

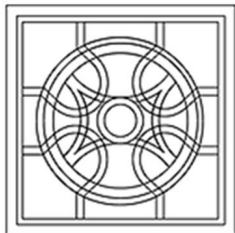
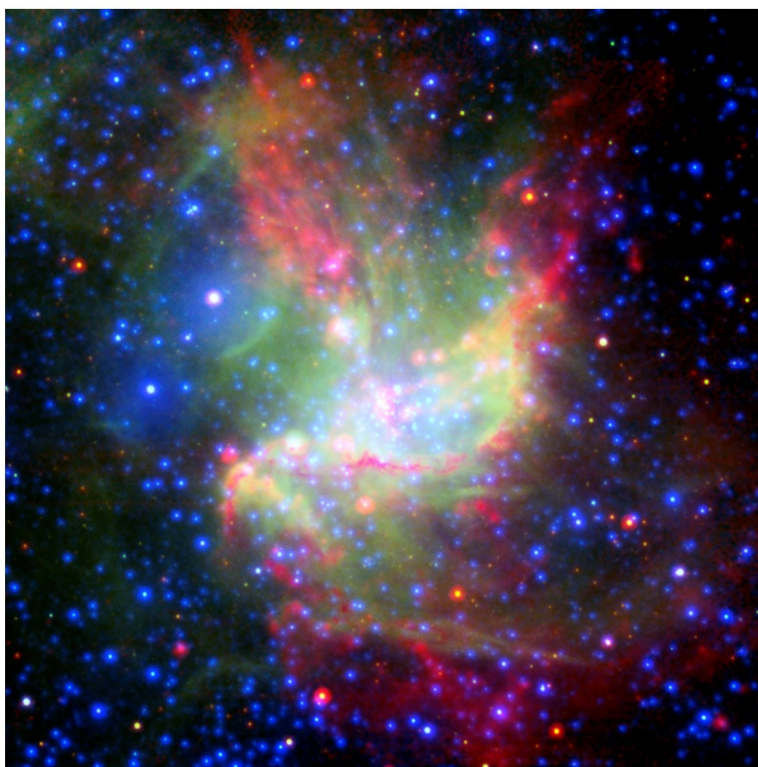
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 13.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hope is a good thing,
maybe the best of things,
and no good thing ever dies.
I will be hoping this letter finds you,
and finds you well.

—*The Shawshank Redemption* (1994)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Es ist ein ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

INTROIT

Advent Prayers

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**Please stand as you are able.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- Leader: We light the second candle of Advent. We seek God's comfort, both mighty and tender. We prepare our hearts to be transformed by God.
- The prophet announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. The prophet declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.
- People: **Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are.**
- All: **Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ the Light.**

*HYMN 10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O Lord, our God, there is a winter in us and grievous loneliness and a dark that does not go away; our souls ache, our understanding blurs, and our sins increase. In this season of your coming, we learn again how we have made a wasteland of the human heart, and engaged in labors that do not satisfy. Come now, O beloved, to our wilderness. Make in us the crooked paths straight and the rough places plain. Let your voice that speaks comfort to despair, speak in us also your word of hope; whereby we may enter these days with trust, and the hours of our life with spacious expectation, because you are with us, now and evermore. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'Assembly'. The lyrics are as follows:

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor Lord, have mer-cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

*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*)

Come, O Creator, O immensity of love, O eternity of mercy. Come and be with us and in us and besides us. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your word resound in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name;' and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;' and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him;' and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children through 7th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building and will return to sit with their families for communion. Joyful Noise will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Afterward, the children will be brought to their families in Widener Hall.

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

Matthew 3:1-11

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor;" for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What Comes After

Brian Russo

***HYMN 3**

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from "A New Creed,"
United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him,
What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not.
Art thou that Prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What say'st thou of thyself?
And he said,
I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

***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

James 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

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle when invited by an usher. Take a piece of bread from a server (all bread is gluten free) and partake. Then take a cup from the server and partake. Empty cups may be placed in the pew racks. If you do not come forward, servers will come to your seats to serve you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

*HYMN 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Gibbons

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Brian D. Russo

LITURGIST

John Wilkinson

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Rebecca, Ella and Cade DePasquale

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Lisa Guyer and **Bill Murphy** Elders

Debby Evans and **Jane McGill** Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth, Team #2 Leader; **Troy Foxworth**, **Graeme Frazier**, **Jason Jones**,

Barbara Olson, **Beth Wrigley**

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely, **Debby Evans**, **Susan Shuchat**, **Grace Stewart**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the loved ones of **Jean Hardwick**.

FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX and throughout the building are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rujean I. Mitinger** by her family.

COVER ART NGC 346, 2022, image via the Webb telescope. Public domain. NGC 346 is the brightest star-forming region in the Small Magellanic Cloud, an irregular dwarf galaxy that orbits our Milky Way galaxy, 210,000 light-years away. This painterly portrait of a star-forming cloud is a combination of multiwavelength light from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope (infrared), the European Southern Observatory's New Technology Telescope (visible), and the European Space Agency's XMM-Newton space telescope (X-ray). The infrared observations highlight cold dust in red, visible data show glowing gas in green, and X-rays show very warm gas in blue. Ordinary stars appear as blue spots with white centers, while young stars enshrouded in dust appear as red spots with white centers.

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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 also can access today's Bulletin online.



MATTHEW 25

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.

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

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.

ADVENT GIFT-GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Several opportunities are available to you as we prepare for the Advent season:

- Reverse Advent Boxes: place items in the Reverse Advent box to be distributed among four ministries—Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry; Face to Face; Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network (PIHN); and West Kensington Ministry. Bring your boxes to church by **Thursday, December 24**, Christmas Eve. Boxes are available at church or by contacting Megan Petero, mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org.
- ACHIEVEability presents are to be wrapped and delivered to church no later than this **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. Please place all presents next to the Christmas tree in Widener Hall or on the stage.
- Gathering Winter Clothing for West Kensington Ministry: West Kensington Ministry is in need of gloves, scarves and hats of all sizes, baby to adult. Please bring new or gently used items to the church and leave them in the reception room. Help us make our mission partners feel warm and loved during this beautiful season. If you have any questions about this effort, please contact Laura Brobyn at brobynlaura@gmail.com. Thank you for your anticipated giving and kindness.
- Christmas Giving Tree: support the 2023 youth mission trip to Colorado Springs by taking a ball, or two, off the small tree in Widener Hall beginning next Sunday, December 11, 2022. Return the ball with a check made payable to PCCH and indicate “youth mission trip” on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

As we begin this season of expectation and wonder, join us for an Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 11. The story of the coming of Christ as told by the prophets will be read, while the choir intertwines musical responses focused on the preparation and anticipation of Advent.



THANK YOU
to all who have pledged thus far
to our
2023 Stewardship Campaign.
We are grateful!

Here's where we stand on December 1:

- 108 total pledges,
including 11 first-time pledges
and 7 returning pledges
- \$426,741 total pledged amount

Thanks to all who have pledged already,
and thanks in advance to those who will pledge soon.



It's easy to do—
you can put a completed pledge card in
the offering plate on a Sunday morning,
you can mail it to the church office,
or you can send a confidential pledge
to mcullen@chestnuthillpres.org.

DINNER CHURCH



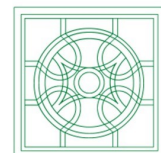
Sunday, December 11
5:30 p.m.
Widener Hall

The Gallery Choir and Music and Arts Committee
will host this installment of Dinner Church,
with a Hymn/Carol Sing at the end!

Please bring a side, salad, or dessert. Main courses
and beverages will be provided—BYOB, if you like!

Please join us for a special evening!

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
215.247.8855 www.chestnuthillpres.org



SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

*Portraits of Victims
of Gun Violence*



*My Gift to Omar, Portrait of Omar Jenkins.
by Sally Berton*



*Josalissa, Portrait of Josalissa Melendez
by Wendy Eliot-Vandivier*

Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

presents

Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition

This project pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience.

Free and open to the public

**NOVEMBER 4 TO
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Gallery hours:

M 9-4, T 9-12, 3-4, F 9-4,
or by appointment, 215 247 8855
or 215 740 8678.

Closed November 24 and 25.



