

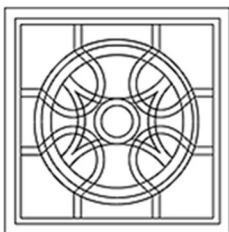
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 27, 2023

10 a.m.

THIRTEENTH 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

O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Toccata in A minor

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

INTROIT *(John 14:15-17)*

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Jesus said:

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 100:1,2,5)*

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness,
come into God's presence with singing.

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

*HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

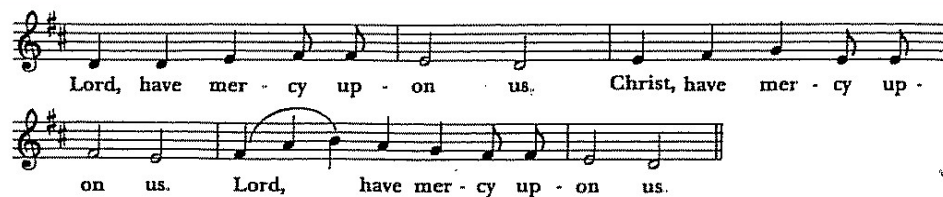
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me, restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Willan



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)*

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-9

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 124:2-4, 8

PLAINSONG

If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND 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 16:11-15

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

You Have a Calling

M. Craig Barnes

*"If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,
come and stay at my home."*

Acts 16:15

*HYMN 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*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

Michael Head
(1900-1976)

Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;
thereby good shall come unto thee.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Fear before him all the earth.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.
Bring an offering, and come unto his courts.
Wherewith shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before the most high God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings?
He hath showed thee O man what is good
and what doth the Lord require of thee,
but to do justly, and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with thy God.
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;
thereby good shall come unto thee.

Adapted by Denice Koch
from Job 22, Psalms 99 and 96, and Micah 6

*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 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

MUSIC

Kevin Radtke tenor soloist

Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Beth Nell Vaccaro Elder

Ann Goslin and Deborah Robinson Deacons

USHERS

Bill Cobb Team #3 Leader, Robert Bausman, Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Dom Rebeck

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely and Susan Shuchat

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving celebration of our two grandsons **Levi and Henry Yinger** by Susan and Dick Brown.

COVER ART fragment of a fresco from the ruins of Pompeii, Italy, c. 30-50 BC

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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.

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.

PCCH STEEPLE WORK SCHEDULED

Work on our steeple began on Monday, August 21 and will continue for the next 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. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you.

PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are a regular visitor, thank you for worshipping with PCCH. We would love for you to take the next step in your relationship with us, which means becoming a member of the congregation. This is an exciting time for our congregation and a great time to become a part of our life and ministry. We will be hosting a New Members class on Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Harris room on the lower level of the church. All of those applying for membership are asked to attend this meeting even if joining us from another Presbyterian congregation. During this class we will get to know you better and you will have the opportunity to become better informed about our church. Some of our elders will also attend this class—at its end there will be a vote to accept new members. New members will be presented to the congregation in worship on Sunday, September 17. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend this class.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

We will again meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Harris Room beginning on September 13. Dr. Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. A listing of all of the upcoming scripture passages is available through the church office. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Homecoming Picnic

2023



Sunday, September 10
following worship



Greet new and familiar friends
as we launch a new program year
in the life of the church

Bring a side dish to share!
sign up on sheet outside main office



Volunteer to help set up & clean up!
sign up on sheet outside main office
or use QR code



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



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 as our Vacation Bible School. She will begin her work as our DCE immediately. Please join us in welcoming Julie to this new calling.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry program is in need of church school lead teachers and shepherds (classroom aids) for the upcoming school year. No prior teaching experience is necessary and adults of all ages and life stages are welcome to serve. We are looking for individuals who are willing to make a bi-weekly or monthly commitment to teaching, as well as those who could serve as a substitute on occasion. Teachers are provided with lessons in advance and all materials are set up in the classroom for you. For more information, please contact Julie Snyder by phone or text at 267-804-2410 or by email at jsbishop717@gmail.com, or contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday school begins again on September 10. We plan to offer classes for three different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2nd grade, one for children in grades 3 through 5, and one for middle schoolers in grades 6 and 7. Stay tuned for details.

