

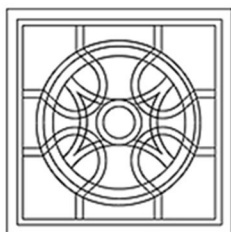
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, May 26, 2024

10 a.m.

TRINITY SUNDAY



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 two is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are three 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.



All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which takes place immediately after the Children's Message. Please use the QR code to fill out a brief safety waiver for your child.

We encourage you to fill out the black friendship 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 *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

INTROIT *Trinity Introit* Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God;
come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever;
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Heaven and earth declare God's glory;
People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**
Leader: And in the temple, God's people cry:
People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

***HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name.

**Please stand as you are able.*

SILENT CONFESSION

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with you
for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

PSALTER

Psalm 29:3-5, 7-11

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

Choir: Antiphon

Congregation: Antiphon

Congregation: Antiphon

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Congregation: Antiphon

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Congregation: Antiphon

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through 5th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will rehearse together today from 11:10-11:40 a.m.
This will be our last rehearsal until fall.
Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall after rehearsal.*

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

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

SECOND LESSON

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Nicodemus the Seeker

Rev. Russell Sullivan

*Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the
kingdom of God without being born from above.
John 3:3*

*HYMN 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*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

Tres Sunt

Thomas Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

There are three that give testimony in heaven:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
and these three are one.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

***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: **For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.
For the beauty of your creation,
for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***HYMN 139**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance upon you;
and give you peace,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Komm, Gott Schöpfer,
Heiliger Geist*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Julie Snyder

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Elizabeth Podraza and Beth Nell Vaccaro Elders

Dominick Rebeck and Sarah Wright Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme Team#4 Leader

Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Robert Shachtman, Barbara Spause

FLOWER GUILD

Jill Bown and Barrett Stewart

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **the family of Taylor and Frank Slaughter.**

COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Henry Ossawa Tanner, *Nicodemus Visiting Jesus*, 1899, oil on canvas, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. An American who spent much of his professional life in France, Tanner (1859-1937) made this painting in Jerusalem on his second visit to what was then Palestine. A striking example of his nocturnal light paintings, the biblical scene was Tanner's submission to the 1899 Paris Salon. (A contemporary newspaper noted that Tanner found the daylight in the Middle East harsh and chose to paint at night.) Tanner lit this scene with multiple sources of light. The sky is lit with twilight (in which the sun's rays come from below the horizon and are filtered through the atmosphere, casting bluish light). Moonlight casts distinct shadows and warmer green-yellow light on the rooftop, distant buildings and trees. Orange light as from a candle or fire is reflected on the stairs from below, lighting the face of Christ. Tanner also uses light to convey holiness. In his study for the painting, he shows Christ silhouetted by the moon, creating a halo. The effect in the final painting is more subtle, with the moonlight reflecting on the cloth over Christ's head and glowing on his chest, the firelight lighting his face.

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.

Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder

The Gallery Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to enter the sanctuary during this time, but please remember to keep conversations low so that the choir is able to focus on its rehearsal.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Please join us for coffee, iced tea, lemonade, and sweet treats immediately following worship today in Widener Hall. Be sure to stop at the sign-up sheet outside Widener Hall to sign up to help or bring a side dish for the annual picnic next Sunday, June 2.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, June 2

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We collect food and cash donations for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month. Please help with your donations of canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables and beans, hearty soups and stews, and breakfast cereals. Regular-sized products, not family-size, and packaged in non-glass containers are appreciated.

PCCH GALLERY PICK-UP CHOIR

Do you want to sing with the PCCH Gallery Choir? On Sundays June 9 and 16, anyone interested in singing may join the Gallery Choir in worship! No audition is required. Please arrive at 9 a.m. in the Gallery (organ loft) to rehearse for the 10 a.m. service. If you are new, too busy on Thursday nights, or weren't sure how to get involved, this is a great chance to meet one another and get singing! No commitment is required if you come, but anyone who enjoys the experience and wants to join the Gallery Choir in the fall may audition with Daniel Spratlan after the service or at a later date. If you cannot make it on one of these days, but want to sing in the choir, or if you have any questions, please contact Daniel at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

PCCH FLOWER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Sunday, July 7 is open for anyone who would like to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. Please contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office, 215-247-8855. The cost is \$85 per Sunday and you are welcome to take home a bouquet of the memorial flowers after worship.



The Hospitality Committee
asks you to help make
PCCH's annual spring picnic
a success!

