THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 19, 2026
10 a.m.
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Welcome!

Whether you're a first time guest or a long time member, we are grateful for your presence with us. There's a place for you here!

Following today's service, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

Accessibility
Please see an usher for listening assistive devices and large-print bulletins.

Families with Children

- Nursery care for children through age two is available in the Strouse building—see an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend the Godly Play Sunday School class, but are welcome to remain in the nursery at the discretion of their guardians.
- Children's *Praise Packs* are available in the narthex to aid children with worship participation. Please return them after the service.
- All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which begins immediately after the Children's Message. Please scan the QR code to fill out a brief waiver for your child.

Before Worship
Please silence all electronic devices.
Please be mindful of our musicians, who rehearse in the Sanctuary between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We welcome all to enter the Sanctuary, but ask that you keep your conversations low.

Contact
If you'd like to receive regular updates about worship, church life and other events, please contact Office & Media Coordinator, Mary Frommer. If you are interested in joining PCCH, please contact the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle. With pastoral care concerns or prayer requests, please contact our Seminary Intern Dr. William "Buddy" Storm.

Order of Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Nocturne No. 20* Frédéric Chopin (1810-49)

INTROIT *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Genevan Psalter 1545

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake,
I pray Thee, from our hearts all cares to take.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship the living God,
People: who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,
and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.
Leader: We have come to worship the almighty God,
People: who searches us and knows our hearts,
and still loves us completely.
Leader: We have come to worship the eternal God,
People: who seeks us wherever we are
and shepherds us with a guiding hand.

***HYMN 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor

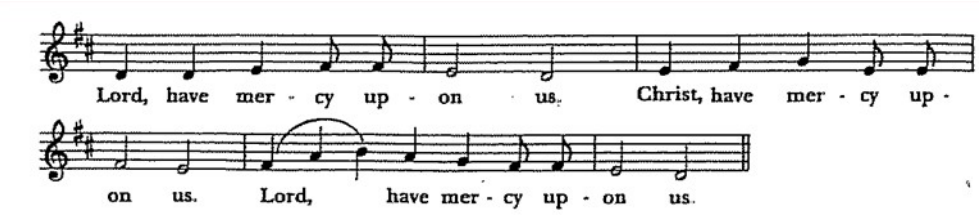
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we cultivate kindness
and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world.
You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord
and our actions choke out generosity and grace.
When we produce more weed than wheat,
forgive us.
As we wait with eager longing
for your reign to be revealed in our midst,
plant within us gifts of love and mercy,
so that we might live as children of the kingdom
and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



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

God of abundant life,
your grace is our daily bread.
Nourish us by your Word
and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may grow in faith and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

PSALM 139:1-3, 22-23 Plainchant

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places
And are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
But you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
And lead me in the way that is everlasting.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will meet today from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall.
Youth Choir will resume in September.

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

SERMON *A Mixed Field* Ellen Williams Hensle

"Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."
Matthew 13:30

***HYMN 492** *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ have set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of humankind. His service commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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 *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand at the latter day,
Upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
The first fruits of them that sleep.

***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 THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Giver of life,
as the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully,
so we long to participate in your seeding of the world.
Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives,
and send your cultivating Spirit to work among us
until we yield and grow in grace.
In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

***HYMN 443** *O Christ, the Great Foundation* AURELIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *The Heavens Declare* Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Leading Worship today

PREACHING & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm

MUSIC
Katy Avery Soprano
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS
Dominick Rebeck and **Diana Rodgers** Elders
Ann Goslin and **Nissa Petrak** Deacons

USHERS
Dom Rebeck Team #4 Leader
James Cupp, James Lutz, Michelle Shachtman, Robert Shachtman and **Barbara Spause**

FLOWER GUILD
Barrett Stewart and **Grace Stewart**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Fred and Peg Keeler** by **their family**.

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COVER ART *Sower at Sunset,* Vincent Van Gogh, oil on canvas, 1888. "And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom…'" Matthew 36-38

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH PRESCHOOL ADVERTISING ASSISTANCE

The PCCH preschool is looking for volunteers to display lawn signs advertising open enrollment in their front yards. If you are interested, please stop outside of the main office to pick up a sign!

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
July 22, 10:30 a.m.* Harris Room Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Will resume in September	August 6, 2 p.m. Reception Room Ron Rising 203.206.7299	Will resume in September

**Bible Study will pause for the summer beginning July 29.*
We will resume Bible Study on Wednesday, September 2.



ACHIEVEAbility Backpack Drive

PCCH is once again partnering with ACHIEVEAbility to provide high quality school supplies to children and teens throughout West Philadelphia.

Sign up to provide requested supplies by using the QR Code below.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Sunday School Teachers
07/19	**Angie Fredrickson** and **Michelle Shachtman**

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Our Summer Sunday School program (children age three through rising sixth graders) will take place in our air conditioned Chapel. We will meet until 11:30 a.m. each week.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE
The youth of PCCH are invited to join us for the Youth Group Mission Trip, in Pittsburgh, PA, from August 8 through August 12. All other youth programming will resume in the fall.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE
Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will be on summer break until September. Joyful Noise (our children's choir age three to grade five) will rehearse as part of Sunday School.



IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE

PCCH Summer Children's Ministry

Join us as we study the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, rehearse and perform the children's musical *It's Cool in the Furnace*, and explore the many ways that immigrants have contributed and continue to contribute to our communities. Mark your calendar for our performance on Sunday, August 30 during worship!

Children's Ministry Summer Mission Project

Our Children's Ministry is collecting hygiene and household items for the Nationalities Service Center. **The following items will be collected from June 14 through August 30:** Full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, and Clorox wipes.

CENTER ON THE HILL

If you have time in your day, we have something fun for you to do! Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page. Scan the QR Code for more information.

Upcoming classes and events

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 to register.

QIGONG (*registration required)*

Mondays, 2 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m., *$40 for four classes, $12 drop in rate*

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. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.

MAH JONGG: OPEN PLAY (*registration required)*

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., *$2*

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

"SOUL" LINE DANCING (*registration required)*

Thursday, July 23 and 30, 1:30 p.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. Gloria will help you make this simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed! All levels welcome.

YOGA WITH ATTITUDE (*registration required)*

Fridays, ongoing, 9:45 a.m., *$45 per calendar month, $10 walk-in first class, $15 single class*

This is basic yoga with breath warm-ups, asana and meditation. Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. The class provides a method which allows us to adopt an "attitude" when confronted and to respond to the adventures in our lives. Participants practice alternative viewpoints, "while standing in truth and light.

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, July 19

Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, July 20

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
Table Games Open Play group	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 21

Meditation Practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Open Play group	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 22

Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles Open Play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study group	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge Open Play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 23

Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 24

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair, and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing group	room 3&4, 12 p.m.

SUNDAY, July 26

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 11 a.m.

Church Staff

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Senior Minister and Head of Staff
The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine Associate Minister of Congregational Life (on leave)
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm Seminary Intern
Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music
Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music
Dr. Julie Snyder Director, Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir
Rachel Cline Church Administrator
Megan Cullen Director, Preschool
Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill
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Felix Delgado Full Time Sexton
Nakeem Coleman Part Time Sexton
Debbie Lambeth Sunday Child Care Giver
The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita

PCCH links and online giving options

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation

PCCH is a Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are committed to building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Scan the QR code to learn more.

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