THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, June 21, 2026
10 a.m.
FOURTH 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 *Consolation No. 3* Franz Liszt (1811-86)

INTROIT Robert Grant (1779-1883)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning,
before time, before people, before the world began:
People: God was.
Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven:
People: God is.
Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment:
People: God will be.
Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit:
People: God was, God is, God will be.

***HYMN 495** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

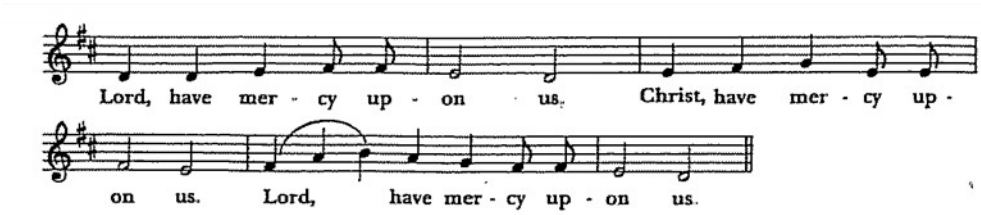
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we try to follow your word:
to put others above ourselves,
to remember that we are all bound together
as your beloved children,
to seek the common good instead of our own interests.
But it is so easy for our lesser selves
to get the better of us.
We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness,
callousness, and indifference.
In your mercy, send your healing
to those we have hurt,
and to our own misguided souls
so that we may follow you once more. 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

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 Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

PSALM 86:1-3, 9-10 Plainchant

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.

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, please pick up your children from the Chapel.
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.

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 10:5a, 24-39

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

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For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

SERMON *Sparrows and Swords* William Storm

"So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows...
Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth;
I have not come to bring peace but a sword."—Matthew 10:31, 34

***HYMN 357** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

Laudamus te, from the Great Mass in C minor, K. 427

W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

Laudámus te,
benedícimus te,
Adorámus te,
glorificámus te.

We praise You.
We bless You.
We worship You.
We glorify You.

***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: Good and holy God,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and bless your name.
Let our whole lives becomes songs
of gratitude, joy, and praise
so that all the earth may know
that we are your people and you are our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 420** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Leading Worship today

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

LITURGIST
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm

MUSIC
Katy Avery Soprano
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS
Gregory Dickinson and **Jack Evans** Elders
Sarah Wright and **Debby Evans** Deacons

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

FLOWER GUILD
Cathy Brzozoski and **Linnea Johnson**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Richard Hassold** by **his family**.

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COVER ART *Study of a Flying Sparrow,* Giovanni da Udine, red chalk and gouache on paper, 1515-20. In the first century sparrows were considered to be one of the least expensive food sources, due to their small size and abundant population. Two sparrows could be purchased at the market for one assarion (essentially a Roman penny); rural workers would earn about one "denarius" per day, equivalent to 12 assaria. Da Udine was an Italian painter and studio assistant to Raphael, spending much of his apprenticeship painting the finer details of Raphael's larger works, leading him to highly trained skill in representing the natural world. Da Udine is celebrated for his renderings of wildlife, including this painting of a sparrow in flight. "So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."—Matthew 10:31.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH AT THE BALLGAME—LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS VS SYRACUSE METS
Join Church Life in the "Pig Pen" on Friday, August 28 at 6:45 p.m. for our annual baseball outing. These new seats will provide us with a greater chance of mingling and cheering, with in seat food and beverage service! Carpooling is available from the church. Scan the QR Code for tickets ($20), or more information. **The deadline to order tickets is TODAY!**

DEACONS ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Join the Deacons of PCCH on Sunday, July 12, after worship, for their annual ice cream social!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Are you a secret master craftsperson or prestigious painter? 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE HOURS
The PCCH offices and Center on the Hill will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6 for summer hours.

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 by the main office to pick up a sign!

SUMMER SOULS SHOT EXHIBIT
We are grateful to display images from the Souls Shot Portrait Project in Widener Hall this summer. These works, commemorating victims of gun violence in our region, would otherwise be in storage between exhibitions.

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
June 24, 10:30 a.m.* Harris Room Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Genesis 22:1-14	Will resume in September	July 2, 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
06/21	**Abbi Hobbs, Linnea Johnson,** and **Anna Storm**

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!

PCCH YOUTH HYGIENE DRIVE





This summer, our Children's Ministry will be collecting hygiene and home items for Nationalities Service Center as a part of our Summer Sunday school curriculum. We are collecting the following items: FULL SIZE shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, and Clorox wipes. We will have a collection box in Sunday School beginning June 14.







CONTACT DR. JULIE SNYDER WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
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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.

The Center on the Hill will be closed Friday, July 3, 2026 in celebration of Independence Day.

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.

THERAPEUTICS FOR VISION (*registration required)*
Monday, June 22, 2 p.m., *$25*
Ancient traditions and recent works have strategies to build and strengthen the muscles of the eyes. This workshop will include a basic understanding of the physiology of vision and tools to prevent loss of, and improve, sight.

LET'S PLAY BINGO (*registration required)*
Tuesday, June 23, 1 p.m., *free*
Join us for your favorite game, with prizes and snacks provided by some of our partners and friends from different organizations in the area. Come out, meet some new people, and have fun!

AFTERNOON MOVIES—*DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE* (*registration required)*
Tuesday, June 25, 1:30 p.m., *$2*
Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water provided, feel free to bring your own snacks! This biographical film chronicles the making of Bruce Springsteen's 1982 "Nebraska" album, which is considered one of his most enduring works. Staring Jeremy Allen-White and Odessa Young.

"SOUL" LINE DANCING (*registration required)*
Thursday, June 25, 1:30 p.m., *$5*
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.

AGING IN PLACE GROUP (*registration required)*
Thursday, July 2, 2:15 p.m., *free*
Join us for this fun and informative social group of adults like you, healthy aging in place. Join the conversation and share ideas, tips, tricks, thoughts and concerns that come up in your daily lives. Discuss your insights and observations about the world around you in a welcoming environment. Find support, friendship, and helpful information in this group lead by Megan Do Nascimento, the wellness coordinator at Awbury Arboretum in East Mt. Airy.

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, June 21

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

MONDAY, June 22

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.
Therapeutics for Vision class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Qigong class	room 3&4, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 23

Meditation Practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg Open Play group	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo game	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Creative Conversations class	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Christian Ed Committee meeting	Zoom, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 24

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.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 25

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon Movie—*Deliver Me From Nowhere*	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Soul Line Dancing group	Widener, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, June 26

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 11 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.

SATURDAY, June 27

Building cleaned

SUNDAY, June 28

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


JULY 12
DEACONS' ICE CREAM SOCIAL
WIDENER HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Saints of PCCH,

Thank you for your generosity in support of our congregation's annual operating budget. Below is a summary of our financial position as of the end of May. We are grateful that both giving and expenses are right on target for this time of year. That said, we struggle with cash flow each summer when worship is less attended. If you will not be here in person, please consider mailing your pledge or making an online donation. By the fall we hope to have in place a new and much more user-friendly online giving system, which will make it easier to automate donations and track your own giving history.

If you have any questions about giving, please contact Church Administrator Rachel Cline.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

2025 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY
as of March 31, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2026 YTD Actual	2025 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	768,000	284,655	269,056
Endowment Draws	140,484	34,693	34,625
Other Sources of Funds	354,691	159,863	137,240
Total Sources of Funds	**1,263,175**	**479,211**	**440,921**
All Expenses and Mission	1,263,175	519,261	488,570
Difference	**0**	**(40,050)**	**(47,649)**

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
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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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