

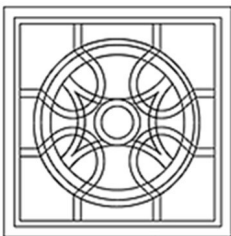
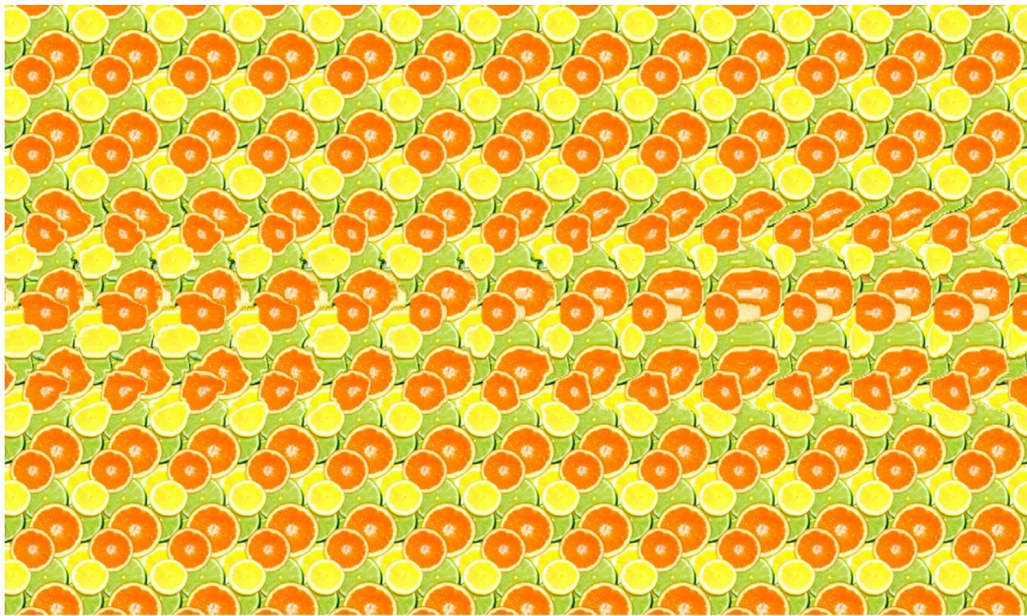
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:00 a.m.

SIXTH 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.
Use the QR code on the back cover to access our online Bulletin with active hyperlinks.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are restless,
but with you there is peace.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in G major

William Walond
(1725-1770)

INTROIT

CHESHIRE

Lord, who may dwell within your house
or on your holy hill?
Those who do good and speak the truth,
whose lives are blameless still.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 52)*

Leader: I trust in the steadfast love of God
for ever and ever.

People: **I will thank you for ever,
because of what you have done.**

Leader: In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim your name,
for it is good.

People: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O God, early in the morning we cry to you. Help us to pray and to concentrate our thoughts on you: we cannot do this alone. In us there is darkness, but with you there is light. We are lonely, but you do not leave us; we are feeble in heart, but with you there is help; we are restless, but with you there is peace. In us there is bitterness, but with you there is patience. We do not understand your ways, but you know the way we should go. Restore us to liberty, and enable us so to live now, that we may give thanks to you, no matter what this day may bring. Amen.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(1906-1945)

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*)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and be taught your will, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 15:1-7

PLAINSONG

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel.
Families, please pick up your children in the chapel following 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Auto-Focus"

Brian Russo

*HYMN 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

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

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid.
My help is nigh.

*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.

*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we thank you for the grace and compassion you have shown us. For holding us when we are tender and anxious, for inspiring us to live into your hope. Encourage us to focus on what is important, and to use the gifts you have given us for benefit of your creation. In Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN 408**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you.
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Coronation March
(from *Le Prophète*)

Giacomo Meyerbeer
(1791-1864)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Brian D. Russo

LITURGISTS

Roberta J. Kearney

John Wilkinson

MUSIC

Steve Williamson tenor soloist

Paul Fleckenstein guest organist

GREETERS

Christen Webber and Kevin Welsh Elders

Cathy Brzozowski and Emily Camp Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme, Team # 4 Leader; Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Carolyn Manwaring

FLOWER GUILD

Barbara Frazier and Mary Anne Van Blarcom

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred and Peg Keeler by their family.

COVER ART Dan Caprera, "God," autostereogram. A swirl of colored and textured dots or objects hides a 3D image that can be observed only when the viewer unfocuses their vision. Hugely popular in the 1990's as "magic eye" pictures, the idea behind this psychedelic illusion dates back to the 19th century. Sir Charles Wheaton created the "stereoscope" that could merge two images together to make them appear three-dimensional. In the 1970's, neuroscientist Christopher Tyler figured out a way to create the stereogram effect within a singular image.

