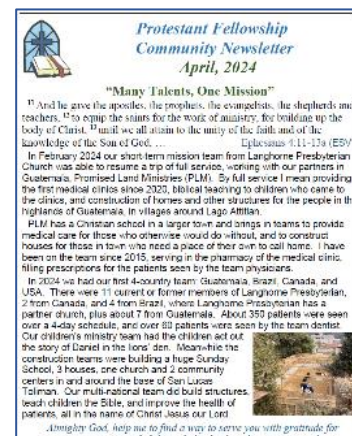
Today's Worship Staff and Team

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| Worship Leader | John Hodges |
| Leader for Responsive Reading | Barbara Lehman |
| Organist | Ann Keeseey |
| Pianist | Betty Kingston |
| Hymn Leader | Bob McQue |
| Audio-Visual Ministry Team | Bob Carver, Ken Knickmeyer |
| Ushers and Greeters | Polly Riddle, Trudi Hertfelder |

Protestant Fellowship Newsletter

The monthly newsletter is available each month in your cubby or by e-mail. It can be viewed or downloaded from the Protestant page of the AC Resident website.

If you are not receiving the newsletters and would like to, please leave a message for Rev. Martin in Pastoral Ministries.



**Protestant Fellowship
Community Newsletter
April, 2024**

"Many Talents, One Mission"

¹³ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹⁴ to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. ¹⁵ That is, we all aim to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, ... Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV)

In February 2024 our short-term mission team from Langhorne Presbyterian Church was able to resume a trip of full service, working with our partners in Guatemala, Promised Land Ministries (PLM). By full service I mean providing the first medical clinic since 2020, biblical teaching to children who came to the clinics, and construction of homes and other structures for the people in the highlands of Guatemala, in villages around Lago Atitlan.

PLM has a Christian school in a larger town and camps in teams to provide medical care for those who otherwise would do without, and to construct houses for those in town who need a place of their own to call home. I have been on the team since 2015, serving in the pharmacy of the medical clinic, filling prescriptions for the patients seen by the team physicians.

In 2024 we had our first 4-country team: Guatemala, Brazil, Canada, and USA. There were 11 children of former members of Langhorne Presbyterian, 2 from Canada, and 4 from Brazil, where Langhorne Presbyterian has a partner church, plus about 7 from Guatemala. About 350 patients were seen over a 4-day schedule, and over 80 patients were seen by the team dentist. Our children's ministry team has the children act out the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Meanwhile the construction teams were building a huge Sunday School, 3 houses, one church and 2 community centers in and around the base of San Lucas Tolman. Our multi-national team do build structures, teach children the Bible, and improve the health of patients, all in the name of Christ, Jesus our Lord.

Almighty God, help me to find a way to serve you with gratitude for

Pastoral Associate

Rev. Amy Martin supports the Mission of the Protestant Fellowship by devoting about one quarter of her time to this ministry. If you need to contact Pastoral Ministries or the Protestant Fellowship Council, please email her at amy.martin@erickson.com, call and leave a message at (215) 443-3831, or leave a message at the Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty Commons clubhouse. Contact Rev. Martin if you would like a pastoral visit or to receive Communion in your home.



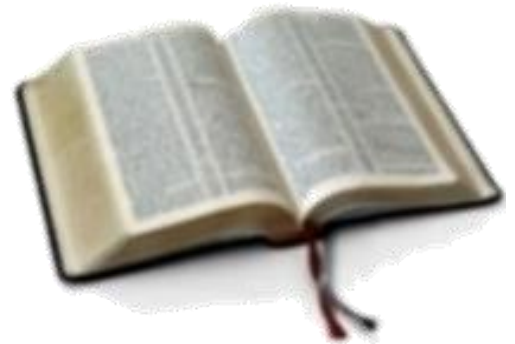
Bible Study

Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Join us as we continue our journey in the New Testament.

This Wednesday we will continue our study chapter six in the Gospel of John. Study guides are available on the Protestant page of the resident website and in Pastoral Ministries.

The Bible study meets in the Liberty Music Room on Wednesday morning at 10:00.

All are welcome to join the group, and **all questions** are welcome, so that together we might encourage one another on the joyful and sometimes hard road that is Christian discipleship.



Chapel Choir

The Ann's Choice Chapel Choir rehearses in the Chapel on Friday afternoons and is part of our worship services twice each month. If you would like to add your voice to others



in the choir as a ministry to worship services, contact Dave Clarke at (215) 443-2573 or BG-103.

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission

You may help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Pastoral Ministries Office and left at the clubhouse front desk. Donations by check are preferred; please make the check payable to: "A. C. – Protestant Fund". On the memo line, please write "Donation".

If you are making a donation by having funds sent from your IRA or financial institution, the check should be made payable to

"A. C. – Protestant Fund" and mailed to
Ann's Choice Protestant Fellowship c/o Pastoral Ministries
20000 Ann's Choice Way
Warminster, PA 18974

Consult with your financial advisor or tax accountant if you have any questions.

Protestant Fellowship Website

Information about the Protestant Fellowship, its activities and the bulletin for Sunday afternoon worship services can be found on the



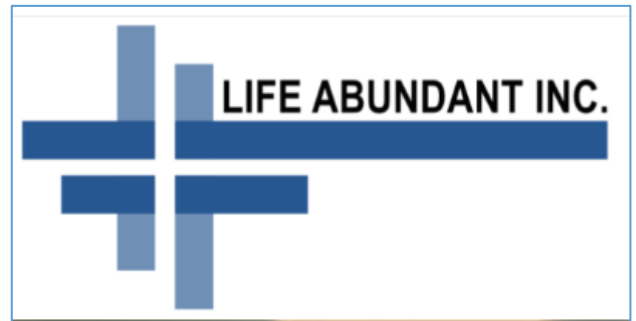
Ann's Choice resident website.

The words for the hymns for the worship service in large print format are also available.

- Enter www.acresidents.org in the web browser; this will take you to the Home page.
- Click the "General Index" button; and then scroll down and select "Protestant Activities" from the list.

Spotlight on Mission – Life Abundant, Inc.

Life Abundant, Inc. offers a diversity of services for those incarcerated and recently released Staff members and volunteers facilitate both Bible studies



and Chapel Services at the Bucks County Correctional Facility and at the Bucks County Community Corrections (aka work release). Bible studies are led by a teacher(s) throughout the week on designated days. Staff members and volunteers may also mentor men and women inmates at either of the facilities and once an inmate is released.

Between 2019 and 2023, the Protestant Fellowship donated \$ 7,000 to Life Abundant.

Second Saturday Cinema in May:



On **Saturday, May 11**, Second Saturday Cinema will show the 1951 classic *An American in Paris* in the PAC at **6:30 pm** with no pre-show.

This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to fellow residents and friends at Ann's Choice and staff. No donation will be requested. Your presence at this movie is your donation.

Remember, **6:30 pm!**

National Day of Prayer at Ann’s Choice:

On **Thursday, May 2**, at 11:00 am the three faith councils at Ann’s Choice will sponsor a service in the Ann’s Choice Chapel.

The Chapel will be open for prayer from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.



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Protestant Fellowship Council

Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we pursue in and through the Protestant Faith Community

Our Mission is to

- Provide meaningful worship opportunities;
- Provide opportunities for Bible study;
- Provide Christian fellowship and prayer;
- Help fellow residents with spiritual needs; and
- Participate with other faith groups in ecumenical and inter-faith services.

Protestant Fellowship Council in 2024			
Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Robert McQue	BR-301
Jack Custer	MC-320	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201
John Hodges	BC-412	Janet Wentz	PV-107
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Bud Williams	TC-107