

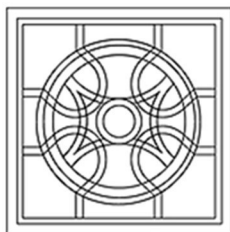
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 20, 2023

10 a.m.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a longtime member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on
Three Spirituals*

arr. Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

INTROIT

James Manley
(b. 1940)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind,
wind on the sea.
You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (*John 4:23*)

Leader: Behold, the hour is coming, and now is here when the true
worshippers shall worship in spirit and truth.

People: **God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit
and truth.**

*HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

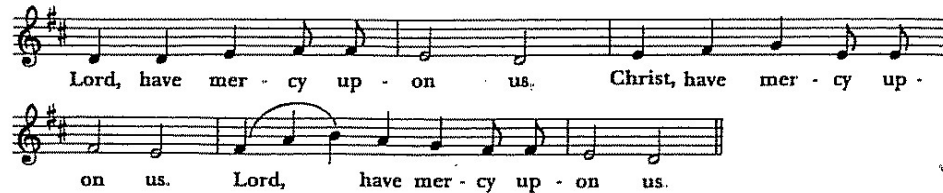
Lord, we believe in thee, help thou our unbelief; we love thee, yet not with perfect
hearts; we serve thee, yet not with all of our strength. Accept our lives as imperfect,
earthen vessels and fill them with thy forgiving mercy. What is cold do thou kindle,
what is lacking do thou supply, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Malcolm Spencer

**Please stand as you are able.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O Lord our God,
your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 2:1-3

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 133

PLAINSONG

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

The Baptism

Lois Evelyn DuBois

Prayer of Response

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.

Parents, please pick up your children after worship.

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:6-10

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

When the Road is Closed
"During the night Paul had a vision..."
Acts 16:9

M. Craig Barnes

*HYMN 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Hayes

I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be; whatever for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia No. 9

G.P. Telemann
(1681-1767)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

MUSIC

Katy Avery soprano soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Jill Bown and Clarke Woodruff Elders; Emily Barth and Kelly Baughman Deacons

BAPTISM ELDER

Jill Bown

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader, Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun,
Jason Jones, Carolyn Manwaring

FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Alison Rudolf

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred S. Owen and Harris A. Carr by Emilie Carr.

COVER ART Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Apostle Paul*, oil on canvas, c. 1657. Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn (1606-1669) was a Dutch Golden Age painter, printmaker, and draftsman who is generally considered one of the greatest visual artists in the history of art. Throughout his life Rembrandt was fascinated by the apostle Paul, perhaps because Paul's writings were the most important source for Reformation theology, or perhaps because he personified the Christian ideal of grace received independently of merit. Sitting at a table in his prison cell, the apostle ponders the words he is about to write in the epistle that lies before him. The solemn expression of Paul's strong features underscores the depth of his belief and sense of purpose in his mission to spread Christianity to the heathens. The sword visible above the book is as much the "sword of the Spirit," the term Paul used to describe the word of God in his letter to the Ephesians, as it is the symbol of his military prowess before his conversion and the sign of his eventual beheading and martyrdom. The gentle light that illuminates Paul's head, hand, and epistle has no defined point of origin. By depicting Paul at half length rather than full length, Rembrandt has brought the viewer closer to the figure of the saint, whose intensity of expression is keenly felt.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:



MATTHEW 25

Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

The Personnel Committee is delighted to announce that Julie Snyder has accepted the invitation to serve as our Director of Children's Education, which is a half-time position on our church staff. Julie has worked as an educator for 25 years, including the last several years as the director of our Joyful Noise and Youth Choir, as well our Vacation Bible School. She is also a section leader and soloist for our gallery choir. When she is not at PCCH, Julie is proudly working at her own community music school Snyder School of Singing. She will begin her work as our DCE immediately. Please join us in welcoming Julie to this new calling.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us every Sunday after worship throughout the summer months for fellowship in Widener Hall or, weather permitting, on the front lawn.