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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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

PCCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.

PHILADELPHIA COVID UPDATE

Masks during worship and other gatherings will be optional, not required. Thank you for your prayers and understanding as we seek to navigate in this season with full measures of care and compassion.

JOHN WILKINSON RECEIVES LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT

While still in Rochester, John received a grant from the Lilly Endowment/Louisville Institute. Called a Pastoral Study Project grant, John proposed visiting several congregations for site visits to learn how congregations engage in mission in their communities. Each visit will include a four-day “immersion” in the life of a congregation, including worship, special events, committees and interviews. This fall, John will report back to PCCH on what he learned. Here is his schedule:

Weekend of June 5—First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE

Weekend of June 19—Highlands Presbyterian Church, Paso Robles, CA

Weekend of August 20—New Life Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

SANCTUARY PAINTING

The scaffolding in the sanctuary lets us know that a long overdue project—the painting of the sanctuary windows and shutters—is happening. We are grateful for this development, and for the special financial gift that supported it.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Children are learning the meaning of each phrase of the Lord’s Prayer. We began our seven week study by considering what it means to pray the words, “Our father who art in heaven” and we will continue this through the summer. This week we return to focus on “forgive us our debts.” Parents, we would love to have your children learn this prayer at home so they can join us when we pray together in worship.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults. Nursery workers will continue wearing masks.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

The Youth Group leaves for Detroit, Michigan on their annual summer mission trip in just one week's time! We will be gone from July 23-30, where we will be working at three different locations in the city, mostly volunteering at organizations whose primary services are to house the homeless and feed the hungry. We will also be staying in Pittsburgh for the first two nights of our trip, as we drive our way to Detroit. There we will visit and tour two college campuses (Carnegie Mellon and University of Pittsburgh), in addition to seeing a Pirates game, and dining with Austin Shelley and her family around Shadyside Presbyterian Church! Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers, and we will keep you updated with pictures and stories on our Facebook page.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—August 15–18, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Come join us for new adventures at Compassion Camp, where we explore ways to grow in loving kindness in ourselves and in our world. Bring your friends, bring your water bottle, and lots of curiosity. Contact Roberta with questions or to RSVP at rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org. Look for the postcard being sent to your family. Youth and adults, this is a great chance to spend time together leading our children. We need your help and hope you can be a part of this great week.

TAKE ME OUT—PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS ON AUGUST 27

Mark your calendars for our ever-popular night at the Iron Pigs on Saturday August 27. The game is at 6:35 p.m. (early enough to get you to church the next morning) and includes post-game fireworks. Please indicate your interest in going by contacting Clarke Woodruff at scw207@hotmail.com by August 1. We will then finalize tickets, details and transportation. Plan to join us for this all-church, family-friendly event!

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

SUMMER BOOK GROUP

“*On Juneteenth*,” Sunday, August 28 (note new date)

Join us following worship as we review Annette Gordon-Reed’s recent work, “*On Juneteenth*.” This timely volume is brief in length but substantive in content. Gordon-Reed, who teaches at Harvard, uses her own autobiography and Texas history to help us consider many of the issues we are facing today. Please join us—reading the book (which you can do somewhat quickly) is helpful but not necessary.

JOIN THE MATTHEW 25 TEAM!

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

Last September, our Session approved our becoming a Matthew 25 congregation. The Matthew 25 commitment is a partnership with the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to build congregational vitality, dismantle racism and all other “isms,” and eradicate poverty. This committed us to focus educational efforts and actions around three focus areas:

- Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency more succinctly states: “The work of Matthew 25 is a direct response to the good news of Jesus and a faithful expression of what it means to be Christ’s disciples in this time and place.” Learn more about the Matthew 25 vision here:

bit.ly/3tXChWc

During the past year, we have raised awareness of this initiative by becoming more purposeful in our social witness outreach, increasing conversations and education around systemic racism, and partnering with area churches of color. Now, we'd like YOUR input and help in integrating Matthew 25 into our daily life!

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.** (off-site location) and after church on **Sunday, August 28 (note new date)** (at PCCH) to learn more and to share your thoughts and goals around how we can embrace Matthew 25 in all we do. Please RSVP to John Wilkinson (jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org)

MISSED WORSHIP? WANT TO HEAR OR READ THE SERMON AGAIN?

