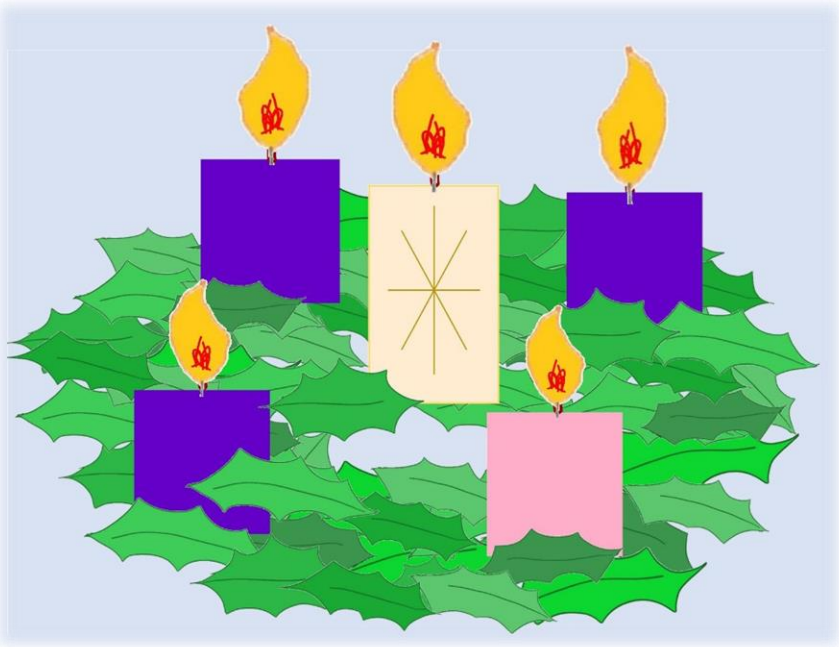


**Ann's Choice  
Chapel**

**Protestant Worship**



# **Protestant Fellowship Worship Service in Ann's Choice Chapel**

*Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we  
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**December 28, 2025 – First Sunday after Christmas**

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

## **Prelude**

John Keeseey

"Greensleeves/Carol of the Bells" – Jim Brickman;

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" – David Lasky;

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" –  
Lucy Ann Warriner;

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**\*\* Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” – Dick Torrans;  
“Good Christian Men Rejoice” – Gordon Young;  
“He Is Born the Holy Child” – traditional French Carol.

**Announcements about Our Ministries** Polly Riddle

**Call to Worship** Polly Riddle

**\*\* Opening Hymn # 80, vv 1, 2 & 3**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**Responsive Reading (page 6)** Jack Barber

“In the Beginning”

**Prayer of the People and Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**  
Fr. Curtin

**\*\* Hymn # 139, vv 1 - 5** “Good King Wenceslas”

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

**\*\* Prayer** Polly Riddle

**Ministry in Music** “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
John and Ann Keesey, Piano and Organ Duet

**Scripture (page 5)** John 1:1-18 Fr. Curtin

**Sermon** “In the Beginning” Fr. Curtin

**\*\* Closing Hymn # 90, vv 1, 5 & 6**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**\*\* Dismissal with Blessing** Fr. Curtin

## Postlude

John Keeseey

“Joy to the World”, arranged by Marc Cheban

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

## Preaching Today –

Today, we welcome Fr. Ernest Curtin Ann’s Choice  
resident and retired Rector at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in  
Newtown, PA.

Moses wrote: “In the beginning God created ... .”

The beloved apostle John wrote: “In the beginning was  
the word ... .”

Moses and John both reveal the reality of God as active,  
dynamic, rational and creative. Not static perfection but  
active love.

John helps us understand how Jesus is both man and God.  
Fully human and fully divine. Personal. One unique person  
with two distinct natures. Eternally begotten by the Eternal  
Father. Incarnated by the co-eternal Holy Spirit in the  
womb of the blessed virgin Mary. As Mary said “yes” to  
God in a unique moment of grace.

Born in a moment of time as we are born.

Born to reveal deity in the human face of Jesus.

## **Today's Worship Staff and Team**

Worship Leader	Polly Riddle
Leader for Responsive Reading	Jack Barber
Organist	John Keesey
Pianist	Betty Kingston
Hymn Leader	Ann Keesey
A/V Ministry Team	Ellen Newman
Ushers and Greeters	Fred Keill, Jennie Housman

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### **Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming

into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

## **Responsive Reading: “In the Beginning”**

Hear my prayer, Lord; let my cry for help come to you.

**Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress.**

My days vanish like smoke;  
my bones burn like glowing embers.

**My heart is blighted and withered like grass;  
I forget to eat my food.**

But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever;  
your renown endures through all generations.

**You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is  
time to show favor to her; the appointed time has  
come.**

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**But you remain the same, and your years will never  
end.**

The children of your servants will live in your presence.

