

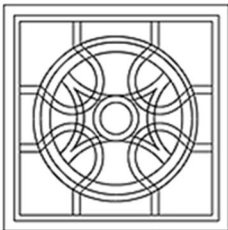
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 who are 3 are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's "Praise Packs" to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex. Please return these after worship.

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 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist

Andante tranquillo
from *Sonata No. 3*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)
Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

INTROIT

Robert Lehman
(b. 1960)

O Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us:
O 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 voice of the Lord is over the waters,
People: **And in the temple, God's people say: Glory!**
Leader: O worship the Lord with me.
All: **Let us exalt God's name together.**

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.


Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)


Congregation



Lord have mercy.

Choir Lord, have mercy.


Congregation



Christ have mercy.

Choir Christ, have mercy.

Choir and Congregation



Lord, have mercy.

Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

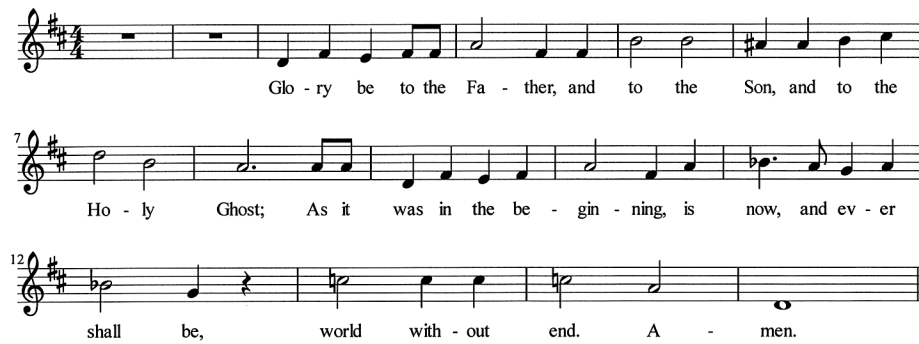
All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*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*)

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 65:9-14

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dean Alan Hudson
son of Timothy Pearce Hudson and Hannah Winchester Hudson

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

*Children through 5th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will rehearse at 11:10 a.m.
Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall after Joyful Noise.*

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.

SERMON

Baptism: A Fresh Beginning

Dr. Russell Sullivan

*HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*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

trad., arr. Philip Lawson
(b. 1957)

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sisters let's go down let's go down, come on down.
Oh sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way!

Oh brothers let's go down let's go down, come on down.
come on brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down let's go down, come on down
come on fathers let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way!

Oh mothers let's go down come on down, don't you wanna go down?
come on mothers let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sinners let's go down let's go down, come on down.
Oh sinners let's go down, down in the river to pray.

*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: **Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 415**

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Matthew Glandorf
(b. 1973)

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives
do I give unto you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata and Fugue in F

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER

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

LITURGIST

Kate McGill Magid

BAPTISM ELDER

William Storm

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Jeffrey DeVault conductor and organist

GREETERS

Greg Dickinson and Matt Eastman Elders

Emily McCahery and Beverly Heimbach Deacons

USHERS

Kevin Rachael Team #1 Leader, Carolyn Manwaring, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery, Sarah Wright

FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Linda Pettengill

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving celebration of the **baptism today of Dean Alan Hudson** by his parents Timothy and Hannah Hudson.

COVER ART Mike Moyers, *The Baptism of Jesus*, 2015, oil on panel, used by permission of the artist, who states "I firmly believe that art is a communion with the soul. Through my art, I strive to make known the beauty and wonder of life and faith. The pieces in this website are inspired by things that have touched my life in a meaningful way. They range from plein air and impressionism to abstract and conceptual. My hope is to successfully communicate those inspirations so that you might be touched as well." mikemoyersfineart.com

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:



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.

PCCH WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If Sunday worship service is to be cancelled because of inclement winter weather, it will be posted on the church website, chestnuthillpres.org, or by a recording on the church office telephone line 215-247-8855. The decision to cancel worship will be at the discretion of the head of staff, Dr. M. Craig Barnes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Only to one who prays can God make himself vivid. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)

The Prayer Team of the congregation values deeply the spirituality and practice of prayer and would love to receive any prayer requests that you have. Please share your requests by contacting Deacon Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com or Russell Sullivan at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.com.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

TODAY'S BAPTISM

Please welcome Timothy and Hannah Hudson as they celebrate the baptism of their son, Dean Alan Hudson during our worship service today. The Hudson family will pursue membership at the new member class in the near future.

PCCH DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Social Witness Committee, thanks to all who helped us live out our Matthew 25 vision by making casseroles and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, assembling toiletry kits, and donating supplies and financial support to the cause! Our mission partners are appreciative of PCCH's support.

We continue to collect non-perishable food for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, particularly on the first Sunday of each month, and have three dates coming up to help prep meals at Face to Face. Check the Social Witness bulletin board or our Matthew 25 webpage for details.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday Dr. Craig Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for January 24 is Luke 15:25-30. All are welcome.