TODAY'S BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Lois Evelyn DuBois, daughter of Maura Gilbert DuBois and Kevin DuBois and sister of Shirley Rose DuBois.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

This summer PCCH is partnering with CPS to support their students with back-to-school supplies. Backpacks are welcomed but the supplies are the main focus of this drive. The requested list of items to choose from include: Crayola colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, blank white dividers, spiral wide-ruled notebooks, marble wide-ruled composition notebooks, 1-inch 3-ring binders, EXPO dry erase markers, plastic 2-pocket folders, multicolor Sharpie markers, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, Scotch tape, purple or white glue sticks, small liquid glue containers, white card stock, multicolored card stock, Fun tack, blue painters tape, pencil top erasers. Please bring supplies to the reception room by Sunday August 27 before worship.



For a list of larger classroom items, use the QR code or this link tinyurl.com/458u7rt6 for their Amazon Wish List. All Wish List items will be delivered directly to the school

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill will be closed from Monday, August 21 through Friday, August 25 for summer cleaning and a break before the fall classes begin.

THANK YOU TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

PCCH just completed a delightful week hosting VBS 2023 based on the children's musical "Called," and exploring what the Bible means when it refers to God's call. Our campers participated in music, drama, yoga, arts and crafts, gardening, flower arranging, and so much more, all while hearing unique "Call" stories from the Bible. An especially big thank you to Julie Snyder and Amy Raphael for co-directing this year's VBS and thanks for our wonderful group of adult volunteers: Diane Cornely, Mary Ann Hartzell, Linnea Johnson, Connie and Fred Lewis, Liz Podraza, Michelle Schachtman, Beth Vaccaro; and our youth volunteers: Natalie Bishop, Wesley Bishop, Hagin Foley, Harper Herlihy, Sophie Lucas and Elisa Lutz.

PCCH STEEPLE WORK SCHEDULED

Work on our Steeple is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 21 and will continue for 2-3 weeks. Construction activities will be limited to weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., during which time the middle driveway will be closed. Please be aware that during the week of August 28 there will be a large crane parked in the middle driveway, which will remain parked overnight for 3-5 days. We ask that everyone participate in keeping PCCH and the construction workers safe by maintaining an awareness of your surroundings when entering or exiting PCCH's driveways, reducing speeds, and maintaining a safe distance from all construction equipment and activities. We will notify everyone if there are any changes in this plan. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 10, 2023

following worship

More information to come.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 20

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Crossing Rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, August 21

Crossing Rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
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TUESDAY, August 22

Crossing Rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	Harris, 6 p.m.
Well Spouse support group	by phone, 7 p.m.
Northern District boy scouts meeting	room 5, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 23

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.
Weight Watchers group	Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 24

BNI meeting	room 5, 7:45 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.
Eagle Scout Board of Review	Harris, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 25

PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.
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SUNDAY, August 27

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

ABOUT PCCH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

SESSION

Jill Bown	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kate Houston	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	James Lutz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Ryan Mann	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	William Murphy	William Storm
Jack Evans	Elizabeth Podraza	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman	Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

Emily Barth	Becky Frazier	Barbara Olson
Kelly Baughman	Ann Goslin	Thanice Petrak
Mark Bernstein	Beverly Heimbach	Linda Pettengill
Cathy Brzozowski	Lyn Huertgen	Rachelle Pretz
Nicolette Cobbold	Kristin Lawton	Amy Raphael
Beth DeSoo	Emily McCahery	Dominick Rebeck
Alison Ellison	Jane McGill	Deborah Robinson
Debby Evans		Sarah Wright

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Interim Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr. Minister of Visitation
The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita
Daniel Spratlan Director of Music
Jeffrey DeVault Organist/Associate Director of Music
Julie Snyder Director of Children's Education/Director, Joyful Noise and Youth Choir
Rachel Cline Church Administrator
Megan Cullen Director, Preschool
Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill
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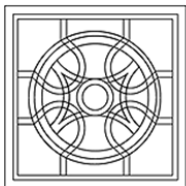
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