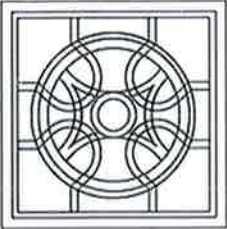


THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
An inclusive community of faith

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
January 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time 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.

All are invited for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service on the south lawn (weather permitting).

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

“Jesus is what God looks like in sandals”

—John Dominic Crossan

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

James Melby
(1947-2000)

INTROIT

Robert Lehman
(b. 1960)

○ Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us:
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

People: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

Leader: For a child has been born to us, a son given to us,

People: **authority rests upon his shoulders;**

Leader: and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

People: **His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, whose will and love have been made known to mighty kings and simple shepherds in the face of Jesus Christ, we come before you not as wise, but as seeking; not as children of the light, but as children who walk in darkness. Forgive the lives we have wasted, the days lost to insignificance, the hours left to chance. In the time and season and the year now ahead of us, be to us light enough that we will rise inspired, and dare to do the work you put before us, all for the sake of him, Jesus Christ, who was born to save us. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

*GLORIA PATRI

REGENT SQUARE
(Hymn 417)

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

○ 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 for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, ○ Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, ○ nations, and declare

in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Watered Garden

Brian Russo

*HYMN 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN

***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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

O Lux beatissima,	O <i>light most blessed</i>
Reple cordis intima	<i>Fill the inmost heart</i>
Tuorum fidelium.	<i>Of all thy faithful.</i>
Sine tuo numine,	<i>Without your grace,</i>
Nihil est in homine,	<i>There is nothing in us,</i>
Nihil est innoxium.	<i>Nothing that is not harmful.</i>

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION (*please remain standing*)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*SANCTUS

MacMillan

ALL VOICES *mp*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.
mf Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na
mf in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who comes in the
ff name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To continue to ensure health and safety, we will remain seated in our pews as we receive communion this morning. Servers will come to you and offer bread (in a small plastic bag) and the cup, which contains grape juice. You may partake of the elements as they are served to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

Sacerdotes Domini incensum
et panes offerunt Deo:
et ideo sancti erunt
Deo suo et non
polluent nomen eius.
Alleluia.

*The Priests of our Lord offer the
burnt sacrifice and breads to God,
and therefore they shall be holy
to their God, and shall not
pollute his name.
Alleluia.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of Light, we thank you for the love you have shown us; for encouraging us to live for something greater than ourselves; for inspiring us to seek and create change in your world. Mold our lives, O God, and use these our gifts for the betterment of your whole creation, for Christ's sake. Amen.

*HYMN 29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Brian D. Russo

LITURGIST

Roberta J. Kearney

MUSIC

Gallery Choir Quartet: Rebecca Siler, Katy Avery, Steve Williamson, Thann Scoggin

Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Ken Lovett Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS

Robert Fles

Lisa Guyer

Melissa Montgomery

Jim Spause

GREETERS

Lisa Guyer and Kate Magid Elders

Cynthia Hillsley and Jane Kaufman Deacons

USHERS

William Cobb Team#3 Leader, Robert Bausman, Peter Cooke, B. Graeme Frazier and

Douglas Olson

FLOWER GUILD

Grace Stewart and Ken Lovett

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Dad, David Nation, by Emily, Chris and Rob Nation.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@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 Brian Russo at the church office or at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

If you would like to receive a ride to church for Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You can access today's Bulletin online (with links to more information) by scanning the QR code.



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

MATTHEW 25 Get connected in this way:

- Read “400 Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019” and join our discussion.
- Pray for Presbyterian higher education institutions who support students of color.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

In Memoriam

We mourn with Elizabeth Thomas and family on the death of her husband Nicholas on Sunday, December 12. At this time, plans are pending.

We mourn with William Mebane and family on the death of his wife Marianne on Thursday, December 30. At this time, plans are pending.

