

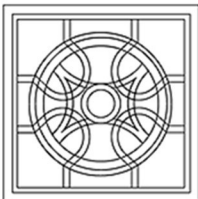
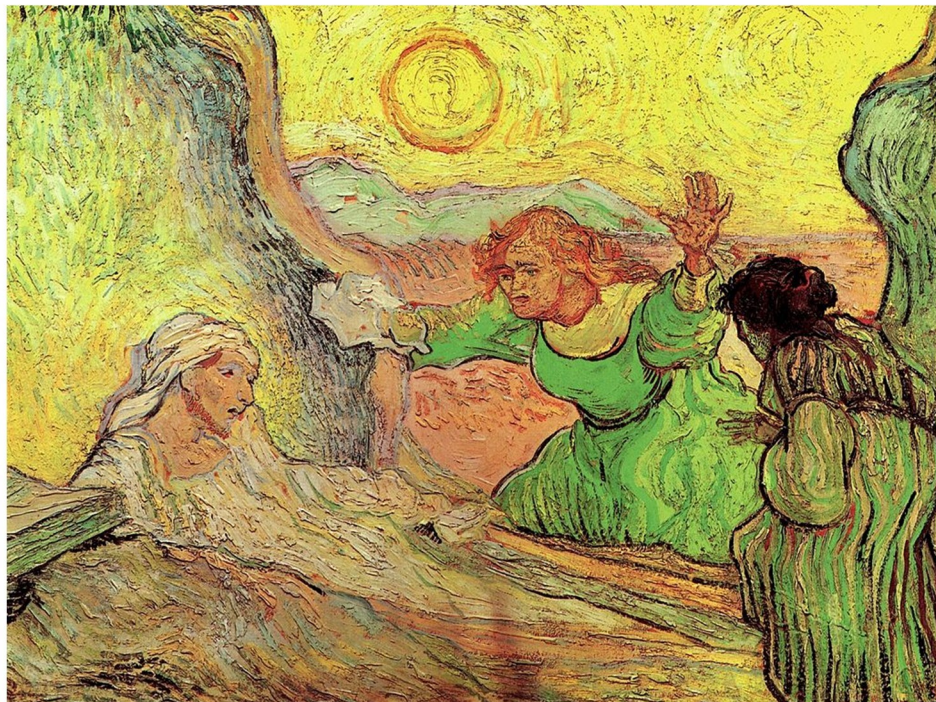
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, March 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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 14.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Bless what brought us through the sea and the fire;
we are caught in history like whales in polar ice.
Yet you have taught us to push against the walls,
to reach out and pull each other along,
to strive to find the way through if there is no way around, to go on.
To utter ourselves with every breath against the constriction of fear,
to know ourselves as the body born from Abraham and Sarah,
born out of rock and desert.

Marge Piercy

Amidah: On Our Feet We Speak to You

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Mensch Bewein' Dein' Sünde Gross

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide,
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: More than those who watch for the morning,
People: we wait faithfully for God.
Leader: With our questions and our cries,
in our hopes and expectations,
People: we wait faithfully for God.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,
People: and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God who knows us through and through, we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith. We remember difficult times and wonder where you were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains three measures of music with lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains three measures of music with lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

***RESPONSE**

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

*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)*

Life-giving God, steady us with your spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your living word. Amen

PSALTER

Psalm 130

PLAINSONG

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congregational Welcome

Elder: Through baptism, Brooke Deborah Barrett has now been received into the one holy, catholic and apostolic church. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the peace and unity of the church of Jesus Christ. Our vow is to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ. May God's abundant blessings be always with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

Narrator:

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,

Mary and Martha (choir sopranos and altos):

"Lord, he whom you love is ill."

Narrator:

But when Jesus heard it, he said,

Jesus:

"This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Narrator:

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples,

Jesus:

"Let us go to Judea again."

Narrator:

The disciples said to him,

Disciples (congregation):

"Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Narrator:

Jesus answered,

Jesus:

“Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”

Narrator:

After saying this, he told them,

Jesus:

“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”

Narrator:

The disciples said to him,

Disciples (congregation):

“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”

Narrator:

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

Jesus:

“Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

Narrator:

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples,

Thomas (choir tenors and basses):

“Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Narrator:

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus,

Martha:

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”

Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

Jesus:

“Your brother will rise again.”