If you miss a Sunday, or would like to experience worship again, visit www.chestnuthillpres.org and click the “previous services” button at the top of the homepage. Printed sermons are available on the literature rack outside the church main office. They are also located on the webpage, again, at the “previous services” tab. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

PCCH ORAL HISTORY PROJECT *(from Brian Russo and Jill Bown)*

Conversations with Antonia Kok, Jean Hardwick and Kass Dymecki can be found on the PCCH website. Each conversation was recorded in the participant's respective home and living room. None of these conversations were scripted. The end-product is not a rehearsed documentary, but an authentic and somewhat surprising window into the more significant moments of the lives of our dear ones. If you would like to share and record your own story, please contact Brian at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill is open this summer Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, limited number of participants per class, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday–Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Registration 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.

JULY AND AUGUST ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

“Thursday Painters:” Watercolor Exhibit Inspired by Landscape and Design

Be sure to stop by the halls of the Center this summer and take a look at the showcase of eclectic, and engagingly profound art works by the Thursday Painters. Former students of Howard Watson at The Woodmere Museum, this group is bringing a special collection of their works to our halls for the summer.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES: OPEN PLAY

Mondays, ongoing, 12:00–2:00 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. Join us on Mondays for casual and fun open play of classic table games.

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)

Mondays, 2:00–3:00pm (ongoing), Thursdays, 9:00–10:00am (ongoing)

\$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art.

MAH JONGG—OPEN PLAY

Tuesdays, ongoing, 12:30–2:30 p.m., \$2

Wednesdays, ongoing, 1:30–3:30 p.m., \$2

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others’ company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

RUMMY TILES (AKA RUMMIKUB) OPEN PLAY

Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for this fast-paced, fun and easy game combining elements of the card game rummy and mah jongg. Open Play space is limited so please RSVP for each week you plan to come and play. Game sets provided.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, ongoing, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

\$10 per class, \$35 for 4 Classes, \$85 for 10 classes

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

BRIDGE—OPEN PLAY

Not for beginners, participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

Wednesdays, ongoing, 11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., \$2, “Party Bridge”

Thursdays, ongoing, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., \$2, “Rubber Bridge”

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m., \$2

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

“CODA”

As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family.

When the family’s fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 17

Worship

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.

Church School

chapel 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship

Widener, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, July 18

Italian Conversation

Harris, 11:00 a.m.

Classic Table Games

room 5, 12:00 p.m.

Bridge Group

room 4, 12:30 p.m.

Watercolor and Drawing, Level 2

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Qigong

Harris, 2:00 p.m.

Organ Rehearsal

sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 19

Mindfulness Practice
Sketching and Watercolor
Mah Jongg Open Play
Strong Bones Exercise Class
Organ Rehearsal

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Widener, 1:00 p.m.
sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 20

Rotary
Program Staff Retreat
Beginning Tai Chi
Rummy Tiles Open Play
Continuing Tai Chi
Bridge Open Play
Mah Jongg Beginners
Golden Yoga
Organ Rehearsal
Weight Watchers

Widener, 7:30 a.m.
off-site, 10:00 a.m.
Widener, 10:00 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Widener, 11:15 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener, 3:00 p.m.
sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 21

Qigong Healing Movements
Watercolor Painting Group
Thursday Bridge Game
Afternoon Movie "CODA"
Boy Scouts

Harris, 9:00 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Harris, 1:30 p.m.
room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 22

Yoga with Attitude
Scrabble Game
Yoga, A Chair and You
CPR Class
International Folk Dancing

Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 12:15 p.m.
Widener, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 23

Youth Group Mission Trip Departs

parking lot, 11:00 a.m..

SUNDAY, July 24

Worship
Church School
Fellowship

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

Linda Amsterdam	B. Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman
Rebecca Bernstein	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Jill Bown	Kate Houstoun	Harry Spaeth
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kathryn Krantz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	James Lutz	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	Katherine Magid	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Jack Evans	Ryan Mann	Christen Webber
Robert Fles	William Murphy	Kevin Welsh

BOARD OF DEACONS

Emily Barth	Debby Evans	Barbara Olson
Kelly Baughman	Courtney Franklin	Linda Pettengill
Mark Bernstein	Trish Franklin	Amy Raphael
Cathy Brzozowski	Becky Frazier	Dominick Rebeck
Emily Camp	Beverly Heimbach	Deborah Robinson
Rebecca DePasquale	Lyn Huertgen	Edna Russo
Beth DeSoo	Jane Kaufman	Beth Vaccaro
Sara Eastman	Kristin Lawton	Sarah Wright
	Jane McGill	