TODAY AT PCCH

Stewardship 2022



Thanks to all who have returned your 2022 pledge cards thus far. As of Friday, December 24 we have received 111 pledges totaling \$492,759.00 in commitments. Thank you! Your Stewardship Committee hopes you will return your pledge soon, as it helps in our planning for the next year. You can:

- > Return your pledge during worship on a Sunday morning.
- > Mail a completed pledge card to the church office.
- > Email a confidential pledge to mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship. All are welcome!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday school will resume on Sunday January 9, 2022.

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

EPIPHANY PARTY

Sunday, January 9 following worship, in Widener Hall

A celebration of the coming of the wise men to worship Jesus—games, crafts and activities for children and families. All ages are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

UPCOMING SECOND HOUR

Please join us for Second Hour, stimulating discussions on faith and life covering a broad range of topics. All are welcome! We begin at 11:30 a.m. following coffee hour.

- January 16: Join us for a conversation regarding equity and equality in education led by Beth Vaccaro Jones.
- January 23: “*Four Hundred Souls*” Part four. We will continue our meaningful discussion of this important work. You need not have attended the previous session and a copy of the book can be borrowed from the church office.
- January 30: Caring for God’s Creation, Part three—Food. Led by Bill Toffey.

BIBLE STUDY

Starting Wednesday, January 5 we will be studying the gospel of Luke using: *Luke (N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides)*. We will move to the Harris Room and all are welcome to join us!

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY

The Adult Education Committee is commending “*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*” as a book to read for the upcoming program year. Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, this work is an anthology, written by eighty authors from different fields—novelists, historians, sociologists, political scientists, activists, lawyers, and ten poets; each takes a five year period for their brief chapter. The chapters are divided into ten, 40-year sections, and each section is capped by a poem. A copy of the book for borrowing is available in the church office.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE. Thank you for your support.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open for in-person activities this winter. When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions, including masks, proof of vaccination and strict sanitation practices. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday–Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:
www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Upcoming classes and events this winter:

Registration required for all activities and classes at the Center.

Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS

Session 1: Tuesdays, January 11–February 15; Session 2: Tuesdays, February 22 –March 29, 2:30–3:30p.m , \$72 for 6 Week Session or \$15 per class drop in

This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength. Joanne’s Strong Bones program is derived from evidence-based research in the field of osteoporosis. Bring your own mat, but all other equipment will be provided. Joanne Fagerstrom, PT, CFP, has been a physical therapist since 1978.

UNDERSTANDING BACK PAIN

Thursday, January 20, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., free

Presented in person for a limited number of people, and recorded to stream online the following day.

Join us for an interactive presentation addressing one of the most common diagnoses and gateway to disabilities in the United States. Learn posture and body mechanics in order to prevent and treat back pain. After this presentation, you will understand back pain as well as how to avoid it with early intervention. Finally, we will discuss natural treatments.

Presented by Elizabeth Edmonds, OTR/L, CDP Fox Rehab, Debbie Golstein and Kristen Bogle, Sunrise of Lafayette Hill

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the daytime so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in an intimate setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies.

Thursday, January 20, Showing "Knives Out," 1:30 p.m., \$2

Harlan Thrombrey (Christopher Plummer) spent a lifetime becoming a rich and successful crime novelist. And on his 85th birthday, he invites his extended family to his mansion, hoping to move past their dysfunctional past and bring them together. Things take a turn for the worse when Harlan is found dead during the party, prompting Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) to investigate. But will he be able to find the killer when everyone there that day had a reason to do it? From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 25, 12:00 p.m., \$10

Registration Required by Friday January 21

(Registrations received after January 21 will be charged \$12)

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good and served by a wonderful corp of volunteers, and where it only costs you ten dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. Join us as our ever popular Community Luncheons return in 2022. We'd love to see you there! *Luncheons are subject to all current Covid guidelines, including proof of vaccination, gathering size limits, and social distancing practices.

