

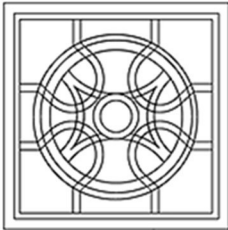
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, November 12, 2023

10 a.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH 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 long-time 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 who are 3 are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's "Praise Packs" to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex. Please return these after worship.

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 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

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

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante Religioso
hegedûre és orgonára

Gáty Zoltán
(1856-1928)

INTROIT

Entrance Responsory

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

The Lord is in his Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.
The Lord preserve his going out and his coming in;
from this time forth forever more.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,
People: **let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
Leader: For our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth, and all who dwell within.**

*HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, we believe in thee, help thou our unbelief; we love thee, yet not with perfect hearts; we serve thee, yet not with all of our strength. Accept our lives as imperfect, earthen vessels and fill them with thy forgiving mercy. What is cold do thou kindle, what is lacking do thou supply, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Malcolm Spencer

SILENT CONFESSION

**Please stand as you are able.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith
(b. 1956)

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring Cantor/Choir and Congregation parts. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath.

Cantor/
Choir: Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor/
Choir: Congregation:
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor/
Choir: Congregation:
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.

*GLORIA PATRI

Smith

Musical score for Gloria Patri, featuring a single melodic line. The score is in 4/4 time and D major. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The final measure of the third staff is marked 'Slower'.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Matthew Eastman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that in understanding we may believe,
and believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the
worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things
that are not visible.

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

**JOYFUL NOISE AND
YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

I'm Glad He's Mine

Steven Cheney
arr. David Hamilton

He holds the wealth and the riches of all the world combined,
he's the great I-Am, he's the only true vine,
he is the light of the world and I'm gonna let it shine,
he's the joy of my salvation and I'm glad he's mine.

For so long I wandered in darkness,
until he came and chased away the night,
and now I'm an heir to all his goodness,
he's given to me joy, peace, and light.

I won't have to fear at the Jordan,
for he will take the sting of death away.
We'll bow before his throne and be thankful that we're home,
and we're thankful for his love has made a way.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 3:14-17

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Steps of Faith
“...you shall stand still in the Jordan.”
Joshua 3:8

M. Craig Barnes

*HYMN 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

*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 ANTHEM

At the River

Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)

Shall we gather by the river,
where bright angel's 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.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

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.

***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 give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whatever for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

***HYMN 371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the Kyrie

François Couperin
(1668-1733)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

Owen Ciprioni

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

MUSIC

Luke Jones, violin soloist; **Natalie Bishop**, **Taylor Evans**, **Daniel O'Dwyer**, **Louisa Rodgers-Genuardi**, Joyful Noise/Youth Choir soloists; **Gallery Choir**, **Daniel Spratlan** conductor, **Jeffrey DeVault** organist

GREETERS

Jill Bown and **Shannon Cavanaugh** Elders

Kelly Baughman and **Mark Bernstein** Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader, **Troy Foxworth**, **Graeme Frazier**, **Jason Jones**,

Kate Houstoun, **Beth Wrigley**

FLOWER GUILD

Katie Connelly and **Sandy Connelly**

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Meghan Ealanora, *Shaliyah in Her Garden*, portrait of Shaliyah Haynes-Davis, 2023, acrylic, gouache, watercolor & ink on cradled canvas panel, Souls Shot Portrait Project, seventh Philadelphia exhibition

Brenda Purnell, Shaliyah's grandmother, described her as a giving person who "was loved by everyone" and someone who "took care of everybody." While her loss still deeply hurts, her loved ones think of her fondly and smile when recalling memories of her.

Meghan Ealanora, artist

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

Everyone is encouraged to stay after worship for fellowship and coffee hour. There is no Second Hour this morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Only to one who prays can God make himself vivid. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)

The Prayer Team of the congregation values deeply the spirituality and practice of prayer and would love to receive any prayer requests that you have. Please share your requests by contacting deacon Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com or Russell Sullivan at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.com.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Dr. Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for November 15 is Joshua 4:1-7. All are welcome.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY HOLIDAY BASKET COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have donated generously this past week. Bags with the list of suggested food items are still available on the social witness table outside the reception room. Final food items and checks will be picked up Tuesday morning for client pick up on Friday, November 17.

THEOLOGY ON TAP *(Read carefully since there is a change of date this month.)*

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., Campbell's Place

No Theology on Tap in the month of December.

Join us at Campbell's Place, upper room, on Germantown Avenue. All are welcome. Any questions please contact this month's discussion leader Harry Spaeth (hspaeth@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

You may contact either Sandy Connelly (sandyconnelly@gmail.com) or Emily McCahery (emma.camp327@gmail.com) with your questions or use the sign-up genius link below to sign up for a time that is convenient for you. Thank you. [tinyurl.com/38ya6ccd](https://www.tinyurl.com/38ya6ccd)

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Harris room.