**Their descendants will be established before you.**

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.

based on selected verses from Psalm 102

**Our Prayer Concerns:** Last week, the following individuals were lifted up in prayer during our worship service, and many of them continue to need our prayers –

Helen	John	Merl & Flo	Ron & Eleanor
Ellen	Chick	Woody & Jo	Mary Lee
Polly & Irwin	Bob & Lynn	Jeff	Joy
Gordon & Wendy		Ginny	Bob
Martha & Charles		Marsha & Eric	
Lou & Pene	Michelle	Janet	Vickie
Elaine	Mary	MaryAnn & Ed	
Harriet	David	Denise	Barb
Betsy	Ellen	Kimberly	Walter
Martha	Ed	Kirk & Sean	

## Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday afternoon, January 4, 2026, the Second Sunday after Christmas, as we welcome Rev. Larry Westerveld from Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Hatboro as our preacher and officiant for Communion. Prelude by John Keesey will begin at 1:45.

## Monthly Events and Special Announcements

### Sign, Seal, Deliver Greeting Card Ministry:

This ministry, which meets every other month, will meet on Monday, January 12 from noon to 2:00 pm in the VC Music Room to sign Easter cards. Bring your lunch. Call Trudi for more info (215) 675-4495, [eslfrau7@aol.com](mailto:eslfrau7@aol.com).



## **Second Saturday Cinema in January 2026:**

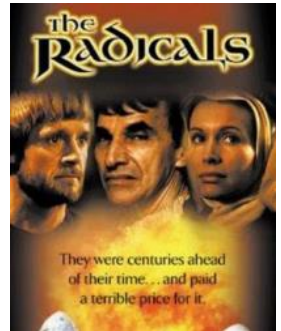
On **Saturday, January 10**, we will show the 1989 feature *The Radicals* in the **PAC** at **7:00 pm, with pre-show at 6:45.**

The year is 1525, and the Anabaptist movement has begun its challenge to the 1000-year control of the Church by the state.

Just a warning: This feature contains some graphic depiction of historical persecution.

This program is a ministry to residents, friends, and staff at Ann's Choice. No donation will be requested.

Your presence at this movie is your donation.



## **Hand-Made Greeting Card Ministry:**

This joint ministry of the **Catholic Council and the Protestant Fellowship Council** creates cards for residents of Continuing Care. The group next meets on Tuesday, January 13, in the VC Craft Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. **Call Shanda for more info (513)739-6258, [sfcuster@aol.com](mailto:sfcuster@aol.com).**

## **Bible “Pub” Trivia:**

Come to a cozy, wintry afternoon on Friday, February 13, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 in the Liberty Commons Catering Room. Lunch will be assorted sliders plus desserts, coffee, tea and water. And there will be a **Hot Chocolate Bar !!!** And there's more – for fun we will have **Bible “Pub” Trivia**. RSVP by Thursday Feb. 5 to Trudi BG 111 (Keystone), Janet PV-107 (Village), or Cheryl TC 107 (Liberty)



## **Regular Recurring Announcements**

These announcements are summaries of regular recurring announcements.

### **Bible Study**

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

### ***Our Daily Bread* Devotionals**

Devotional booklets are available at Pastoral Ministries in Liberty Clubhouse and in the chapel foyer.

### **Monthly Protestant Worship in Continuing Care:**

The Protestant Fellowship conducts monthly worship services in The Bistro on the first floor of Rose Garden on the fourth Monday at 11:00. The next service will be on Monday, December 22.

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## **Supporting Our Ministry and Mission**

Help support the ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Make your check payable to: “A. C. – Protestant Fund”. On the memo line, please write “Donation”.

### **Pastoral Associate**

Rev. Amy Martin devotes part of her time supporting the Protestant Fellowship. You may contact her in Pastoral Ministries, please call her at (215) 443-3831, email her at [amy.martin@erickson.com](mailto:amy.martin@erickson.com), or leave a message at the front desk in Liberty Commons clubhouse.

### **Protestant Fellowship Newsletter**

The monthly newsletter is available in your cubby or by e-mail. It is also available on the Protestant page of the Ann’s Choice Resident website and on the Newsletter tab of MyErickson.

### **Protestant Fellowship page on the Resident 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.

### **Worship Service Comments:**

Send comments about today’s service to Fr. Ernie Curtin (MT-214) or John Hodges (BC-412).

Put These Ministry Activities on Your Calendar:

- Bible Study on Wednesday, December 31, will continue in the Liberty Music Room at 10:00 am.
  - Protestant Worship with Communion on Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4. Prelude at 1:45 pm.
  - Monthly Protestant Worship in Continuing Care on Monday, January 26, at 11:00 am in the Bistro.
  - Hand-Made Greeting Card Ministry on Tuesday, January 13, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 in Village Craft Room.
  - Second Saturday Cinema on Saturday, January 10, in the PAC at 7:00 pm.
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Protestant Fellowship Council in 2025			
Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Betty Kingston	LP-407
Jack Custer	MC-320	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Mark Heuckroth	HR-115	Janet Wentz	PV-107
John Hodges	BC-412	Bud Williams	TC-107
New Council Member in 2026			
David Smith	HV-415		