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Christmas Flowers

A Meaningful Way to Remember Loved Ones

During the Christmas season the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ’s birth. By donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, you can remember your loved ones as always. You can also highlight a special family event like a birth or anniversary, or give to the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for a special person, for grandchildren, or in honor of programs you love about our church (for example Music and the Arts, the Mission Trip, or Center on the Hill). Names of those being honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins (12/24/2022) and the Christmas day bulletin (12/25/2022).

**Please submit your names to the church office by
Monday, December 19**

Your dedication is:

In honor of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

In celebration of _____

In memory of _____

Amount donated _____

In the past we have suggested a donation of \$25 for those wishing to remember a loved one on these Sundays. That amount does not fully cover our cost. Rather than simply raising the suggested amount, we are trusting your generosity as well as hoping that more in the congregation will take this occasion to lift up someone or some ministry that has been important to them.

Given by: _____

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Partway through worship, the children are invited to come forward for a children's moment. After that, children through grade 7 will proceed to the Strouse Education Building (church school wing) for church school. Church School classes include a visual story and time for the children to create, read, and play!

Joyful Noise, the musical component of our children's ministry, meets weekly in the chapel immediately following Church School on Sunday mornings, concluding at 11:40 a.m. The children will sing in worship once each month. All children through grade 5 are invited to participate.

Youth Choir rehearses weekly on Sundays from 4:30–5:00 p.m. and sings in worship once each month. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Please note that beginning in January 2023 we will have a 45-minute rehearsal time and move our start time to 4:15 p.m.

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.

CALLING ALL KIDS

All children ages 3 through grade 5 who like to sing are invited to join Joyful Noise, our children's choir, as they rehearse and perform the musical *Who Built the Ark?*, based on the Old Testament story of Noah. Children who participate will gain confidence, musical and theatrical skills, and an understanding of the relevance of Noah's story to their lives. Church attendance is not required for participation, and friends are welcome to join us.



Rehearsals will take place on Sundays from 11:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m. (children who are not yet in kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m.). Rehearsal dates: January 8–May 7 (no rehearsal 2/5, 2/12, 4/9).

Performance date: Sunday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service. Scan the QR code to register. Deadline to register is January 2.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGNUP

All children are invited! If you wish to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 pm, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. The last day to sign up is **today, Sunday, December 4**. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 18 immediately following worship. Questions, please contact either Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org or Megan Petero at mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4

- 11:10–11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise & Youth Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
- 5:00–6:45 p.m. Dinner and planning discussion in Brian’s office
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Confirmation class (grades 7-9) “*Prophecy, Poetry, and Wisdom*”

Sunday, December 11

- 11:10–11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal in the chapel
- 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Campfire Christmas Stories
- 4:30–5:00 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal in the choir room
- 5:00–6:45 p.m. Dinner Church in Widener Hall
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Confirmation class (grades 7-9) “*The Gospels*”

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

SECOND HOUR

Join us following worship in December for these lively and engaging conversations.
Reception room, 11:30 a.m.

- **Today, Sunday, December 4:** *Braiding Sweetgrass* discussion, focusing on the essays *Maple Sugar Moon and Witch Hazel* in the second section “*Tending Sweetgrass.*”
- **Sunday, December 11:** Discussion on the lectionary in Advent. We will explore the three-year Advent lectionary cycle and dive in to this year’s passages.
- **Sunday, December 18:** Prose and poetry of the season. We will look at well-known and lesser-known writings to help us find deeper meaning in this season.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, December 7, 11:00 a.m., Harris room

We will be exploring the lectionary texts for the following Sunday. All are welcome to attend as you are available. Any questions, contact John Wilkinson or Brian Russo.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 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 to 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.

The Center on the Hill will be closed for a holiday break from Monday, December 19 until Friday, December 30 and will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CENTER ON THE HILL.

This season we are asking you to help make it possible for us to continue offering our excellent programming at little or no cost to our participants, as well as developing new and engaging activities in the upcoming months. If you have enjoyed Center on the Hill, and our classes and events, will you please consider supporting us by donating to our 2022 Annual Campaign? Your contribution will help us to fulfill our vision of offering quality programming both in-person safely and online, to people who are newly discovering us, as well as those returning to “the place for active adults.”

