

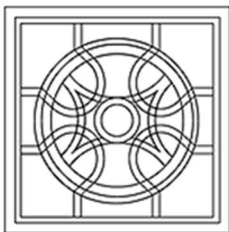
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a longtime member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

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

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Moments Musicaux
(Op. 94, No. 1)

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

INTROIT

arr. Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **sing to the Lord all the earth.**
Leader: Sing and give praise to God's name;
People: **tell of the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

*HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God, you once poured out your Spirit upon timid disciples creating bold apostles with good news for the world. We confess that we are afraid of this power, and doubt the world cares to hear your Gospel. Forgive us for resisting your call upon our lives, and rekindle our passion for your grace and truth. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do,
to obey your word
and proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:1-4; 12-17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 119:105-112

PLAINSONG

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Parents, please pick up your children after worship.*

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:23-37

After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, 'Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah." For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeking a Bold Faith

Beth Shalom Hessel

"Grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal."

Acts 4:29b-30a

***HYMN 130**

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

***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 SOLO

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation;
I hear the clear though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
it finds an echo in my soul,
how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I know my Saviour liveth;
although the darkness binds me close,
deep in the night sweet songs he giveth.
His inner peace makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing;
since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

(Robert Lowry, 1869)

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.
All in the heavens and on earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

***HYMN 111**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue
from *Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Beth Shalom Hessel

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mark Bernstein

MUSIC

Katy Avery soprano soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Jim Lutz and Ryan Mann Elders

Emily McCahery and Jane McGill Deacons

USHERS

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

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely and Linnea Johnson

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

COVER ART Rembrandt van Rijn, *St. Peter and St. John Healing the Paralytic*, mid-17th century, brown ink on paper, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606- 1669) was a Dutch Golden Age painter, printmaker, and draftsman. An innovative and prolific master in three media, he is generally considered one of the greatest visual artists in the history of art. Rembrandt produced a total of about three hundred paintings, three hundred etchings and two thousand drawings. Unlike most Dutch masters of the era, Rembrandt's works depict a wide range of styles and subject matter, from portraits and self-portraits to landscapes, genre scenes, allegorical and historical scenes, biblical and mythological themes and animal studies.

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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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us every Sunday after worship throughout the summer months for fellowship in Widener Hall or, weather permitting, on the front lawn.

THE PCCH PRAYER GROUP NEEDS YOU

One of the most meaningful ways we demonstrate care is by praying for our members who are in need. We seek the permission of people before we send their names to the prayer group. If you are interested in joining this group, let our minister of visitation Russell Sullivan know at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org, or the coordinator of the group Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings we normally offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2nd grade and another for children in grades 3 through 7. For the summer months we will have one large classroom which will meet weekly in the chapel.

We still need snacks and teacher volunteers.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To volunteer, scan the QR code and fill out the form, or speak with Julie Snyder, Amy Raphael, Shannon Cavanaugh, or Michelle Shachtman.

Any questions, contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or contact the church office. See dates and details on the opposite page.

Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY
AUGUST 14 -18
9 - NOON

Exploring what it means to be "called"
through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children
ages 3 through 5th grade.

All are welcome!

Join us and
bring a friend!



[Register here](#)



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CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.–2 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 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.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES OPEN PLAY *(registration required)*

Mondays, ongoing, 12–2 p.m., \$2

Playing table games is proven to stimulate brain areas that are responsible for memory formation and complex thought processes in all ages. Bring your own favorite game to play, or choose from ones we have here at the Center, like Clue, Parcheesi, Boggle, Phase 10, Scattergories, dominos or Monopoly.

SUMMER SOUL LINE DANCING *(registration required)*

Thursdays, July 20 and August 31, 1:30–2:30 p.m., \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the Philly sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. This is a simple and easy activity and a feel-good form of exercise. No partner is needed and all levels are welcome.

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS *(registration required)*

Summer session: July 18–August 8, 1–2 p.m., \$48 for 4 week session or \$15/drop in

This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength. The program is derived from evidence-based research in the field of osteoporosis. Bring your own mat, but all other equipment will be provided.

MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, join any time, 12:30–2:30p.m., \$2

Wednesdays, join any time, 1:30–3:30p.m., \$2

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

YOGA, A CHAIR and YOU (*registration required*)

Fridays, ongoing, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$45 per calendar month; walk-ins \$15 per single class

Everybody can enjoy the benefits of yoga. It's not necessary to get on the floor to explore this gentle and effective exercise system that creates strength, flexibility and balance. This class is classically structured with breathing techniques, asana (postures for strength and stretching) and meditation based in the Integral Tradition. Added benefits include improving balance and rotation.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PCCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PNC

The Nominating Committee is currently working to identify a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that is representative of the congregation. The PNC will be responsible for conducting the search for our new Pastor and Head of Staff and ultimately nominating a candidate to present to the congregation for approval. The work of this committee is challenging and time consuming, but extraordinarily meaningful and rewarding in helping to shape the future of our congregation.

The PNC's work includes completing the Ministry Information Form (like a job description), publicizing the position through various publications and official channels of the Presbyterian Church (USA), evaluating Personal Information Forms (*i.e.*, applications), reading and listening to sermons, conducting interviews, and formulating and making an offer to a candidate, conditional on congregational approval. Preliminary work will begin in August, with the team working in earnest beginning in September. The PNC will be free to set its own schedule, but it likely will involve weekly meetings with homework in between. The work of the PNC continues "as long as it takes," but 12 months seems a reasonable ballpark. A representative from the Presbytery of Philadelphia will be available to provide guidance on the process, but strict discretion and confidentiality is otherwise required by the Presbyterian process.

The Nominating Committee is charged with compiling a slate of nominees to serve on the PNC and presenting that slate to the congregation for election. At this time, we welcome input from the congregation regarding salient considerations for PNC membership and specific PCCH members to consider for inclusion on the Nominating Committee's slate. You may reach out to any member of the Nominating Committee to provide input or suggestions, or email Jim Lutz (Chair) at jim.lutz@gmail.com.

The Session will call a congregational meeting to elect the PNC as soon as the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees is ready.

The Nominating Committee:

Laura Brobyn, Landon Jones, Jim Lutz, Laurie Menyo, Melissa Montgomery,
Linda Pettengill, Jim Spause, Beth Wrigley

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 16

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, July 17

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Classic table games	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Alexander Technique class	Harris, 3:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 18

Mindfulness practice class	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones exercise class	Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
Figure drawing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	room 3&4/choir room, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 19

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold class	room 3&4, 11 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers group	Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 20

BNI meeting	Melcher, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Figure Drawing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Soul line dancing	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 21

Yoga with Attitude class

Harris, 9:45 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 p.m.

PCCH Sober and Out group

Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

LEAD Program

Widener Hall, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, July 23

Worship

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Church School

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Fellowship

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

ABOUT PCCH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

SESSION

Jill Bown
Shannon Cavanaugh
Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Matthew Eastman
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier

Lisa Guyer
Kate Houston
James Lutz
Ryan Mann
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Michelle Shachtman

Taylor Slaughter
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret Spencer
William Storm
Beth Nell Vaccaro
Clarke Woodruff

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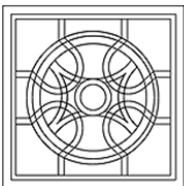
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