Bring your favorite seasonal side dish
or volunteer for setup or cleanup

Let us know how you can help!
use the sign-up sheet
(posted outside the church office)
or use the QR code



Questions? Reach out to Emily McCahery
215.208.6268 emma.camp327@gmail.com

Remember...many ~~ants~~ hands make light work!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play and Christian Studies PreK-Grade 5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
5/26	Linnea Johnson & Michelle Shachtman	stay in worship

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3 to 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

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will both rehearse today from 11:10-11:40 a.m. Today is our last rehearsal until fall. Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will both sing in worship next Sunday, June 2.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry program is in need of additional volunteers to join our team to serve as lead teachers, classroom aids, and to deliver the children's message in the worship service. No prior teaching experience is necessary—all that is needed is a loving heart and desire to work with the children of this church. Adults of all ages and life stages are invited to serve. Please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com if you are interested.

Day of Service



Saturday, June 8

Urban Resources Development Corporation (URDC) Workday

- Assist homeowners in the Germantown area with necessary home repairs
- Water, gloves, masks, sanitizer, project supplies, and t-shirts are provided to volunteers, along with lunch
- Volunteer day starts at PCCH at 8:30am & will end by 3pm
- Great opportunity to help people in need!

Youth (and above) welcome—no experience necessary!

To sign up or more information contact Jeff Podraża
jeffpodraza@gmail.com or 267-254-8193

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

The Center on the Hill is open Monday-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday-Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here:
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.

CHAIR CARDIO (*registration required*)

Thursdays, May 30-June 20, 1-2 p.m., \$10/per class

Dance, stretch, move and groove for an all-levels chair cardio class where we will use light weights and a fun playlist to get our heart rate and energy levels up. Be prepared to laugh and have fun.

MAY ART SHOW—PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING Mixed Media

Meet the Artists Closing Reception, Thursday May 30, 4-6 p.m., light refreshments served
This show is part of the annual Celebrate the Arts and Aging exhibition around the city. As the area agency on aging, PCA supports and creates programs designed to foster older adults' quality of life and help them live independently in their community.

MOSAICS USING STAINED GLASS (*registration required*)

Tuesdays, June 4-18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$50, all materials included

Students will learn how to design an 8" x 8" mosaic using stained glass. All levels of experience welcome. Selection of imagery is up to the individual, but would be best for designs that are not overly detailed. Consider using a favorite photo, design, or sketch as your inspiration for your mosaic. Come to the first session with an idea for your panel, sized (printed out, black and white or color) to an 8" square. Having a color version of your image on your cell phone to refer will be helpful as well.

TRAVEL TALK WITH LYN: TRAVELING SOLO (*registration required*)

Thursday, June 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

We will be exploring the enriching world of solo travel for seniors and uncovering the numerous benefits it brings. Whether you're embarking on a new chapter in life or seeking newfound independence, solo travel offers a myriad of opportunities for self-discovery, adventure, and personal growth. We will touch on freedom and flexibility, personal growth, cultural immersion and more. While solo travel is liberating, some may prefer cost-sharing and companionship. Come, listen, and discover.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 26

Worship

Church school

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir rehearsal

Fellowship

Royal Scottish Dancers event

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Widener Hall, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, May 27

Memorial Day
Office and Center closed

TUESDAY, May 28

Mindfulness class

Sketching & watercolor class

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones exercise class

Watercolor & drawing class

Tai Chi for arthritis/falls prevention class

Well Spouse support group

Christian Ed committee meeting

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
room 3&4, 2:15 p.m.
phone, 7 p.m.
zoom, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 29

Beginning Tai Chi class

Rummy Tiles open play

Continuing Tai Chi class

Bridge open play

Intermediate Tai Chi class

Basics of the Android phone class

Staff meeting

Mah Jongg open play

Golden Yoga class

Writing the Broken Heart class

Widener Hall, 10 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Harris, 1 p.m.
reception room 1 p.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
Harris, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 30

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Chair cardio class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Making Art Makes Us Smart class	room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
Soul line dancing class	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.
PCA art show reception	COTH Hallway 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 31

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.
Internation folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Preschool yoga class	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 1

PCCH officer training session	Russell Sullivan's office, 10 a.m.
Snyder School of Singing musical	Widener Hall, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, June 2

Worship	Lord's Supper
Church school	Sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Annual summer picnic	Chapel, 10:20 a.m.
Snyder School of Singing musical	front lawn/Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
	Widener Hall, 5 p.m.

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 Emerita
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Julie Snyder Director, Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir
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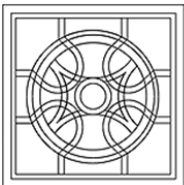
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