Narrator:

Martha said to him,

Martha:

“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

Jesus:

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Narrator:

She said to him,

Martha:

“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

Narrator:

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,

Martha:

“The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

Narrator:

And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,

Mary (choir sopranos and altos):

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Narrator:

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

Jesus:

“Where have you laid him?”

Narrator:

They said to him,

“The Jews” (choir):

“Lord, come and see.”

Narrator:

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said,

“The Jews” (choir):

“See how he loved him!”

Narrator:

But some of them said,

“The Jews” (choir):

“Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Narrator:

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said,

Jesus:

“Take away the stone.”

Narrator:

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

Martha:

“Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

Jesus:

“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

Narrator:

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

Jesus:

“Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

Narrator:

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

Jesus:

“Lazarus, come out!”

Narrator:

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

Jesus:

“Unbind him, and let him go.”

Narrator:

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

SERMON

Unbind and Let Go

Beth Shalom Hessel

***HYMN 316**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Confession 1967 (Inclusive Language Version)
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Leader: The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

People: **The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

Leader: The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.

People: **Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

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

Richard Farrant
(1530-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

*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 THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 399**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todes Banden

Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Beth Shalom Hessel

LITURGIST

John Wilkinson

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Linda Amsterdam and Margaret Spencer Elders

Emily Camp McCahery and Rebecca DePasquale Deacons

USHERS

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

FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Linnea Johnson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **George A. Butler and Bradley Strange** given by Barbara Butler and family.

COVER Vincent van Gogh, *The raising of Lazarus (after Rembrandt)*, 1890. Vincent Willem van Gogh (1853-1890) was a Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who posthumously became one of the most famous and influential figures in Western art history. In a decade, he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings, most of which date from the last two years of his life. They include landscapes, still lifes, portraits and self-portraits, and are characterized by bold colors and dramatic, impulsive and expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of modern art. Not commercially successful, van Gogh struggled with severe depression and poverty. While hospitalized in Saint-Rémy, he was inspired by prints from other masters. Just one month before his death by suicide at age 37, he made this painting as his copy of part of an etching by Rembrandt. With his ginger beard, Lazarus bears some resemblance to Van Gogh himself. The painter may have seen a parallel between Lazarus' return from the dead and his own struggle towards recovery from mental illness.

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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.

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 John Wilkinson at the church office or at 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.



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.

MATTHEW 25

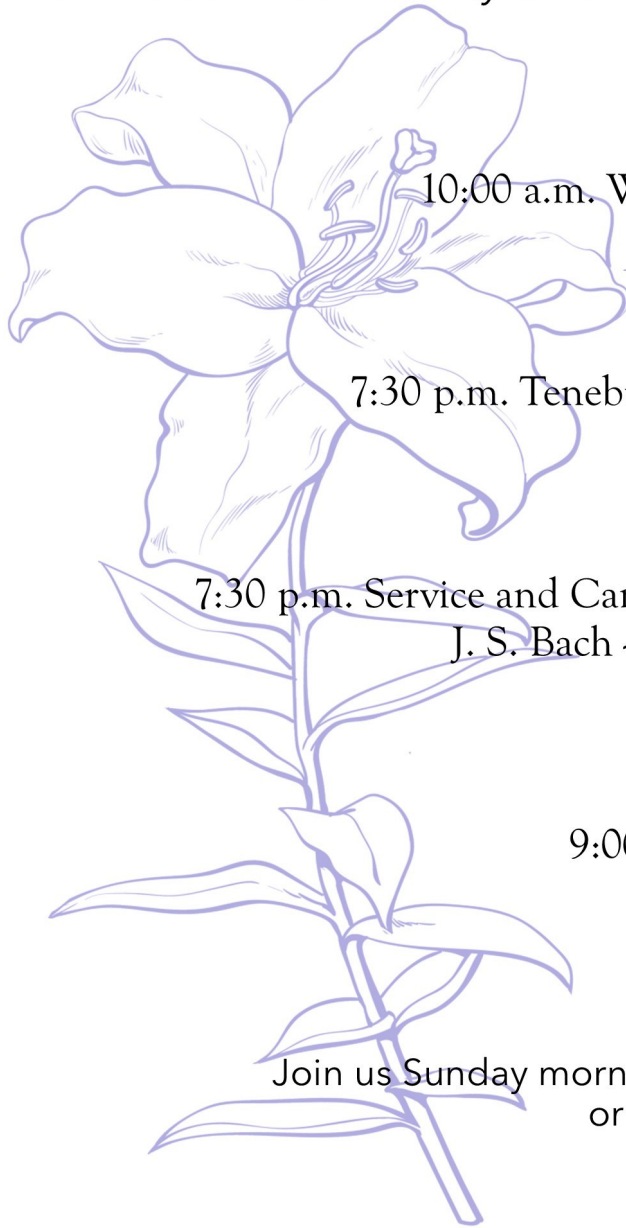
Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

