

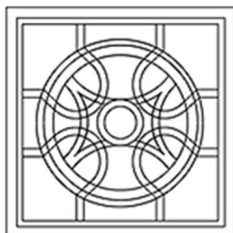
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH 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 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 12.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jesus makes it clear that the way to God  
is the same as the way to a new childhood.

The innocence that is reached through conscious choices.  
The Beatitudes offer me the simplest route for the journey home,  
back into the house of God.

And along this route  
I will discover the joys of the second childhood:  
comfort, mercy, and an ever clearer vision of God.  
It's a place where I can live in freedom  
without obsessions and compulsions.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen  
*The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Menuet*

Maurice Ravel  
(1875-1937)

### INTROIT

Robert Lehman  
(b. 1960)

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

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

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

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

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 15*)

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Leader: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**\*HYMN 470**

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful spirit. Amen.

## KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau  
(b. 1977)

*Congregation*



*Choir* Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation*



*Choir* Christ, have mercy.

*Choir and Congregation*



*Choir* Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

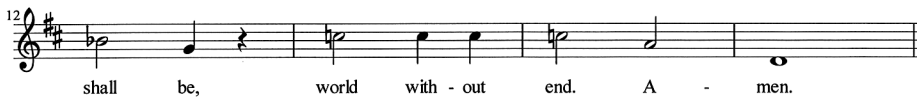
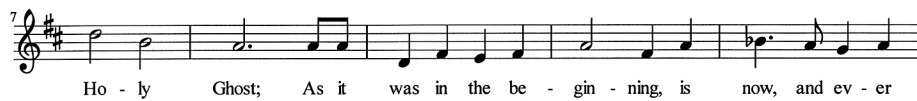
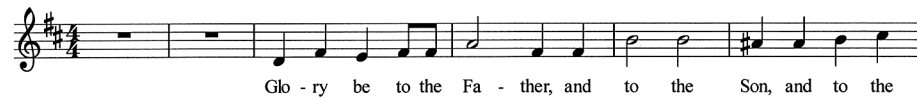
## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news.

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



### \*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

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

## PSALTER

Psalm 37:1-4, 41-42

PLAINSONG

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through 7th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building, followed immediately by Joyful Noise rehearsal in the chapel for children through 5th grade. Following rehearsal 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 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



SERMON

*Iconic Words Made Real*

John Wilkinson

\*HYMN 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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**

*Beati mundo corde*

William Byrd  
(1540-1623)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**\*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: **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 429**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Amen*

Peter Lutkin  
(1858-1931)

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

arr. Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

John Wilkinson

### LITURGIST

Melissa Montgomery

### MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

### GREETERS

Jack Evans and Kevin Welsh Elders

Debby Evans and Beth Vaccaro Deacons

### USHERS

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

### FLOWER GUILD

Barbara Frazier and Mary Anne Van Blarcom

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **All God's Children** by Sharon Kelly and family.

**COVER ART** Jan Bruegel the Elder, *Sermon on the Mount*, 1598, oil on copper, the Getty Museum. In this small painting, the figure of Christ is almost lost amid the dense, multi-colored crowd. Identified by a pale yellow halo, Christ stands on a rustic podium near the crowd's center. He presents his sermon on the conditions of blessedness. Behind Christ, his disciples pay rapt attention, but many in the diverse throng prefer to socialize with one another. In the foreground, a gnarled gypsy tells fortunes and a vendor sells pretzels. To the right, below a distant vista, a man in a long coat and dark hat directs two women in elegant gowns toward the crowd. Painted on a thin sheet of copper, this festive scene's bright colors, fine details, and enamel-like finish are accentuated by the hard surface. Bruegel (Flemish, 1568-1625) had an unmatched ability to describe figures and landscape in great detail, transforming the painting into a jewel-like object intended for close scrutiny.

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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](mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org).

Sunday worship is live-streamed at [chestnuthillpres.org/live](http://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 John Wilkinson at the church office or at [jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:jwilkinson@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.



