THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 5, 2026
10 a.m.
LORD'S SUPPER



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 Seminary Intern, Dr. William "Buddy" Storm.

Order of Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Medley on African American Spirituals* arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

INTROIT *Come Unto Him* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Come unto him, all ye that labour,
come unto him, that are heavy laden,
and he will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him;
for he is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 145

Leader: O Lord, you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: You are good to all people,
with compassion for all of your creation.
Leader: All your works give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful people bless you.
People: They speak of the glory of your realm
and tell of your wondrous deeds.
Leader: You are faithful in your words, O Lord,
and gracious in all your deeds.
People: You uphold all who are falling
and raise up those who are bowed down.
Leader: With thanks and praise,
let us worship God together.

***HYMN 125** *Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire* VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

**Please stand as you are able.*

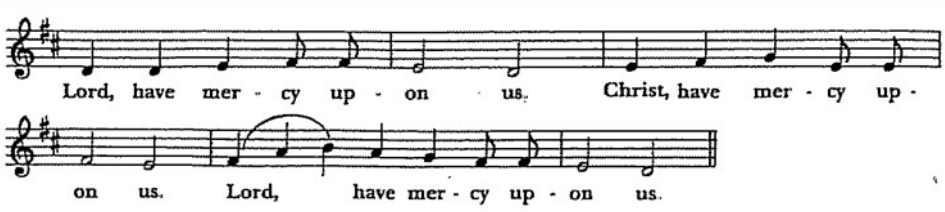
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Beth Vaccaro

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE Colossians 1:15-20

He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Children will return to worship for communion.
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.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-25

The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you."
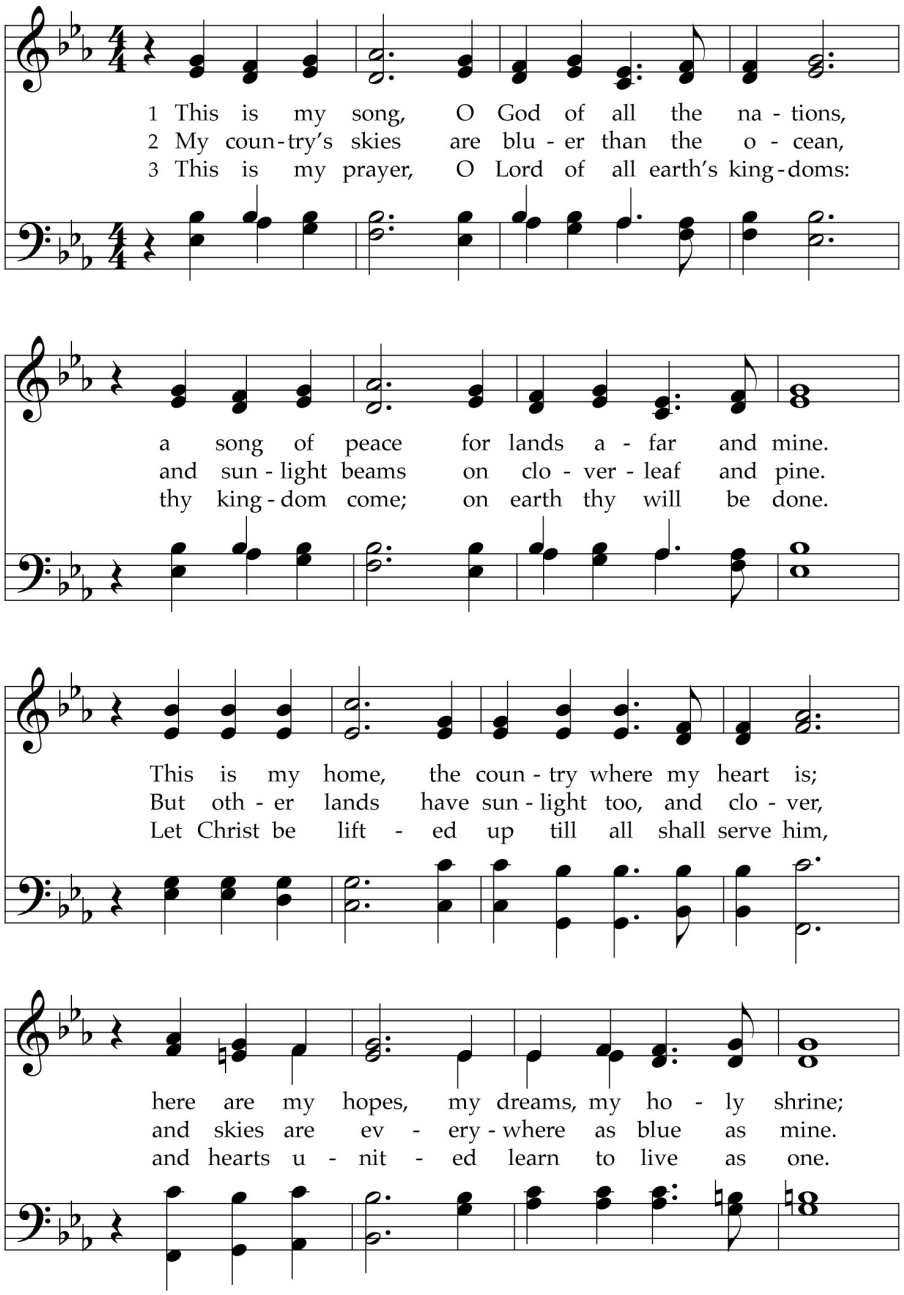
So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