Email invitations were sent out this past week. If you would like to attend and did not get an invitation, please notify either Craig Barnes or the church office. You may also just come to the Harris room on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

FORUM ON THE HILL

Did you miss the Forum on the Hill on Thursday, November 9? Watch the presentation any time at: tinyurl.com/4ucer64a

David Young—*The Battles of Germantown*

Known as America's most historic neighborhood, the Germantown section of Philadelphia (established in 1683) has distinguished itself by using public history initiatives to forge community. Progressive programs about ethnic history, postwar urban planning, and civil rights have helped make historic preservation and public history meaningful. The Battles of Germantown considers what these efforts can tell us about public history's practice and purpose in the United States. Author David Young uses his practitioner's perspective to give examples of what he calls "effective public history."

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to participate. Sign-ups close on Sunday, December 3. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, December 17.

The sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Widener Hall and an online version will be emailed in the Children's and Youth Weekly update. Any questions please see either Julie or Kate.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Simple Sundays Grades 6-8
11/12	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Dom Rebeck	Kate Magid

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3-2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 will wrestle with deep faith questions in classes on alternating weeks. On the other weeks, they will attend worship with their families.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will sing in worship today.

Joyful Noise will rehearse as usual today from 11:10-11:40 a.m.

Youth choir will not rehearse today.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us:

Julie 267-804-2410, jsbishop717@gmail.com and

Kate 215-620-8283, katemagid@gmail.com

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4 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.

The Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

CREATE YOUR WEBSITE WITH WORD PRESS *(registration required through MALT)*

Contact MALT at 215-843-6333 or mtairylearningtree.org to register.

Tuesdays, November 14-28 (3 sessions), 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$89

WordPress makes it possible to have your website up and running in 24 hours. The reason it continues to be a popular choice for website building is that no coding is necessary. We will start from the beginning and gradually build on the previous material. It is recommended (but not required) that you already have a WordPress site.

WORLD'S FAIRS IN AMERICA, 1876-1916 (*registration required*)

Thursday, November 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15

During the late-19th and early-20th centuries, the United States hosted a seemingly endless stream of World's Fairs. While the Fairs ostensibly were educational, and were of course entertaining, they reinforced the racial biases and divides which had continued after the Civil War. In this program, Dr. Paul Sivitz explores not only the Fairs' organizers' vision of what we now call "edutainment," but also how the intentionally marginalized groups responded to this treatment. Artifacts from several of these Fairs will be shown during the program. Paul Sivitz received his Ph.D. in history from Montana State University. He specializes in studies of early America, race and slavery, history of knowledge, and history of performing arts.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (*registration and payment required by November 17*)

Tuesday, November 21, 12 p.m., \$12

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it costs you only \$12? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there.

Luncheons are subject to all current Covid guidelines.

AARP SMART DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE (*registration and pre-payment required*)

Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (four hours total)

\$20 for AARP members/\$25 for non AARP members

The AARP SMART Driver refresher course is available to all who have completed the eight-hour AARP SMART Driver course, or the AAA equivalent, within the past three years.

Interested participants will need to bring to class their driver's license and proof of having previously completed the two-day training. In order to continue to receive the discount on your car insurance premium, your AARP certificate needs to be updated every three years.

THE FANTASTICKS- A MUSICAL (*registration required, space limited*)

Quintessence Theater Group, 7130 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia 19119

Sunday, December 3, 3 p.m. show time, \$40 special COTH group rate

Meet at the theater at 2:45 p.m. or an optional 1 p.m. lunch at Toska (not included in the \$40 ticket rate), across the street from the theater. Let us know when you register. Join us for a lovely afternoon at the theater. *The Fantasticks* by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt is about two neighboring fathers who concoct a plot to outsmart their kids and make them fall in love. Can a parent's stratagem result in a child's happily ever after, or will true love take its own course of action? This beloved musical ruled off Broadway for four decades, and continues to delight audiences

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 12

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Senior High youth group	youth room, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, November 13

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
AARP SMART Driver course	Harris, 10 a.m.
Italian conversation group	Harris, 11 a.m.
Classic table games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief Support group	reception room, 1 p.m.
Water Media level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
PCCH PNC Committee meeting	zoom 7 p.m.
PCCH Finance and Endowment meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.
PCCH Personnel Committee meeting	zoom, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, November 14

Mindfulness class	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
AARP SMART Driver course	Harris, 10 a.m.
Create Your Website with WordPress class	Melcher, 10 a.m.
Circle 4	reception room, 10:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo game	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
Session meeting	Harris, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Senior ballet class	room 3&4, 9:45 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10 a.m.
Rummy tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study group	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Zumba gold class	room 3&4, 11:15 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Basics of Android phone class	Harris, 1 p.m.
PCCH Staff meeting	reception room, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, November 16

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Creative Color art class	room 3&4, 10:30 a.m.
World Fairs in America 1876-1916	Harris, 11 a.m.
Afternoon Movie <i>Book Club, The Next Chapter</i>	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing group	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.
PCCH Gallery choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, November 17

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 group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober & Out group meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 18

PCCH New Member class	Harris, 10 a.m.
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SUNDAY, November 19

Worship	Stewardship Sunday
Church School	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Stewardship Brunch	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Youth choir rehearsal	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Senior High youth group	Strouse, 4:15 p.m.
	youth room, 5 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

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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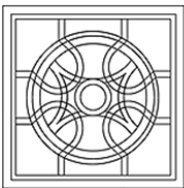
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