As part of the upcoming Weekend of Service (May 6-7), the Social Witness Committee will be working with a new mission partner to assist homeowners in the Germantown area with necessary home repairs. Further information on Urban Resources Development Corporation (URDC) can be found on page 17.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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PALM SUNDAY

April 2

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary & online

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

7:30 p.m. Service and Cantatas & Chamber Music Concert

J. S. Bach - BWV 4, *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship services

in the sanctuary & online

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in our sanctuary
or live-stream at chestnuthillpres.org

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

SECOND HOUR

Today, Sunday, March 26, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Harris room

Desert of Compassion retreat

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday), 11:30 a.m., Harris room

John Wilkinson will lead us through the various gospel representations of the events of Holy Week

Sunday, April 30, 11:30 a.m., Harris room

Our exploration of *Braiding Sweetgrass* continues. We will discuss *In the Footsteps of Nanabozho: Becoming Indigenous to Place*, *The Sound of Silverbells*, and *Sitting in a Circle*.

TODAY'S BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Brooke Deborah Barrett, child of Kellye Stewart DeSantis and Mark William Barrett.

NORMANDY FARM LENTEN GATHERING WITH COMMUNION

Tuesday, March 28, 11:00 a.m., Normandy Farm Auditorium

All are invited to attend! This Lenten service, led by John Wilkinson, is aimed for seniors, including those seniors who do not drive in the evening. After the service you are invited to remain for a social gathering and lunch at the café on a cash basis for your individual lunch. No RSVP is necessary. Contact the church office for further information.

GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY SERVICE

In addition to the Good Friday service held at PCCH at 7:30 p.m., all are invited to a Good Friday Service at Oxford Presbyterian Church at 12:00 noon, featuring several Presbyterian congregations. John Wilkinson and Jeffrey DeVault will participate. All are welcome. A meal will be served following the service.

JOHN WILKINSON FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 23, 11:30 a.m., Widener Hall, following the congregational meeting

The congregation is invited to join together to thank and bid farewell to John Wilkinson on his last Sunday with us. John's steady hand, extensive church experience, calm demeanor, and dependable wisdom steered the good ship PCCH through the stormy waters of the COVID pandemic. Now his love of the larger church and his leadership experience take him to accept a new leadership challenge. Please join us on April 23 to express our deep gratitude and wish John and his family well.

PCCH WEEKEND OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7

As part of the upcoming Weekend of Service, the Social Witness Committee will be working with a new mission partner to assist homeowners in the Germantown area with necessary home repairs. The mission of Urban Resources Development Corporation (URDC) is to help stabilize neighborhoods in Germantown, Mt. Airy, East/West Oak Lane, and surrounding communities by addressing the housing needs of seniors and low-income families through its Owner-Occupied Repair Program. We are organizing a volunteer group on Saturday, May 6 to take on home repair and improvement projects on site; repairs are usually indoor projects helping URDC clients with painting, demolition, drywall, and spackling. Water, gloves, masks, sanitizer, project supplies, and T-shirts are provided to volunteers, along with lunch.

We hope to have an information session with URDC Executive Director Joseph Waldo before our volunteer day. For more information now, their website is buildgermantown.org.

The volunteer day starts at PCCH at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m. Youth and above ages are welcome; experience not necessary, but helpful! Contact Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com, text/call 267-254-8193) for more information or to volunteer. We are limited to 20 volunteers on this project, so sign up early!

WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 15, 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster

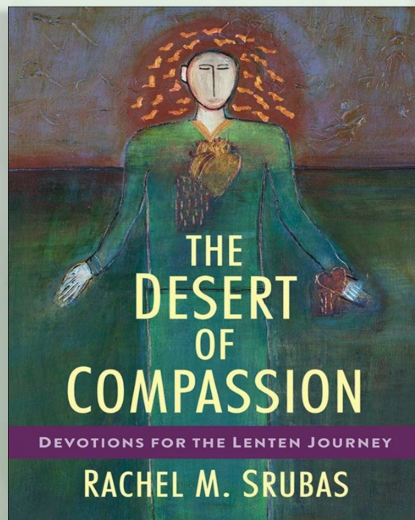
The Fifth Annual West Kensington Ministry Golf Outing is approaching! Make plans now to play, volunteer, or support this great event that benefits one of our mission partners. This year's outing promises more of the golf, fun and camaraderie that has become the Annual WKM Golf Outing. The golfer donation amount is \$175 per person and covers lunch, greens fees and cart, putting contest, hole prizes, door prizes, post-tournament reception, and a fun day to benefit a critical urban ministry.

In addition to golf, there are also many opportunities to participate in this benefit event, including hole sponsorships, lunch, reception, program sponsorships, donation of prizes or silent auction items. Donations are also welcomed. Check the Golf Outing flyer on the Social Witness bulletin board for details. You can register, sponsor or donate to the outing by clicking on the green "Golfer Registration" icon near the bottom of the homepage at westkensingtonministry.com. Your support in the past has been both generous and critical to enabling WKM to physically, spiritually and intellectually impact the lives of its neighbors and be a vital and relevant spiritual presence in the West Kensington community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com).

There is a sign-up sheet for this retreat on the bulletin board outside the church office.

LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 26 noon until 3 p.m.
led by John Wilkinson

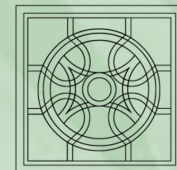


Rachel Srubas' book offers daily reflections to be read throughout Lent.

At the retreat, we will gather themes and reflect on how they connect with our own faith journeys.

Come for a time of discussion, reflection and connection.

*Register with the church office by March 22
\$10 (includes lunch)
book available at the church office and at coffee hour
at a discounted price of \$9*



PRESCHOOL UPDATE

We are pleased to share the news that the Session has approved the appointment of Megan Cullen as the new director of the PCCH Preschool. Megan is well-known to us, having served as church administrator for the last several years. What may not be known is that she served in both administrative and teaching roles for the preschool at various times. She is well-suited to do this work, and is enthusiastic about doing it. Welcome, Megan!

A special word of thanks to Diana Rodgers, who has served marvelously as Interim Director of the Preschool. Diana has helped the preschool navigate significant transitional issues, and we are grateful to her for her outstanding leadership. Thank you, Diana! Diana will continue to provide leadership for the duration of the program year, and then hand the leadership reins to Megan.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR SOUGHT

We are beginning the process of identifying a new church administrator. This multi-dimensional role works with a range of staff, church members and others to oversee the operation of PCCH. A variety of previous work experiences could serve as qualifications for this work.

For a position description, or to learn more, please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

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 for further information.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS SOUGHT

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. There will be training and information sessions once we have a list of prospective teachers. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2nd 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 2nd 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 today from 11:10–11:40 a.m. 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, March 26

- 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. Regular youth group
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Confirmation class: *Book of Order and Confessions*

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

- 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. Regular youth group with guest speaker from Urban Resources Development Corporation

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday)

- No Joyful Noise or Youth Choir rehearsal
- 10:15 a.m. Mark your calendar for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Details to come.

CENTER ON THE HILL

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. **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.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES—OPEN PLAY *(registration required)*

Mondays, ongoing, join anytime, 12:00–2:00 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 one that we have here at the Center.

SOUL LINE DANCING *(registration required)*

Thursday, March 30, 1:30–2:30p.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 class is a simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed. All levels welcome.

