

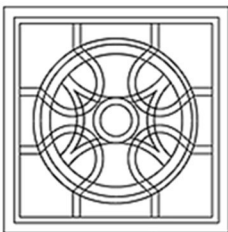
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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.

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.

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

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Richard Purvis
(1913-1994)

INTROIT

In dulci júbilo (In quiet joy)
let us our homage show
our heart's joy reclineth
in praesepio (in a manger)
and like a bright star shineth
matris in gremio (in the mother's lap)
Alpha es et O. (you are the Alpha and Omega)

arr. R. L. Pearsall
(1795-1856)

*Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Galatians 4:4-7)*

Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law,

People: **so that we might receive adoption as children.**

Leader: And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

People: **So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

***HYMN 292**

All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Craig Phillips

(b. 1961)

Everyone sings the refrain:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Everyone repeats the refrain.

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

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the word made flesh—good news of great joy for all—so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 148

PLAINSONG

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through seventh grade depart for church school in the Strouse building. There will be one joint class for today only.

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 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wonder-seized

Beth Shalom Hessel

*HYMN 36

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

***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 ANTHEM

Coventry Carol

arr. Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day
this poor youngling, for whom we do sing,
By by, lully, lullay?

Herod the king, in his raging,
chargèd he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight,
all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
and ever mourn and may for thy parting neither say nor sing,
By by, lully, lullay!

***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 THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will, and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

***HYMN 603**

Song of Simeon

NUNC DIMITTIS

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

Robert Pearsall
(1795-1856)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Beth Shalom Hessel

LITURGIST

Brian Russo

MUSIC

Joanna Gates, Julie Snyder, Jackson Williams, Steve Williamson quartet
Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Linda Amsterdam and **Margaret Spencer Elders**
Mark Bernstein and **Cathy Brzozowski** Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme, Team #4 Leader; **Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Michelle Shachtman,**
Robert Shachtman, Barbara Spause

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dad, **David Nation**, by his children Emily, Chris and Rob Nation.

COVER ART Giovanni Battista Gaulli, *St. Joseph Embracing the Infant Jesus*, c. 1670-75. ©The Norton Simon Foundation. Also known as *Il Bacio* or *Baccicia*, Gaulli (1639-1709) was an Italian artist working in the High Baroque and early Rococo periods. He is best known for his grand illusionistic vault frescos in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. This work is a characteristic example of Gaulli's style of easel painting, which is vigorously Baroque in design and conception. The dynamic folds of drapery which envelop the figures are profoundly influenced by the sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Gaulli's native Genoese traditions are evident in the dark background, the use of highly saturated, warm colors, and the broad, painterly handling.

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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.

2023 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

If you requested 2023 pledge envelopes you may pick them up in the church office. If you would like 2023 pledge envelopes and neglected to order them, please call the church office.

CHILD CARE ON JANUARY 1

Our regular child care will not be provided on New Year's Day morning, January 1, so that our dedicated child care providers can celebrate the holidays.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY GATHERING—JANUARY 7

We will hold an informal gathering for those interested in church membership, or for those just interested in learning more about the church, on **Saturday, January 7, 2023** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, or want further information, contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Reverse Advent Boxes: Bring your boxes to church by **Sunday, January 1, 2023**
- 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. If you have any questions about this effort, please contact Laura Brobyn at brobynlaura@gmail.com.
- Christmas Giving Tree: support the 2023 youth mission trip to Colorado Springs by taking a flower, or two, off the large tree in Widener Hall. Deadline for donations is Sunday, January 8, 2023. Return the flowers with a check made payable to PCCH and indicate "youth mission trip" on the memo line. **The gold flowers are \$75, the silver flowers are \$25 and the red flowers are \$50.** Thank you for your generosity.

Epiphany Brunch

&

Farewell Celebration for Brian Russo



Sunday, January 8

Congregational Meeting (*brief*) in the sanctuary
immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

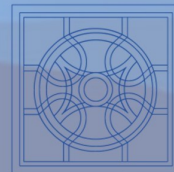
Epiphany Brunch (*delicious*) in Widener Hall
hosted by the Deacons

with

Celebration & Recognition (*poignant & joyous*)
of Brian's ministry at PCCH

All are welcome!

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Sunday School Update

Church school will take place as a combined class (3 years—grade 7) today with a new story.

Youth Choir will resume Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Nursery care is not available today.



PCCH Day of Service Sunday, January 15

To recognize **Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend** and to build on our **Matthew 25 commitment**, we will engage in several acts of service.

