

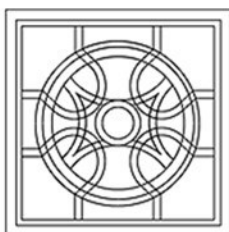
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10 a.m.

NINTH 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 11.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Praeludium in E minor*

Nicholaus Bruhns  
(1665-1697)

## INTROIT

Conrad Kocher  
(1786-1872)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:  
People: **to live in the house of the Lord all of the days of my life,**  
Leader: to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
People: **and to inquire in his temple.**

## \*HYMN 285

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

I have deceived myself, dear Christ, I confess it; I have fallen from the heights to the depths. Well I know that delusion came because I wanted it. If I presume again, I'll fall again and fall to my undoing. Forgive my arrogance, and lift me up again by the grace of your salvation, It cannot be that I alone shall find you hard and unresponsive. Amen.

St. Gregory of Nazianzus

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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*)

Creator God, as your Spirit once moved over the face of the deep,  
shoving aside the darkness and chaos  
to create light and beauty,  
come now and move over our minds and hearts  
as we hear your holy word. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Job 38:1-7; 40:1-2

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its Cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?'

And the Lord said to Job: 'Shall a fault-finder contend with the Almighty? Anyone who argues with God must respond.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALTER**

Psalms 105:1-6

PLAINSONG

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

## 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 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Could You Be Wrong About God?

M. Craig Barnes

*"He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'"*

*Acts 9:5*

\*HYMN 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

\*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**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home;  
when Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he; his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise;  
when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

**\*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 reminded us that to whom much is given much is required. So we present these offerings as a sign of our devotion to serving your work in the church and its mission in the world.**



**\*HYMN 263**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Grand Choeur*

Théodore Salomé  
(1834-1896)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

### LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

### MUSIC

Katy Avery soprano soloist, Paul Fleckenstein guest organist

### GREETERS

Michelle Shachtman and Taylor Slaughter Elders

Linda Pettengill and Rachelle Pretz Deacons

### USHERS

William Cobb Team #3 Leader, Peter Cooke, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery, Dom Rebeck

### FLOWER GUILD

Barbara Frazier and Mary Anne Van Blarcom

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the parents of Alison Rudolf, **Faith and Harry Dunlop.**

**COVER ART** Caravaggio, *Conversion on the Way to Damascus*, oil on canvas, 1601, Cerasi Chapel, church of Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome. Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571–1610), known simply as Caravaggio, was an Italian painter active in Rome for most of his artistic life. Caravaggio combined close physical observation with a dramatic use of chiaroscuro that came to be known as tenebrism, where forms in paintings emerge from a dark background with usually one source of stark light, creating dramatic effects with its strong contrasts. Here the dramatic lighting evokes the moment of Saul's spiritual epiphany. Caravaggio's profound influence on Baroque painting can be seen in the works of Rubens, Bernini, and Rembrandt, among others. The 20th-century art historian André Berne-Joffroy states: "What begins in the work of Caravaggio is, quite simply, modern painting."

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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:



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.

### **READY TO JOIN OUR CHURCH**

If you are a visitor who is considering active membership in the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, please contact Craig Barnes ([cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org)) or call the church office. We are in the process of gathering names of those individuals who are interested in becoming an active member. We will announce a date for the next new members meeting with the pastor and a few elders soon.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH URDC**

We had a successful volunteer day with Urban Resources Development Corporation of Germantown (URDC) helping neighbors in Germantown and West Oak Lane during our Weekend of Service in May, and have new opportunities for those who may be willing to help out during the summer.

A volunteer day sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is planned for Saturday, August 12, and PCCH volunteers are invited to participate. As before, the workday will run from approximately 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided.

If you have questions or are interested, please reach out to Jeff Podraza [jeffpodraza@gmail.com](mailto:jeffpodraza@gmail.com) with your availability and phone number and we will forward the info on to URDC; you'll be contacted with more details. Thank you!

Thanks also to Glenn Hartzell, John Armstrong, and Liz and Jeff Podraza who volunteered the week of July 24 during URDC's annual volunteer week with the Interfaith Community Building Group (ICBG).

# Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY  
AUGUST 14 -18  
9 - NOON

Exploring what it means to be "called"  
through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children  
ages 3 through 5th grade.

All are welcome!

Join us and  
bring a friend!



[Register here](#)



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TAKE ME OUT  
TO THE BALLGAME!

**PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS!**

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

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

**Tickets \$12**

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

Contact Clarke Woodruff by August 1  
[scw207@hotmail.com](mailto:scw207@hotmail.com)

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



## 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.

### GREETINGS FROM THE PCCH PRESCHOOL

We are looking to hire a temporary teacher's aide to work from August 28 through



December 19, 2023. This person will act as a “floater.” Floaters help where needed, which changes daily. They would primarily be helping in our younger classrooms. The work schedule is Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The pay is \$20 an hour. The right candidate would have an excellent rapport with young children and lots of patience. If hired, the candidate would also need to acquire Pennsylvania childcare clearances. Interested candidates can contact Megan Cullen at [preschool@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:preschool@chestnuthillpres.org).

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested. Thank you.

## 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 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 [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org).

### **AFTERNOON MOVIES** *(registration required)*

Thursday, August 3, 1:30 p.m., \$2, space is limited.

**80 for Brady**, This is inspired by the true story of four best friends and New England Patriots fans who take a life-changing trip to Super Bowl LI to see their hero Tom Brady. Starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Sally Field, and Rita Moreno.

### **RUMMY TILES OPEN PLAY** *(registration required)*

Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for this fast-paced, fun and easy game combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Open Play space is limited, so please register for each week you plan to come and play. Game sets provided.

### **ZUMBA GOLD** *(registration required)*

Wednesdays, ongoing, 11–11:55 a.m., single class \$12, 4 classes \$45, 8 classes \$80

Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners.

### **GOLDEN YOGA** *(registration required)*

Wednesdays, ongoing, 3–4 p.m., single class \$10, 4 classes \$35, 10 classes, \$85

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.



**QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)** *(registration required)*

Mondays, ongoing, 2-3 p.m.; Thursdays, ongoing, 9-10 a.m.  
walk-ins \$12 per class, 4 classes \$40

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

**SCRABBLE OPEN PLAY** *(registration required)*

Fridays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$2

Join this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple-word score! Scrabble game provided.

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## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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**SUNDAY, July 30**

**Worship**

Church School

Fellowship

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY, July 31**

College Test Prep course

WaterMedia level 2 class

Qigong class

Alexander Technique class

Melcher, 8:30 a.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Harris, 2 p.m.

Harris, 3:50 p.m.

**TUESDAY, August 1**

College Test Prep course

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones exercise class

Boy Scout district meeting

Melcher, 8:30 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Widener Hall, 1 p.m.

room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, August 2**

Rotary Club meeting  
College Test Prep course  
Beginning Tai Chi class  
Rummy Tiles open play group  
Zumba Gold class  
Continuing Tai Chi class  
Bridge open play group  
Mah Jongg open play  
Golden Yoga class  
Weight Watchers group

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.  
Melcher, 8:30 a.m.  
Widener Hall, 10 a.m.  
room 5, 10:30 a.m.  
room 3&4, 11 a.m.  
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.  
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.  
room 5, 1:30 p.m.  
Widener Hall, 3 p.m.  
Harris, 5:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, August 3**

BNI meeting  
College Test Prep course  
Qigong class  
Thursday painters group  
Afternoon movie *80 for Brady*  
Mah Jongg MLE group

Melcher, 7:45 a.m.  
Melcher, 8:30 a.m.  
Harris, 9 a.m.  
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.  
Harris, 1:30 p.m.  
room 5, 1:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, August 4**

Yoga with Attitude class  
Scrabble open play  
Yoga, A Chair and You class  
International folk dancing class  
PCCH Sober and Out group

Harris, 9:45 a.m.  
room 5, 10 a.m.  
Harris, 11:30 a.m.  
room 3&4, 12 p.m.  
Harris, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, August 6**

**Worship**  
Church School  
Fellowship

**Lord's Supper**  
sanctuary, 10 a.m.  
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.  
Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

## ABOUT PCCH

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL** is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

### SESSION

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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

### BOARD OF DEACONS

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Emily Barth  
Kelly Baughman  
Mark Bernstein  
Cathy Brzozowski  
Nicolette Cobbold  
Beth DeSoo  
Alison Ellison  
Debby Evans

Becky Frazier  
Ann Goslin  
Beverly Heimbach  
Lyn Huertgen  
Kristin Lawton  
Emily McCahery  
Jane McGill

Barbara Olson  
Thanice Petrak  
Linda Pettengill  
Rachelle Pretz  
Amy Raphael  
Dominick Rebeck  
Deborah Robinson  
Sarah Wright

## 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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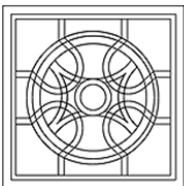
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