

Welcome to Yardley Presbyterian Church

We're Glad You're Here!

We want you to consider yourself among friends who care. Please take a moment to fill out the attached communication card so that we can know better how to serve you. When the offering is received, simply place the card in the plate. Once more, we welcome you and we encourage you to visit again soon or to call us if we can be helpful in any way.

- ◆ Rev. Larry Wilson preaches today. Next Lord's Day, God willing, Rev. Tom Tyson will preach on Eph. 5:22-33, part 2 (Husbands).
- ◆ God willing, we will begin Morning Worship and Sunday School on January 5, 2003.
- ◆ Please pray for the meeting of our provisional session, Tuesday, Nov. 26, meeting at the Tysons's.
- ◆ Please pray that God will prepare and provide the man of his choice to be our church-planting pastor.

- ◆ Please pray for Rev. Tom Tyson:
 - he serves as Regional Home Missionary for the Philadelphia Presbytery
 - his leadership of us as we seek to plant a church in Yardley
 - Thurs. Nov. 21—as he meets with a group seeking to plant an OP church in Wilkes-Barre, PA.
 - Friday, Nov. 22—as he has a similar meeting in Carlisle, PA
 - as he serves the presbytery in a discipline trial Saturday, Nov. 23.

- ◆ Throughout the month of November, we will be receiving the Thank Offering for Worldwide Outreach, the missions program of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. This is a special offering of love-gifts above our regular tithes and offerings. If you wish to participate, please make your checks payable to "Yardley Presbyterian Church" and clearly designate it "Thank Offering."

Worship hint: look for the words "bride" or "bridegroom" in our hymns tonight.

Order of Worship for November 17, 2002 — 5:30 p.m.

We Prepare to Meet with the Living God Welcome
 Prelude
(Please take time to quiet your heart & seek the Lord in silent prayer & meditation)

The Living God Calls Us to Worship Call to Worship
We Approach Him in Humble Faith Hymn 347
The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Approach

God Embraces Us In Amazing Grace Assurance
We Embrace Him in Confident Hope Hymn 515
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Congregational Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Our Lord Feeds Us / We Feed on Him

Scripture..... Ephesians 5:22-33 (esp. vss. 22-24)
 Sermon..... *THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE (part 1 — WIVES)*
 Consecration Hymn 421
Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

Communion The Lord's Supper

Commitment Hymn 169
My Heart Does Overflow

God Blesses Us..... Benediction

“Should I Take Communion Here?”

If you're visiting with us you may wonder whether or not you should receive the sacrament of Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper). We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable in partaking. We also don't want anyone to partake merely as a form or ritual or just to be sociable! In fact, the Bible says it's dangerous to do so. This isn't our table; it's not the table of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; it's the Lord's table. Therefore, we try to follow his instructions as nearly as we can. In light of his instructions, we invite you to commune if the following are true:

- You have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, have repented of your sin, and are trusting Jesus Christ — plus nothing — for right standing with God.
- You have been baptized (either as an infant or as an adult). Baptism (the sign of union) must always precede the Lord's Supper (the sign of communion). If you wish, you can make arrangements for baptism with our pastor.
- You are not living secretly and unrepentantly in sin but are striving by the help of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with your entire life.
- You have joined or have been confirmed as a communing member of a church that proclaims the gospel. If you have not, then we invite you to consider becoming a member here. If you would like more information, please see our pastor.
- You have not been excommunicated or asked by your church to refrain from taking communion. We respect the discipline of other churches, and we do not want to encourage the practice of lowering the standards of Christian living or evading accountability by allowing unrepentant people to do what their own congregations do not allow them to do.

If you can sincerely say “Yes” to these things, then we welcome you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe he wants you to renew your covenant bond with him and us in this way.

If you cannot say “Yes” to each of these things — or if you are not sure — then we ask that you please refrain from partaking at this time, and we invite and encourage you in Christ's name to talk with the pastor about how to take steps to enable you to openly enjoy communion with Christ and his people.