BEGINNING BRIDGE LESSONS

Wednesdays, January 26—March 16, 1:30—3:30 p.m., \$80 for 8 classes

Minimum of 5 students to run. Registration deadline: Monday January 24.

The game of bridge is a lot of fun, and many people keep on playing even into their 90s. In addition, studies have shown that playing bridge keeps your mind sharp and reduces the chance of Alzheimer's disease. This class assumes no prior knowledge of bridge. Bring pencil and paper.

BRIDGE REFRESHER LESSONS

Thursdays, January 27—March 17, 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., \$80 for 8 classes

Minimum of 5 students to run. Registration Deadline: Monday January 24.

If you have taken the Beginning Bridge class and want to learn more, or if you want to improve your skill, or if you played bridge "back in the day" and want to learn more modern improvements in bridge, this course is for you. Have fun while you learn. Bring pencil and paper.

NAME THAT TUNE

Thursday, January 27, 2:30—3:30p.m., Free.

Do you love music? Do you wish you knew a little more about some of your favorite songs? Join us for a fun and interactive music appreciation class this winter! Back by popular demand. Your instructor Michael Kraus will guide you through monthly lessons featuring songs from the past. Learn about the musical roots of songs you have known since childhood, and songs you still love to sing along with today. This class will be entertaining, engaging, educational and fun! Can you Name That Tune? Come and find out!

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 2

Worship
Fellowship

LORD'S SUPPER

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Widener, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, January 3

Sketching and Watercolor
Italian Conversation
Bridge Group
Watercolor and Drawing Level 2
Qigong
Girlchoir Rehearsal
Girlchoir Rehearsal
Girlchoir Rehearsal
Philomusica Rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Harris, 11:00 a.m.
room 5, 12:00 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Widener, 2:00 p.m.
room 3&4, 3:30 p.m.
choir room & sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.
chapel & Melcher, 6:00 p.m.
Widener, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 4

Rotary Board Meeting
Mindfulness Practice
Sketching and Watercolor
Mah Jongg Open Play
PCCH Staff Meeting
CY Rehearsal
Girlchoir Rehearsal
Girlchoir Rehearsal
Deacon's Meeting
Royal Scottish Dancers
Scouts District Meeting
Phila Women's Music Project

room 5, 8:00 a.m.
room 4, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
reception room, 1:00 p.m.
choir room, 6:00 p.m.
Melcher, 6:00 p.m.
sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
chapel, 7:30 p.m.
room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.
Widener, 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 5

Rotary Club Meeting
Bible Study
Bridge Open Play
Diabetes and Nutrition Workshop
Mah Jongg Beginners
Golden Yoga
Girlchoir Rehearsal

Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Harris, 11:00 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Harris, 1:00 p.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener, 3:00 p.m.
all rooms, 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 6

Qigong	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Watercolor Group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Bridge Group	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Gallery Choir Rehearsal	sanctuary, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 7

Yoga with Attitude	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble Play	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing	Widener, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 8

Girlchoir Rehearsal	all rooms, 8:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, January 9

Worship	Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	chapel/Strouse, 10:15 a.m.
Joyful Noise Rehearsal	chapel, 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal	youth room, 11:15 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Epiphany Party	Widener, 11:30 a.m.
Music and Arts Committee Meeting	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

Martha Agate	Jack Evans	Jeffrey Podraza
Linda Amsterdam	Robert Fles	Alison Rudolf
Rebecca Bernstein	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Jill Bown	Kate Houstoun	James Spause
Ryan Cavanaugh	James Lutz	Margaret Spencer
Gregory Dickinson	Katherine Magid	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Matthew Eastman	Ryan Mann	Christen Webber
	Melissa Montgomery	Kevin Welsh

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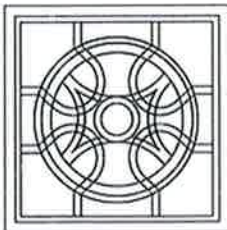
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