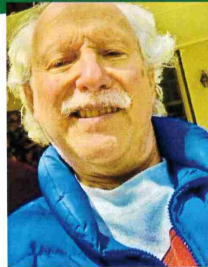
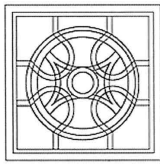
MATTHEW 25

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](http://chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25) for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

# Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm then recorded and posted online starting at 5pm. [www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/)



**FEBRUARY 9 12:30PM**  
**ERIC CORSON**  
***REACHING BEYOND PRISON WALLS***

Eric joins us to discuss his book "Reaching Beyond Prison Walls: Stories of Volunteer Visitors and the Prisoners They See", that was published in 2021. A 44 year resident of Germantown, he spent decades visiting 110 of the nation's 122 federal prisons and running the nonprofit organization, Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS). Upon retiring in 2017, Eric went on a two and a half year nationwide "Farewell tour" to thank volunteer prison visitors, interviewing over 100 of them, then spending over four months editing their stories, along with prisoners stories for his book. He will be discussing these stories and leading the conversation about the importance of the work he has done with PVS and what continues to be done.

*Born in Minnesota, Eric Corson grew up in Queens, New York. In 1967, while the Vietnam War was raging, Eric applied for conscientious-objector status and received it. So instead of serving in the military, he was allowed to do two years of alternative service working with the American Friends Service Committee in Columbus, Ohio. In that job, he visited many young men who were in prison for refusing to fight in Vietnam. Eric came to Philadelphia in 1977 to take over the directorship of PVS, which is headquartered here, overseeing about 400 volunteer visitors who come from all walks of life.*

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**Registration Required for in-person attendance.**

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<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/>

Visit our website above to watch the recorded version after 5pm.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## TODAY AT PCCH

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### **ARE YOU RECEIVING PCCH EMAILS FROM COMMUNICATIONS?**

We want to keep you in the loop about worship, social events, concerts, social witness projects and learning opportunities happening at PCCH. Our main form of communication with members and friends is through emails like our weekly Worship Information Updates on Fridays and our On Faith on Mondays to name a few. The platform we use to send out these emails is called MailChimp. These emails come from [communications@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:communications@chestnuthillpres.org) and sometimes they can end up in your spam folder. If you're not receiving these emails, please check there. However if that's not the case and you're not getting emails from us (besides the ones coming from Evelyn in the church office), please contact Leslie Lefer, our Communications Coordinator, at [llefer@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:llefer@chestnuthillpres.org). Leslie can send you a link to opt-in to receiving emails from MailChimp. Thank you for your help!

### **MANDER ORGAN UPDATE**

One of the most vital components of a pipe organ is the blower. This is the device that supplies the wind enabling the pipes to sound. It's an electrically powered turbine that maintains a steady wind supply for the organ. On January 4, the blower was removed and taken to Reading Electric where it will be rebuilt. As of last Wednesday, the blower motor has been repaired and tested. Installation is planned for this week.

### **FRIENDLY FOOTBALL WAGER FOR AN IMPORTANT CAUSE**

Marci Auld Glass is a friend of John's who serves as pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco ([www.calvarypresbyterian.org](http://www.calvarypresbyterian.org)). Marci and John are making a very friendly wager on the outcome of the NFC Championship Game. If the 49ers win, John will wear a 49ers hat during worship (and post pictures). In addition, and more importantly, he will make a donation to Safe House, a San Francisco organization that works to empower women who are experiencing housing instability and sexual exploitation or trafficking. (Visit [www.sfsafehouse.org](http://www.sfsafehouse.org) to learn more.) If the Eagles win, Marci will wear an Eagles hat during worship and make a donation to Dawn's Place, an organization long-supported by PCCH that offers a safe and caring residential setting for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) or sex trafficking. (Visit [www.ahomefordawn.org](http://www.ahomefordawn.org) to learn more).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

*Cantatas and Chamber Music*



*Music of*  
*Henry Purcell*

solos, duets & ensemble pieces  
Daniel Spratlan, conductor

featuring the soloists of the Gallery Choir and special guests  
accompanied by harpsichord and theorbo

free will donation  
livestream via PCCCH website

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### **THANK YOU FROM WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY**

We are proud to announce that the clothing drive for West Kensington Ministry has concluded. Because of the response of partner churches, WKM has the clothing necessary to meet the needs of the community they serve. Thank you to everyone who participated in this meaningful endeavor!

### **ONGOING BOOK DRIVE**

We continue to receive books for the Philadelphia Book Bank and Treehouse Books. Books may be brought to the Reception Room.

Philadelphia Book Bank receives children's books in new or gently used condition. Treehouse Books receives new children's books. They have a wish list on Amazon.