2023 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONSTELLATION

10
YEARS

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

MAN UP / MAN DOWN



Saturday, January 27,
7 p.m. in the sanctuary,
tickets are not needed,
free-will donation

For additional
information:
tinyurl.com/7tmv4tjs

ON TOUR

January 26	West Chester, PA
January 27	Philadelphia, PA
January 29	Rochester, NY
January 30	Pittsburgh, PA
February 2	Chicago, IL

With a homecoming performance in Chicago at Epiphany Center for the Arts, Constellation takes Robert Maggio's MAN UP / MAN DOWN, along with other successful premieres over its 10 years to Rochester, Westchester, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Working with high school and college students in residencies, workshops, and performances, we'll spend this tour fulfilling our mission to empower the next generation of singers.

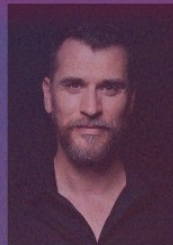
Variant 6

presents:

Haute Voix

Music from the 17th and 18th
centuries for two sopranos

Featuring Jessica Beebe and Rebecca Myers, sopranos; Sarah
Cunningham, viola da gamba; and Leon Schelhase, harpsichord



Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Admission \$10

In this program the founding member sopranos of Variant 6—Jessica Beebe and Rebecca Myers—will explore the boundless possibilities of two both distinct and complementary soprano voices. Internationally acclaimed Philadelphia artists Leon Schelhase and Sarah Cunningham join them on harpsichord and viola da gamba for this luscious program of music by Purcell, Couperin, and Carissimi in themes of love, loss, faith, and philosophy.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
1/21	Linnea Johnson and Michelle Shachtman	Rebecca DePasquale	stay in worship

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3 to 2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 will wrestle with deep faith questions in classes on alternating weeks. On the other weeks, they will attend worship with their families.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel. On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will rehearse as usual today.

A reminder that all children are welcome to sing with Joyful Noise and Youth Choir—drop-ins are welcome!

YOUTH UPDATE

Today, Sunday January 21: middle and high school youth groups to River Rink at Penn's Landing for fellowship and ice skating.

PCCH QUIZZO

Trivia Night

So you're a sports nut?
Bible expert?
Taylor Swift Connoisseur?
All skills sets will be put to the test!

Saturday 7 Pm | 10 | February 2024

Bring your friends and family for a night of fun and laughter. Appetizers and soda will be provided. BYOB

TICKETS \$15

Teams will be made up of 5-7 people. You can form a team beforehand, or show up and join one!

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation, 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 p.m. on our programs page here:

www.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.

CHAIR CARDIO *(registration required)*

Thursdays, January 23-February 14, 1-2 p.m., \$10

Dance, stretch, move, and groove with Megan Do Nascimento for an all-levels chair cardio class where we will use light weights and a fun playlist to get our heart rate and energy levels up. Be prepared to laugh and have fun. Megan is a breast cancer survivor and a yoga and fitness instructor known for her outgoing personality and inclusive teaching style.

INTRODUCTION TO TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

AND FALLS PREVENTION *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, January 26-February 13, 1-2 p.m., \$60

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention (TCA) is an evidence-based program recommended by the CDC and the Arthritis Foundation. TCA is based on Sun style tai chi, a style chosen because of its healing component, its unique Qigong elements and its ability to improve mobility, confidence, and balance. We will learn an excellent set of warm-ups that you'll love doing daily, invigorating Qigong breathing exercises, and safe, flowing and soothing tai chi movements.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *(registration required)*

Mondays, January 22 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 4 & 11, 1-2:30 p.m., free

Group is closed to new members after January 29

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for 6 informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: myths of grieving, grieving and holidays, does grief ever end and others. Our facilitator is David Stevenson, MDiv., CT. He is a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care.

FRENCH CONVERSATION (*registration required*)

Thursdays, start any time, 1:30-3 p.m., \$2 per session

Whether you are refreshing your high school or college French, have taught the language yourself, or have maintained fluency through travel, tutors and classes, you will be welcomed. The group sets its own pace and agenda.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 21

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church school	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Group ice skating trip	Penn's Landing, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 4:15 p.m.

MONDAY, January 22

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Italian conversation class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Table games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief support group	reception room, 1 p.m.
Qigong group	Harris, 2 p.m.
PNC committee meeting	zoom, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 23

Mindfulness class	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Intro to Excel class	Harris, 10 a.m.
Community luncheon	Widener Hall, 12 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Tai Chi for arthritis and falls prevention	room 3&4, 1p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
Well Spouse support group	by phone, 7p.m.
Church Life committee	Podraza home, 7:30 p.m.
Christian Education committee	Zoom, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 24

Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study group	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Staff meeting	reception room, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 25

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Drawing or Painting still life	room 3&4 10:30 a.m.
Resilience class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	Harris, 1 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Aging in place discussion group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
Gallery choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 26

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 28

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	youth room, 5 p.m.
Senior High fellowship	Strouse, 5 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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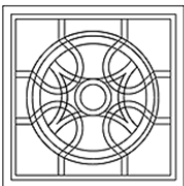
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