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

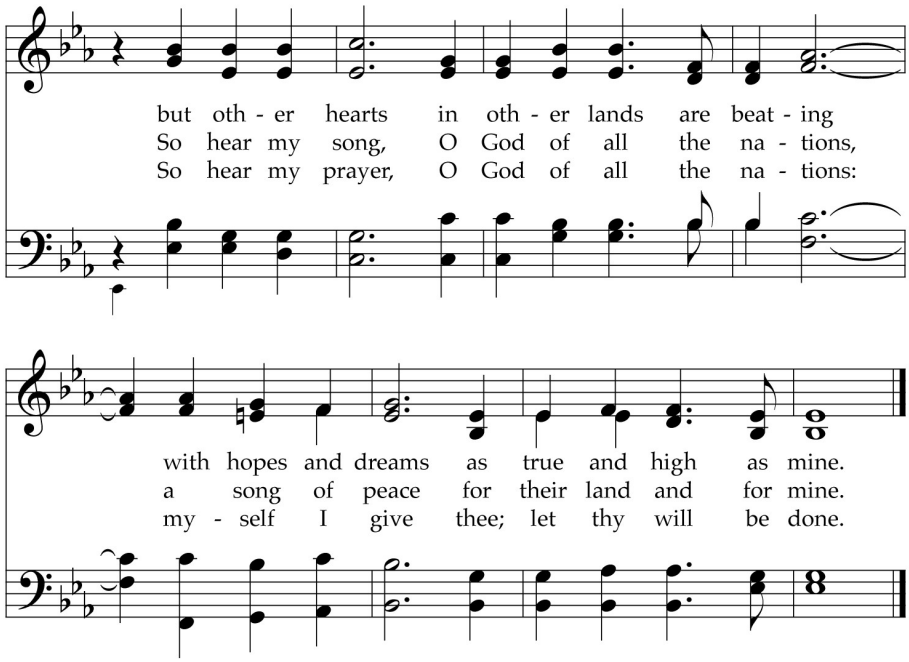
SERMON *By the People, For the People* Ellen Williams Hensle

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Numbers 11:16

***HYMN 340** *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA



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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** the Apostle's 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Laudate Dominum W.A. Mozart (1756-91)
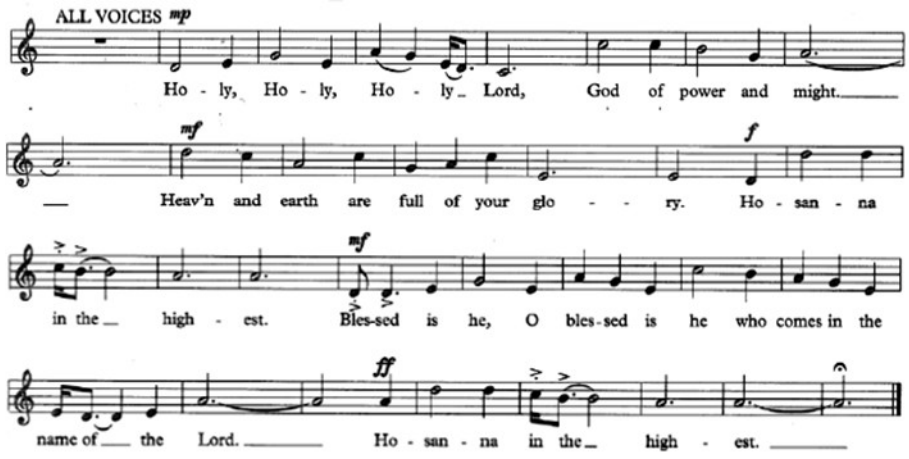
Praise the Lord the nations,
praise Him all ye people
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS MacMillan



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:
People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle when invited by an usher. Take a piece of bread from a server (all bread is gluten-free) and partake. Then take a cup from the server and partake. Empty cups may be placed in the pew racks. If you choose not to come forward, servers will come to your seats to serve you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Panis Angelicus* César Franck (1822-1890)

The bread of angels becomes the bread of mankind;
The heavenly bread puts all foreshadowings to an end.
Oh, miraculous thing!
The Lord is eaten by the poor, the servant, and the humble.