### **SUNDAY MORNING LITURGISTS SOUGHT**

If you would like to participate in worship leadership by reading one of the scripture lessons and other parts of the liturgy, we'd love to welcome you to that role. Please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or [jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org) for further information.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT**

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### **JANUARY SECOND HOUR**

Sunday, January 29 (today)

We return to our exploration of "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robyn Wall Kimmerer. We will focus on *A Mother's Work*, *The Consolation of Water Lilies* and *Allegiance to Gratitude*. Our discussions thus far have been lively and engaging. Please join us as we continue engaging with this compelling work.

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Harris Room for study, reflection and discussion. We typically explore the lectionary texts for the following Sundays. All are welcome, whether you can join us regularly or not. Hope to see you there.

### **VOLUNTEERING AT FACE TO FACE.**

The Social Witness Committee is thrilled to begin volunteering in person at Face to Face again. For those of you who have done it, you know what a meaningful experience it can be. Our first day back will be on Sunday, February 19, 12:00-3:30 p.m. We will be serving the guests in the dining room and cleaning up after food service.

If you are interesting in volunteering, contact Melissa Montgomery at 610-506-0898 or [melissamon70@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamon70@yahoo.com).



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### PERSONNEL LISTENING SESSION FOR PARENTS

Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

The Personnel Committee cordially invites parents of children and youth to a listening session focused on our ministry for those ages. Here is the zoom link: [tinyurl.com/2uzxm4ny](https://tinyurl.com/2uzxm4ny)  
As we do our work in imagining our next staffing model, it's clear that our ministry to and with children, youth and families is vitally important. We'd like to glean your wisdom about our future directions and needed leadership qualities. Join us on February 6 for a time of listening and interaction.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (room 212) and another for children in grades 3 through 7 (room 201). Both rooms are directly adjacent to the chapel.

Our curriculum for both age groups, based on the Montessori method of learning, comes from Godly Play, using visual elements to hear Bible stories and then inviting children to express themselves by creating art or building and shaping things.

Godly Play is designed for children to both experience God and to find ways to express their faith experiences. The rhythm of Godly Play is more like worship than school and children are able to explore what they have experienced.

Our younger children from ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be immersed in the stories of God's care for us, learning the ebb and flow of silence and interacting, of hearing and doing.

The older group, grades 3 to 7, will focus on the gift of creation and how we might think about the needs of the earth while hearing many ways in which people of the Bible carry out acts of love and care in challenging times.

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.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC

**Joyful Noise**, our children's choir, will rehearse immediately following Church School today concluding at 11:40 a.m., when they will be brought to Widener Hall. All children through grade 5 are invited to participate.

**Youth Choir** will rehearse today from 4:15–5:00 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 29

- 11:10-11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal (grades K-5)
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal (grades 6-12)
- 5:00-6:45 p.m. Walk to Chill for frozen yogurt

### Sunday, February 5

- 11:10-11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal (grades K-5)
- 5:00-6:45 p.m. Youth group dinner out, meet at El Limon in Flourtown
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation class: *Spirit and Prayer*

## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of more teachers and teacher assistants in our church school classes! If you are interested in volunteering for either of these roles, please reach out to Megan Petero at [mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org). There will be “trainings” and information sessions once we have a list of prospective teachers. Thank you!

## SOUPER BOWL AND YOUTH CHILI SALE

This year to celebrate the Super Bowl, the children (elementary and middle school) will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring—an initiative to stop hunger! Please bring nonperishable food items and/or money to donate to the cause. The kids will be collecting the donations after worship on Sunday, February 12 at all exit points in the sanctuary. Additionally, the youth group is hosting another Super Bowl chili sale! More details to come, but please be ready to purchase chili after worship on Sunday, February 12! The youth work really hard to prepare the meals, which include a meat and veggie option, and the proceeds go toward the youth mission trip fund!

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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The 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. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: [chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs](http://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](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org).

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Mondays, January 30, February 6, 13, March 6, 13, 1:00–2:00 p.m., free

*Group is closed to new members after January 30.*

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: *Myths of Grieving, Grieving and the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End*, and others.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, January 31, 12:00 p.m., \$12, Widener Hall, registration required

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you will see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good and where it only costs you \$12? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. All are welcome. Luncheons are subject to all current Covid guidelines, gathering size limits and social distancing practices.

### **FUN RETIREMENT**

Thursday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free

Presented in person for a limited number and recorded to be shared online next week.

