

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
The Herald from the Hill

THE SECOND HOUR @ PCCH
 IN ADVENT

WORSHIP IN
 ADVENT

November 30, 11:30 a.m.

An Intergenerational Advent

Join our children around tables in Widener Hall as together we make Advent Wreaths, ornaments for the church's tree and learn about the meaning of each candle that we will light in our homes and light every Sunday in morning worship.

December 7, 11:30 a.m.

The Music of Advent

Dan and Ken will introduce us to the texts of the anthems the choir will be singing during the season. Then they will lead us in singing the hymns and choral responses of Advent, including a few from the new Presbyterian Hymnal. Cindy will talk about how this season was first observed in the church and how its meaning and practice have changed over the centuries.

December 14, 11:30 a.m.

The Art of Advent

We welcome back to our church Professor Marcia Hall of Tyler School of Art at Temple University, who will talk about the sacred images associated with the season of Advent in art, particularly in the art of the Renaissance. Her book, *The Sacred Image*, was awarded the book prize of the American Association of Italian Studies in 2011.

December 21, 11:30 a.m.

*The Annual PCCH
 Christmas Carol Sing*

Whether you play the violin or harmonica, the flute or the trombone, you are invited to join the PCCH orchestra, conducted by Dan Spratlan. If your instrument is your voice, then you are in the choir for this rollicking hour of Christmas favorites. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share and stay for the Christmas Basket Raffle drawing!

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2014

4:30 p.m.

Family Service of Lessons
 and Carols

8:30 p.m.

NOTE NEW TIME

Special Music Prelude

Benjamin Britten's Ceremony
 of Carols for harp and women's
 voices

9:00 p.m.

NOTE NEW TIME

Service of Lessons and Carols



November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

Austin Shelley preaching

Waiting in the Dark

Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

Anthem: Veiled in Darkness

(Glenn L. Rudolph)

December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Cynthia A. Jarvis preaching

Listening in the Dark

Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Anthem: Ikon of the Nativity

(John Tavener)

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday in Advent

Cynthia A. Jarvis preaching

Seeing in the Dark

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55

Anthem: Sure on this Shining Night

(Samuel Barber)

December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Cynthia A. Jarvis preaching

Hoping in the Dark

II Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:26-38

Anthem: Seek Him that Maketh the

Seven Stars (Jonathan Dove)

December 28, 2014

Cynthia A. Jarvis preaching

Believing in the Dark

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40

MUSIC IN ADVENT

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE AT PCCH

Tempesta di Mare

Saturday, December 6

8:00 p.m.

JS Bach's extraordinary triple concerto is paired here with symphonic works and orchestral concerti of his son Carl Phillip Emanuel and that son's godfather, Georg Friedrich Telemann. "We love to put iconic Bach works into context," says Tempesta di Mare's Artistic Co-Director Gwyn Roberts, "and this project does it in a special personal way by showing off each composer's own prowess and their life-long, three-way conversation."

Pennsylvania Girlchoir Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 7

3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Founded in the fall of 2004, Pennsylvania Girlchoir (PG), a program of Commonwealth Youthchoirs, has grown to over 160 girls from five counties in southeastern Pennsylvania as well as from New Jersey and Delaware.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Sunday, December 14

4:30 p.m. reception

5:00 p.m. concert

Bach Cantata 61 - Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Come hear members of the Gallery Choir perform this Advent Cantata by J. S. Bach. Music from Handel's Messiah will also be performed, along with a few of our favorite carols and Christmas motets.

These 50-minute concerts will be preceded by wine, cheese, and other refreshments on the porch and in the Narthex.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at coffee hour and at the door. "Will call" tickets can also be purchased online at www.chestnuthillpres.org.

Crossing @ Christmas

Friday, December 19

8:00 p.m.