We beseech You, O Three and One God,
To visit us as we worship You.
Along Your paths, lead us to where we are headed,
To the light in which You dwell.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 262** *God of the Ages, Whose Mighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Leading Worship today

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST
The Rev. Ron Rising

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
The Rev. Dr. Frederick Lewis

MUSIC
Dr. Julie Snyder Soprano
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS
William Murphy, Liz Podraza, Margaret Spencer and **Clarke Woodruff**

GREETERS
Jill Bown and **William Murphy** Elders
Kelly Baughman and **Mark Bernstein** Deacons

USHERS
Joan Demme Team #2 Leader
Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones, and **Beth Wrigley**

FLOWER GUILD
Linda Pettingill and **Barbara Olson**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Barbara Spaeth** by **her family**.

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COVER ART Let Your Light Shine, Cara Hochhalter, woodblock print on paper, 2019. From the artist: "Over the last thirty years, through my work as a Christian Educator, a seminary student and UCC minister, I have created images that interpret the powerful stories around the life of Jesus. These stories hold universal truths not limited to Christianity but relevant for all our lives and times. I find that art provides a very special means to break into these texts."

HAPPENING AT PCCH

JULY PCCH OFFICE HOURS
The PCCH Office will be closed on Thursday, July 9 and Friday, July 10. We will reopen for summer hours on Monday, July 13.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WILLIAM COBB, JR
Please join us on Monday, July 13, at 11 a.m. for a memorial service celebrating the life of Bill Cobb. A reception in Widener Hall will follow.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our Summer Sunday School is looking for volunteers to assist with building the set for our production of "It's Cool in the Furnace." To volunteer, or with any questions please reach out to Dr. Julie Snyder: jsnyder@chestnuthillpres.org.

PC(U.S.A.) DISASTER ASSISTANCE DONATIONS
Presbytery Disaster Assistance is always collecting donations to respond to significant international disasters and emergencies, If you would like to donate to assist with recovery from the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela please scan the QR Code.

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!

ACHIEVEABILITY BACKPACK DRIVE
Help Us Send 1,600 Kids Back to School with Confidence! PCCH is partnering with ACHIEVEability to help provide high quality school supplies and backpacks to children and teens in need throughout West Philadelphia. ACHIEVEability's goal is to give away 1,600 fully stocked backpacks to students of all ages, and we can play a big role in making that happen! To sign up to donate supplies scan the QR Code. Please drop off all supplies in the reception room by Sunday, August 9. We will be packing all of the backpacks during fellowship on Sunday, August 16.

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
July 8*, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room Dr. William "Buddy" Storm Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Will resume in September	July 16, 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
07/05	**Mallory Becker** and **Vincent Rota**

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.

Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS (*registration required)*
Tuesday's, July 7 through 28 22, 2:15 p.m., *$60 for full session, no drop in's*
Hundreds of clinical studies have proven that doing the right exercises, improving your balance, and making some lifestyle changes, help build stronger bones. This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength; developed from evidence-based research of osteoporosis. Bring your own mat, all other equipment will be provided.

SUMMER ART SHOW: MEET THE ARTISTS' RECEPTION—HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA! (*registration required)*
Friday, July 10, 4 p.m., *free*
Join us for an eclectic show with a variety of artistic mediums reflecting what America means to these artists. Weavings, collages, oil paintings, fabric art, photography, and more will be displayed and for sale.

TABLE GAMES: OPEN PLAY (*registration required)*
Mondays, 12 p.m., *$2*
Playing table games is proven to stimulate brain areas that are responsible for memory formation and complex thought processes in all ages. Give your brain a workout by joining us on Mondays for a casual and fun open play of table games. Bring your own favorite game to play, or choose from ones we have here at the Center!

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: WHY DO IT ALONE?
Thursday, July 9, 2 p.m., *free*
Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with others as caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This group is an open support group for caregivers, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The group meetings are open to new and interested members. No enrollment or long term commitment is required, just a willingness to share in a confidential and supportive environment. To join by phone call: 301.715.8592 and use the Meeting ID and Passcode. To join by Zoom scan the QR Code and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode. For more information contact Jean Kirkley: jean.kirkley@gmail.com.
Meeting ID: 448 977 3675 | Passcode: 076567

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, July 5	**Lord's Supper**
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise	chapel, 11 a.m.
MONDAY, July 6	
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi Private Practice group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
Table Games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	off site, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
TUESDAY, July 7	
Meditation Practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, July 8	
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study class	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
Making Art Makes Us Smarter: Drawing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, July 9	**PCCH Office Closed**
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Making Art Makes Us Smarter: Drawing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, July 10	**PCCH Office Closed**
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 class	room 3&4, 12 p.m.
Summer Art Show: Meet the Artist reception	COTH Hallway, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 11
Building cleaned

SUNDAY, July 12

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Deacons' Ice Cream Social	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 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

Jill Bown
Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier
Kelley Garner-DiCesare
Melissa Montgomery
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Jeannette Quirus
Dominick Rebeck
Diana Rodgers
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret R. Spencer
William Storm
Tennyson Tippy
Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Rachelle Pret
Amy Raphael
Sharyn Walker
Sarah Wright
Beth Wrigley

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 Storm Seminary Intern
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Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music
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Nakeem Coleman Part Time Sexton
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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.

Contact PCCH

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