NAME THAT TUNE (*registration required*)

Tuesday, March 28, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free

Do you love music? Do you wish you knew a little more about some of your favorite songs? Join us for a fun and interactive music appreciation class! Back by popular demand, instructor Michael Kraus will guide you through fun music lessons featuring songs from the past. Learn about the musical roots of songs you have known since childhood, and songs you still love to sing along with today. This class will be entertaining, engaging, educational, and fun!

AFTERNOON MOVIE (*registration required*)

Thursday, March 30, 1:30 p.m., \$2, showing *Downton Abbey*

This is the continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century. The film, set in 1927, depicts a royal visit to the Crawleys' stately home in Yorkshire. As royal staff members descend on Downton, an assassin has also arrived and attempts to kill the monarch. The Crawleys and their servants are pitted against the royal entourage, including the Queen's lady-in-waiting, who has fallen out with the Crawley family, especially the Dowager Countess.

GOLDEN YOGA (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, start any time, 3:00–4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 classes, \$85 for 10 classes

Golden yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques, all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

Easter Flower Memorials

*The PCCH Flower Guild
invites you to remember loved ones at Easter
with memorial flowers.*

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Sanctuary will once again be blooming with beautiful spring flowers given to the glory of God and in memory or thanksgiving for loved ones.

The Flower Guild invites you to remember or honor your loved ones on Easter by completing and returning this form to the church office no later than Sunday, April 2.

Please provide the following information:

In loving memory of:

In honor of or in thanksgiving for:

Name(s) of contributors

Suggested minimum donation is \$35. Please make your check payable to PCCH, including "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

an evening of
Melody & Comedy



Saturday, April 29, 2023

Widener Hall, Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

★ silent auction and light hors d'oeuvres
doors open at 7:00 pm; show starts at 7:30 pm
tickets available at the door
\$15 adults, \$10 children, \$40 family ★

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 26

Worship

Church School
 Joyful Noise rehearsal
 Fellowship
 PCCH Lenten Retreat
 Crossing rehearsal
 Youth Choir rehearsal
 Senior High youth group
 Confirmation class
 Philomusica Chorale meeting

Lent V

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
 Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
 chapel, 11:10 a.m.
 Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
 Harris, 12:00 p.m.
 sanctuary, 3:00 p.m.
 choir room, 4:15 p.m.
 youth office, 5:00 p.m.
 youth office, 7:00 p.m.
 Harris, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, March 27

Sketching and watercolor class
 Italian conversation group
 Classic table games open play
 WaterMedia level 2
 Qigong group
 Alexander technique class
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 reception room, 11:00 a.m.
 room 5, 12:00 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 Harris, 2:00 p.m.
 Harris, 3:45 p.m.
 chapel, Harris, room 3&4, 4:00 p.m.
 sanctuary, choir room, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 28

Mindfulness practice group
 Sketching and watercolor class
 MALT Create Your Own Website class
 Lenten Gathering with Lord's Supper
 Name That Tune class
 Community Luncheon
 Mah Jongg open play
 Strong Bones exercise class
 Writing Your Life Story class
 Watercolor and drawing foundations class
 Crossing rehearsal
 Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal
 Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal
 Well Spouse support group
 Royal Scottish Country Dancers group
 Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
 room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10:00 a.m.
 Normandy Farms auditorium 11:00 a.m.
 reception room, 11:00 a.m.
 Widener Hall, 12:00 p.m.
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.
 chapel 1:00 p.m.
 Harris, 1:00 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.
 choir room, 6:00 p.m.
 room 3&4, 6:00 p.m.
 phone, 7:00 p.m.
 chapel, 7:15 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 29

Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 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.
PCCH staff meeting	Melcher, 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	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	all rooms, 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 30

BNI meeting	Melcher, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners board meeting	reception room, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday bridge group	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon movie <i>Downton Abbey</i>	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Making Art Makes Us Smarter class	room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 31

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble game	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Still Life Basics class	room 1&2, 10:00 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	Harris, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 1

Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower meeting	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, April 2

Worship

Church School
Joyful Noise rehearsal
Fellowship
Second Hour
Senior High youth group

PALM SUNDAY/LORD'S SUPPER

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.
youth office, 5:00 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

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

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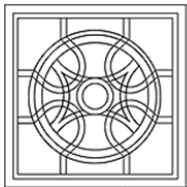
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