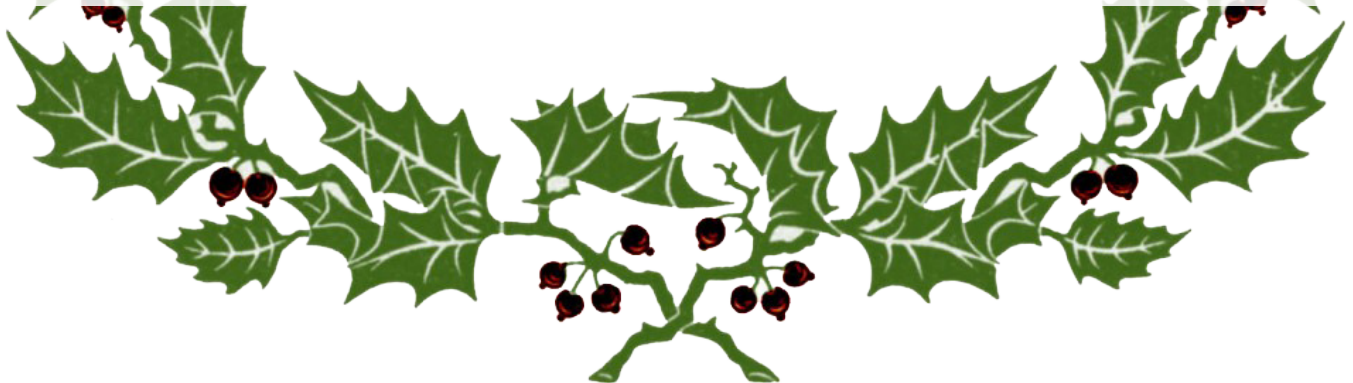
The Crossing's annual Christmas concert, sold-out for the last two years, features Joanne Metcalf's florid invocations to the Mystic Rose of Dante's Paradiso – a work of substantial proportions yet intimate textures. The contemplative atmosphere continues with the extraordinary textures of Toivo Tulev and the lush harmonies of Will Todd, Rihards Dubra, and Howard Helvey. Take a break from the winter bustle and take in The Crossing's now-classic candlelit holiday respite.

Piffaro Winter Concert: Mediterranean Holiday

Saturday, December 20

8:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, soprano Laura Heimes and cornettist Kiri Tollaksen combine their magical sounds in Piffaro's annual holiday offering. A portion of the show will settle in sunny Napoli, where the intersection of Spanish and Italian cultural influences produced a distinctive musical style. The program will include the music of Giovanni da Nola, Giovanni Maria Trabaci and Carlo Gesualdo.



Sponsoring a PIHN Family

This year the PIHN family, for whom we will be providing wish list gifts, is a mother and her three children, ages 10, 15, and 16 years. This is a mother who is putting all her efforts and finances into working to provide a stable and secure home for her children. The holiday gifts we give the family enables the mother to concentrate her finances on meeting that goal, while still being able to have the enjoyment of a special holiday with the children. Your gifts are very appreciated.

Note: Being preteen and teens, the wish lists of these youth include some gift wishes of significant value. PIHN has asks that we adhere to a maximum two gifts/\$40 limit per family member.

Sign up sheets and details will be available starting Sunday, November 23: in Widener during coffee hour, posted outside the church office other times, or call the church office.

Wrapped and tagged gifts are to be brought to PCCH by Thursday, December 18 and placed under the "PIHN" tree in Widener.

Sponsoring AchieveAbility Children

Twenty-five children served by AchieveAbility's education-focused transitional housing for homeless families will be sharing their Christmas wish lists with us. They will share several things they wish for. Givers are asked to provide at least one item from the child's list, but spend no more than \$50 total per child.

Sign up sheets and details will be available starting November 30th: in Widener during coffee hour, posted outside the church office other times, or call the church office.

Wrapped and tagged gifts are to be brought to PCCH by Sunday December 14th and placed under the "AchieveAbility" tree in Widener.

Supporting Dawn's Place Residents

The women in treatment have so little, except hope, after lives filled with trauma and alienation. As they receive treatment, they feel empowered and benefit from the ability to make choices.

The women enjoy selecting toiletries and cosmetics of their choice. Please support this effort with a \$25 unwrapped gift card to Walgreen's or RiteAide.

Sign up sheets will be available starting Sunday, November 30: in Widener during coffee hour, posted outside the church office other times, or call the church office.

Gift cards (unwrapped) should be brought in by Sunday, December 21, and given to whomever is at the 2014 Mission Giving table in Widener during coffee hour OR handed to a church staff person when the office is open.

Please do NOT deliver them without handing them to a live person! Thank you!



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FELLOWSHIP IN ADVENT

Breakfast with Santa

*Saturday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.
Widener Hall*

Come for a delicious pancake breakfast, letter writing to Santa, and photos with Santa. Please bring your camera and join us! We invite all parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren. Bring your friends and neighbors too! Donation: Adults \$5, children \$2. All proceeds go directly to mission.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Fellowship

*Sunday, November 30
5:00-6:00 p.m.*

We will gathering in the church kitchen to bake and decorate Christmas cookies which will then be frozen and delivered to those on our deacons' list.

Youth Christmas Parties

Middle School Youth

*Sunday, December 14
5:00-6:00 p.m.*

High School Youth

*Sunday, December 14
6:00-7:00 p.m.*

Both events will be "Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties"—everyone is encouraged to wear a homemade ugly Christmas sweater, to match the ugly one Brian will be wearing.

Caroling

Wednesday, December 10

We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and finish at Cindy's at 7:30 p.m., for hot chocolate and other refreshments. RSVP to Matt Ward. All are welcome! age

SAVE THE DATE

*January 4, 2014
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

Our Annual All-Church Epiphany Party

Both adults and children
will be welcome