Without real planning, retirement may not be exactly what you dreamt about. Financial planning is necessary before you leave the working world We will assume that you have evaluated your finances so all is good in this regard. Suggestions of fun things to get involved with will be shared, so sit back and relax.

### **AARP SMART DRIVERTEK**

Monday, February 6, 10:00–11:30 a.m., free

Cars are quickly becoming smarter and smarter. You can stay in the know by signing up for the free Smart DriverTEK workshop—a 90-minute interactive session that will get you up-to-date with new intelligent features, like advanced warning systems with automatic braking, which reduce crashes by 50%. Understanding advanced warning systems and the other new features will help you know what to look for when shopping for a new car or how to identify the intelligent features that are in your current car. Accelerate your car knowledge!

### **VALENTINE MAKING**

Tuesday, February 14, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free

Join us and the PCCH Preschoolers in Widener Hall where we will make beautiful Valentine's Day cards and crafts to celebrate the day! Coffee, tea and cookies provided. Make some hand-crafted cards with our young friends! All supplies provided.

### **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: WHY DO IT ALONE?**

Thursday, February 9, 2:00–3:30 p.m., free in person at the Center, or by zoom or phone  
By phone call 301 715-8592 and enter below ID and code when prompted: meeting ID:  
448 977 3675 passcode: 076567. Zoom by computer visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and join the  
meeting by entering the meeting ID and then passwords as above. For more information, call  
Jean Kirkley, 215-758-7305 or e-mail [jean.kirkley@gmail.com](mailto:jean.kirkley@gmail.com).

Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with others as caregivers for those living  
with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This group is an open support group for caregivers,  
sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The group meetings are  
open to new and interested members. No enrollment or long term commitment is required,  
just a willingness to share in a confidential and supportive environment.

### **A NOTE FROM BRIAN RUSSO**

"Words cannot describe my gratitude. Yesterday I received in the mail a note and a check,  
contributed to by all of you... you were BEYOND GENEROUS!! I could never thank you  
enough! Perhaps Anya and I will use it to take Seth to Disney at some point, which he's been  
asking about on endless repeat; so if you see pictures of us there or elsewhere on some other  
adventure, know that you have blessed us richly with those memories as well. Memories upon  
blessed memories. My sincere gratitude and my deep love, Brian"

## **HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK**

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### **SUNDAY, January 29**

#### **Worship**

Church School

Joyful Noise rehearsal

Fellowship

Second Hour

Youth Choir rehearsal

High School youth group

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, 4:15 p.m.

youth room, 5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, January 30**

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
AARP SMART driver course	Harris, 10:00 a.m.
Mah Jongg 101 class	room 4, 10:00 a.m.
Italian conversation group	reception room, 11:00 a.m.
Classic table games open play	room 5, 12:00 p.m.
Grief support group	reception room, 1:00 p.m.
WaterMedia level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	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.
PCCH Investment Committee meeting	zoom, 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, January 31**

Mindfulness practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
AARP SMART driver course	Harris, 10:00 a.m.
MALT Windows 11 Made Simple class	Melcher, 10:00 a.m.
Community luncheon	Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones exercise class	chapel, 1:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	choir room, 6:00 p.m.
Royal Scottish Country Dancers group	chapel, 7:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Listening Session online	zoom, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, February 1**

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Rummy tiles open play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bible study	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Zumba Gold class	room 3&4, 11:00 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Basics of Android phone class	Harris, 1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting	Melcher, 1:00 p.m.
Mah Jongg 201	room 4, 1:00 p.m.

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, February 2**

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.
Fun retirement presentation	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners monthly meeting	Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Ballroom Dancing class	Widener Hall, 6:45 p.m.
Deacon's meeting	zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, February 3**

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble game	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Richard Knox memorial service	sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You group	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	room 1&2, 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, February 4**

Cantatas and Chamber Music rehearsal	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
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**SUNDAY, February 5**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Lord's Supper</b>
Church School	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	chapel, 11:10 a.m.
Second Hour	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Personnel Committee meeting	reception room, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group dinner out	Harris, 12:00 p.m.
Confirmation class	El Limon, Flourtown, 5:00 p.m.
	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

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Linda Amsterdam	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

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## CHURCH STAFF

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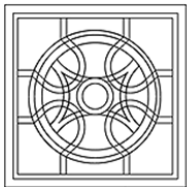
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