

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, July 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

SIXTH 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.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Fantasia*

Edward Mollenhauer  
(1827-1914)

## INTROIT

*At The River*

traditional spiritual  
arr. Aaron Copland  
(1900-1990)

Shall we gather by the river,  
where bright angels feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river,  
that flows by the throne of God.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God's presence with gladness.

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God,  
whose mercy is everlasting,  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

## \*HYMN 129

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)


O Lord, thou art the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Thou beholdest thy weak creatures, weary of labor, weary of pleasures, weary of heart from hope deferred, and weary of self. In thine abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness, forgive, and bring us, we pray thee, into thy peace through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Christina Rossetti

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)*

Prepare our hearts; O God,  
To accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
That in hearing, we may also obey your will;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:6-9a

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALTER

Psalm 45:10-17

PLAINSONG

Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;  
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty;  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;  
the rich among the people seek your favor.

All glorious is the princess as she enters;  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought,  
and enter into the palace of the king.

In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.

### 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 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Yearning for Community  
*“All who believed were together  
and had all things in common.”*  
Acts 2:44

M. Craig Barnes

\*HYMN 126

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ST. AGNES

\*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**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth,  
and tho' worms destroy this body,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God,  
for now is Christ risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of them that sleep.

**\*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, you have taught us that to whom much is given much is required. So we present these offerings, as we present our lives, to be used for the unfolding of your salvation on earth.**

**\*HYMN 438**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Two-Part Inventions*  
*Nos. 13 & 4*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

### LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Julie Snyder

### MUSIC

Luke Jones violin, Julie Snyder soprano soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

### GREETERS

Matthew Eastman and Lisa Guyer Elders, Lyn Huertgen and Kristin Lawton Deacons

### USHERS

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

### FLOWER GUILD

Katie Connelly and Sandra Connelly

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosetta Myrick and James and Elizabeth Justice by Linda and Steve Myrick.

**COVER ART** *Cueva de las Manos* (Cave of the Hands), photograph by Mariano, 2005, public domain. *Cueva de las Manos* is named for the hundreds of hand paintings stenciled into multiple collages on the rock walls in the province of Santa Cruz, Argentina. The art dates to between around 7,300 BC to 700 AD, during the Archaic period of Pre-Columbian South America, and represents some of the most important art in the New World—by far the most famous rock art in the Patagonian region and, according to experts, by far the best material evidence of early hunter gatherer groups in South America. There are over 2,000 handprints in and around the cave. Most of the images are painted as negatives or stenciled, alongside some positive handprints. There are 829 left hands to 31 right hands, suggesting that most painters held the bone spray pipe with their right hand. Some handprints are missing fingers, which could be due to injury, but might also indicate the use of sign language or bending fingers to convey meaning.

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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](mailto:cbarnes@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 Russell Sullivan at the church office or at [rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto: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](http://chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25) for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

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### 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](mailto:rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org), or the coordinator of the group Kelly Baughman at [kellybaughman@yahoo.com](mailto:kellybaughman@yahoo.com).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings we normally offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

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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 12:00 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 [mssaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:mssaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org).

### **YOGA WITH ATTITUDE** *(registration required)*

Fridays, ongoing, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

\$45 per calendar month; first class \$10, walk-ins; \$15 for a single class

This is basic yoga with breath warm-ups, asana and meditation. Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. The class provides a method which allows us to adopt an “attitude” when confronted and to respond to the adventures in our lives. Participants practice alternative viewpoints “while standing in truth and light.”

### **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, Parchisi, 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.

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, July 9

<b>Worship</b>	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

### MONDAY, July 10

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Classic table games	room 5, 12:00 p.m.
WaterMedia level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, July 11

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, 1:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts round table meeting	room 1&2, 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, July 12

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	chapel, 10:00 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold class	room 3&4, 11:00 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	chapel, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	reception room/Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Bus trip to Fountain View	off site, 2:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	chapel, 3:00 p.m.
Weight Watchers group	Harris, 5:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, July 13

BNI meeting	Melcher 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	reception room/Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support group	Harris, 2:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, July 14**

Yoga with Attitude class

Harris, 9:45 a.m.

Scrabble open play

room 5, 10:00 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, 7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, July 16**

**Worship**

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.

Church School

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Fellowship

Widener Hall, 11:00 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.

## CHURCH STAFF

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**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  
**Evelyn F. Carpenter** Administrative Assistant  
**Felix Delgado** Sexton  
**Donna Marciel** Sunday Sexton  
**Debbie Lambeth** Sunday Child Care Givers

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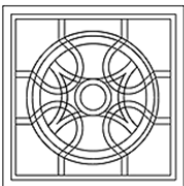
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