Nursery care is available for children ages 2 and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our children's choir for children ages 3 through grade 5, will begin weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 11:10-11:40 a.m. on September 17. Our Youth Choir, for singers in grades 6 through 12, will begin weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 4:15-5:00 p.m. on September 10. Both groups will meet in the Music and Drama room on the second floor of the Strouse building.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.–2 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. **Registration is required for all activities and classes** at the Center as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please note that the Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING *(registration required)*

Fridays, ongoing start anytime, 12–2:00 p.m.

\$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free.

Start your weekend right! Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British-Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed.

SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR CLASS *(registration required)*

Mondays and Tuesdays, ongoing start anytime, 9:30–11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Please bring check payment to first class.

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated. This class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching for the past twenty-six years.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES OPEN PLAY *(registration required)*

Mondays, ongoing start anytime

12–2:00 p.m., \$2

Playing table games are proven to stimulate brain areas that are responsible for memory formation and complex thought processes in all ages. Bring your own favorite game or choose from one we have here at the Center.

BRIDGE OPEN PLAY *(registration required)*

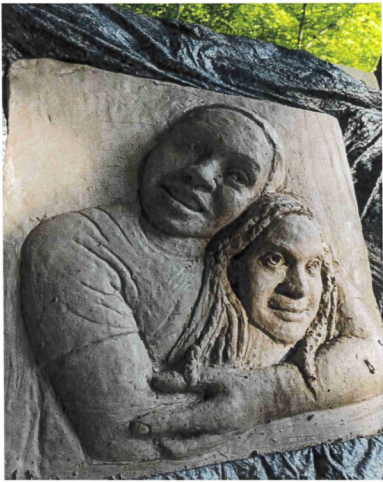
Wednesdays, ongoing start anytime

11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., \$2

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence



Portrait of Antonio Peterson
in progress

Alysse Einbender
ceramic bas-relief

Our artists have been working on their portraits for months. We ask for progress photos from time to time. Above is the bas-relief in progress by sculptor Alysse Einbender. She worked with Wanda Williams who lost her son Antonio Peterson to gun violence.

Thank you to PCCH (and a little help, please)

Dear PCCH Members and friends,

We are grateful to, once again, be installing the Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibition in Widener Hall in November.

Sadly, there are no shortage of victims of gun violence for our passionate artists to represent in their beautiful art-works. This marks the seventh exhibition for Philadelphia area. Our second New Jersey exhibition is traveling there and our first exhibition in Central Pennsylvania is traveling in the state.

With the support of this congregation we have made strides in connecting people in a new and meaningful way with those who have lost their precious lives or had them altered forever by gun violence. We are moving people to take action to work towards peace in our communities; our country.

We still have some opportunities to host the exhibition in 2024. If you know of a space that would be appropriate for the exhibition, please contact me. We are especially interested in colleges and universities as the exhibition provides an excellent opportunity to integrate the issue into many different disciplines and curriculums.

For more information about hosting and volunteering, (we are always looking for volunteers !) please visit our website by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for your support!

Laura Madeleine

Executive Director

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soulshotportraitproject.org



HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 27

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

MONDAY, August 28

Preschool teacher training	chapel, 9 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Classic table games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Commonwealth Youth Choirs rehearsal	choir room/ room 3&4, 4 p.m.
Philomusica rehearsal	Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 29

Preschool teacher training	chapel, 9 a.m.
Mindfulness practice class	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg class	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	choir room/chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 30

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Preschool teacher training	chapel, 9 a.m.
Rummy tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Zumba gold class	room 3&4, 11 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.
Weight Watchers group	Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 31

BNI meeting

room 5, 7:45 a.m.

Qigong class

Harris, 9 a.m.

Thursday painters group

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

Mah Jongg MLE group

room 5, 1:30 p.m.

Soul Line dancing class

Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Preschool parent meeting

chapel, 7p.m.

FRIDAY, September 1

Scrabble open play

room 5, 10 a.m.

International folk dancing group

room 3&4, 12 p.m.

PCCH Sober and Out group

Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 3

Worship

Lord's Supper

Church School

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Fellowship

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Music and Arts committee

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

Harris, 11:30 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
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