To donate by credit card please visit us online at tinyurl.com/bdhcbvj2 to donate through our PayPal button on that page. To donate by check, please make checks payable to “PCCH,” write “COTH Donation” on the memo line, and mail them to: Center on the Hill, 8855 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118

Thank you for your support as we look forward to a vibrant year ahead at Center on the Hill.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Tuesday, December 6, 1:30 p.m., \$2, *Encanto*

From Walt Disney Studios, this is the tale of the Madrigals, an extraordinary family who lives hidden in the mountains of Colombia—in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an *Encanto*. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift, from super strength to the power to heal—every child except one, Mirabel. But when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she—the only ordinary Madrigal—might just be her exceptional family’s last hope.

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 mahjong. Open play space is limited so please RSVP for each week you plan to come and play. Game sets provided.

TRIVIA FOR EVERYONE!

Thursday, December 8, 12:30–1:30 p.m., free

Join us for holiday-themed trivia this December at the Center. Give your brain a workout, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! Prizes and snacks provided.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, start at any time, 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.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY*

Thursday, December 15, 12:30–2:00p.m., \$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door

Pre-registration and payment is required by Monday December 12, or you will be charged the at the door rate. Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, light bites and dessert buffet!

*This party is subject to all current CDC Covid guidelines, gathering limits, and social distancing recommendations at the time of the event.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY



Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Pageant led by Children and Youth

9:30 p.m. Prelude, PCCH Festival Brass

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 4

Worship

Church School
 Joyful Noise rehearsal
 Fellowship
 Second Hour
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir concerts
 Youth choir rehearsal
 Youth group dinner and planning
 Confirmation class

Lord's Supper/Advent II
 sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
 Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
 sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
 Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
 reception room, 11:30 a.m.
 sanctuary, 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.
 choir room, 4:30 p.m.
 Brian's office, 5:00 p.m.
 Harris, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, December 5

Sketching & watercolor class
 Italian conversation group
 Classic table games open play
 Personnel Committee meeting
 Bridge group game
 Water media level 2 class
 Qigong class
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal
 Philomusica Chorale rehearsal
 Crossing rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10:00 a.m.
 room 5, 12:00 p.m.
 zoom, 12:00 p.m.
 room 4, 12:30 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 Harris, 2:00 p.m.
 chapel and room 3&4, 4:00 p.m.
 choir room, 5:30 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 6

Rotary Club Board meeting
 Mindfulness practice group
 Preschool holiday show rehearsal
 Sketching and watercolor class
 Create Your Website class
 Mah Jongg open play
 Strong Bones class
 Afternoon movie "Encanto"
 Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal

room 5, 7:30 a.m.
 room 4, 9:30 a.m.
 Widener, 9:30 a.m.
 room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10:00 a.m.
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 1:00 p.m.
 Harris, 1:30 p.m.
 choir room, 6:00 p.m.

Social Witness Committee meeting	zoom, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Scouts District meeting	room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 7

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bible study	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Bridge open play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Buddhist Philosophy discussion	room 3&4, 1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting	Melcher, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Diabetes and Nutrition workshop	Harris, 1:00 p.m.
Mah Jongg beginner and intermediate open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener Hall, 3:00 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	room 1&2, 5:15 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	all rooms, 6:00 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 8

BNI meeting	Melcher, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Preschool holiday show rehearsal	Widener, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi beginners class	Widener, 10:00, a.m.
Thursday bridge group	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Tai Chi intermediate class	Widener, 11:00 a.m.
Trivia game	Harris, 12:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's support group	Harris, 2:00 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts meeting	room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 9

Yoga with Attitude class
Scrabble game
Presbytery Gun Violence event
Yoga, a Chair and You
International folk dancing group

Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Widener, 11:00 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 10

Girlchoir rehearsal
Piffaro concert

all rooms, 8:00 a.m.
sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 11

Worship

Church School
Joyful Noise rehearsal
Fellowship
Second Hour
Youth Choir rehearsal
Dinner church
Confirmation class

Advent III
sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
chapel, 11:10 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
reception room, 11:30 a.m.
choir room, 4:30 p.m.
Widener, 5:00 p.m.
Harris, 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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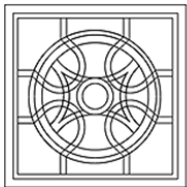
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