

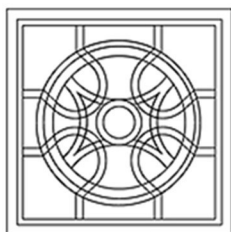
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

EIGHTH 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.

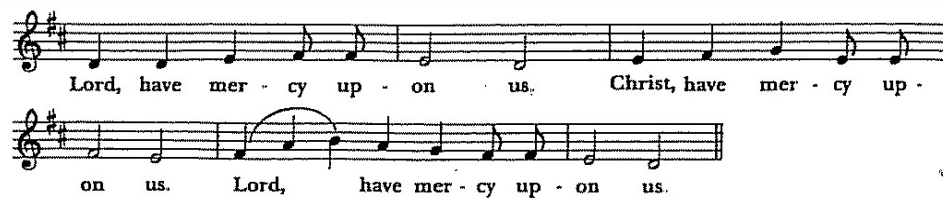
We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 10.

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)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-35

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to Worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who Is the Church?

M. Craig Barnes

*"Then the Spirit said to Philip,
'Go over to this chariot and join it.'"
Acts 8:29*

*HYMN 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

***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

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Die Seele ruht in Jesu Händen,
Wenn Erde diesen Leib bedeckt.
Ach ruft mich bald,
ihr Sterbeglocken,
Ich bin zum Sterben unerschrocken,
Weil mich mein Jesus wieder
weckt.

The soul rests in Jesus' hands,
when earth covers this body.
Ah, call me soon,
you death-knell,
I am unafraid of death,
because my Jesus will awaken
me again.

***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: **Holy God, we offer our gifts, as we offer our lives, with the hope that you will use what we give to proclaim your love, in word and deed. Amen.**

***HYMN 443**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on
"Old Hundredth"*

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan

MUSIC

Katy Avery soprano soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

William Murphy and Elizabeth Podraza Elders

Barbara Olson and Nissa Petrak Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme Team #2 Substitute Leader, Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones, Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Barbara Olson and Elizabeth Podraza

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **John E. and Lillian G. Cupp** by their family.

COVER ART Herbert Boeckl, *Philip and the Ethiopian*, fresco of the *Seckau Apocalypse* in the Angel's Chapel at Seckau Abbey, Styria, Austria, 1952-1960. Herbert Boeckl (1894-1966) was one of the most important representatives of 20th century art in Austria. An autodidact, Boeckl's early work followed the tradition of Austrian expressionist art; later works showed an examination of the international abstraction movement—but the artist's belief in the primacy of color was consistent throughout his career. His oeuvre encompasses landscapes, portraits, still lifes, and frescoes, and includes representations of religious and allegorical subjects.

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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:



MATTHEW 25

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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TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME!

PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS!

Saturday, August 19, 6:35pm
(with post-game fireworks)

The **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs**
host the **Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**
(*how's that for a great team name?*)

Tickets \$12

*group size limited to 20
carpooling to ballpark from church available*

Contact Clarke Woodruff by August 1
scw207@hotmail.com

Join us for this family-friendly, all-church event!



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.

MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

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

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

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

ZUMBA GOLD (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, Ongoing, join any time, 11–11:55 a.m.

Single class \$12, 4 classes \$45, 8 classes \$80

Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners. You are welcome to bring your own 1–2 lb weights to build strength and tone all target zones.

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.

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS) (*registration required*)

Mondays, ongoing, 2-3 p.m.; Thursdays, ongoing, 9-10 a.m.

four classes \$40; walk-ins \$12 per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art.

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 23

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Deacon Orientation meeting	Harris, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, July 24

Lifeline screening	Widener Hall, 8:15 a.m.
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.

TUESDAY, July 25

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.
Well Spouse support group	by phone, 7 p.m.
Northern District Boy Scout meeting	room 5, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 26

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10 a.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 27

BNI meeting	Melcher, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners board meeting	Melcher, 9:30 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.
Scouts Board of Review	Harris, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 28

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.

SUNDAY, July 30

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	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kate Houston	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	James Lutz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Ryan Mann	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	William Murphy	William Storm
Jack Evans	Elizabeth Podraza	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman	Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

Emily Barth	Becky Frazier	Barbara Olson
Kelly Baughman	Ann Goslin	Thanice Petrak
Mark Bernstein	Beverly Heimbach	Linda Pettengill
Cathy Brzozowski	Lyn Huertgen	Rachelle Pretz
Nicolette Cobbold	Kristin Lawton	Amy Raphael
Beth DeSoo	Emily McCahery	Dominick Rebeck
Alison Ellison	Jane McGill	Deborah Robinson
Debby Evans		Sarah Wright

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Interim Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr. Minister of Visitation
The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emeritus
Daniel Spratlan Director of Music
Jeffrey DeVault Organist/Associate Director of Music
Julie Snyder Director, Joyful Noise and Youth Choir
Rachel Cline Church Administrator
Megan Cullen Director, Preschool
Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill
Leslie A. Lefer Communications Coordinator
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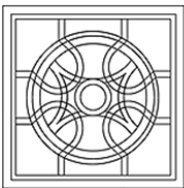
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