After a shortened worship service we will move to the kitchen, Widener Hall and the reception room to...

- * Assemble sandwiches and lunch bags for Face to Face
- * Decorate lunch bags and write note cards for Face to Face (kids)
- * Make trays of ziti for Face to Face
- * Sort Advent boxes
- * Create Refugee Welcome Kits
- * Sort books for the Book Drive

We will be collecting books for **Philadelphia Book Bank** and **Tree House Books**.

Philadelphia Book Bank takes children's books in good or gently used condition.

Tree House Books takes new children's books. They have a wish list on Amazon or use this QR code.



A light lunch will be provided.

**Join us as we seek to share God's love
and support neighbors in need.**



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CENTER ON THE HILL

Beginning January 2, 2023 the Center on the Hill will be open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 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.

ZUMBA GOLD

Wednesdays, January 18–March 8, 11:00–11:55 a.m., \$80 for 8 weeks, or \$10 per class
This popular Latin dance inspired workout is made accessible for older adults, beginners or others needing modifications in their exercise routine. Join us for this low intensity and low impact cardio class. It's not about perfection, but about working up a sweat as you keep moving at your own pace and having fun!

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Thursday, January 19, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free
Presented in person for a limited number, and recorded to be shared online the following week. Join Sharon Major, Director of Community Marketing from Prestige Healthcare, for a lively discussion on different levels of care from hospitals, ERs, and Senior Community Centers to Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Bring your questions—we will have answers.

FOOT REFLEXOLOGY

Wednesday, January 25, 1:00–2:30 p.m., \$25
Reflexology is a healing art that recognizes reflex points on the hands and feet that correspond to the internal organs of the body. Learn how applying pressure to specific areas using thumb techniques result in stress reduction and increased energy.

CERAMIC TILE MOSAIC CLASS

Tuesdays, March 7–21 (3 class sessions), 1:00–4:00 p.m., \$55. All materials provided.
After the successful class this fall (where we made the beautiful tile mosaic now installed in the main entrance of the Center), Artist and Mosaic Society of Philadelphia member Laura Lyn Stern will teach another tile making mosaic course. The tiles will be used to create a beautiful mosaic panel you will get to take home. No experience necessary.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 1

Worship

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.

Church School

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

MONDAY, January 2

Office Closed

Sketching & watercolor class

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

Italian conversation group

Harris, 11:00 a.m.

Classic table games open play

room 5, 12:00 p.m.

Bridge group game

room 4, 12:30 p.m.

Water media level 2 class

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

Qigong game

Harris, 2:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

chapel and room 3&4, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

sanctuary and choir room, 5:30 p.m.

Philomusica Chorale rehearsal

Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 3

Rotary Board meeting

room 5, 7:30 a.m.

Mindfulness practice group

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

Sketching and watercolor class

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

Crossing auditions

Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

Mah Jongg open play

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Strong Bones exercise class

Widener, 1:00 p.m.

Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal

choir room, 6:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee

Harris, 7:00 p.m.

Royal Scottish Country Dancers group

chapel, 7:15 p.m.

Boy Scouts district meeting

room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 4

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.

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.

THURSDAY, January 5

BNI meeting	Melcher, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday bridge group	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners meeting	Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts meeting	room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 6

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble game	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 7

Deacon's Brunch set-up	kitchen and Widener Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Inquirer's class gathering	Harris, 10:00 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary and chapel, 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 8

Worship	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 11:10 a.m.
Epiphany brunch and Brian's farewell party	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Who Built the Ark play rehearsal	chapel, 11:40 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall, 2:00 p.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	choir room, 4:30 p.m.
Youth group gathering for Brian farewell	Brian's office, 5:00 p.m.
Confirmation class	Harris, 7:00 p.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
Rebecca Bernstein
Jill Bown
Shannon Cavanaugh
Gregory Dickinson
Matthew Eastman
Jack Evans
Robert Fles

B. Graeme Frazier
Lisa Guyer
Kate Houstoun
Kathryn Krantz
James Lutz
Katherine Magid
Ryan Mann
William Murphy

Michelle Shachtman
Taylor Slaughter
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret Spencer
Beth Nell Vaccaro
Christen Webber
Kevin Welsh

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Emily Camp
Rebecca DePasquale
Beth DeSoo
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Dominick Rebeck
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Edna Russo
Beth Vaccaro
Sarah Wright

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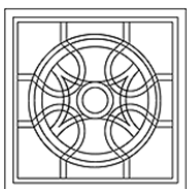
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