THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, June 7, 2026
10 a.m.
SECOND 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.

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 *Ballade (Op. 118, No. 3)* Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

INTROIT Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,
People: God welcomes us here.
Leader: Whether we seek healing and wholeness,
or stand ready to extend compassion,
People: God welcomes us here.
Leader: Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain,
or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace,
we gather to hear the good news:
People: The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

***HYMN 488** *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we acknowledge our guilt,
and seek your face and your forgiveness.
For we have not offered steadfast love
to you or each other.
We have not moved forward in faith,
but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.
Revive us, raise us up,
that we might live before you,
rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

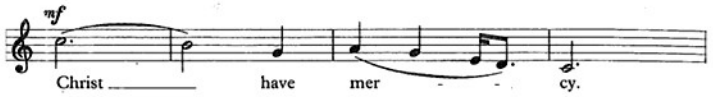
Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison.

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

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit.
Put your law in our hearts,
write your word in our minds,
and show your will in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

JOYFUL NOISE & YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

We Beseech Thee

Stephen Schwartz
(b. 1948)

Father, hear Thy children's call,
Humbly at Thy feet we fall,
Prodigals confessing all,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

We Thy call have disobeyed,
Into paths of sin have strayed;
And repentance have delayed,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Come sing about love that caused us first to be.
Come sing about love that made the stone and tree.
Come sing about love that draws us lovingly,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Sick! We come to Thee for cure,
Guilty! We seek Thy mercy sure.
Evil! We long to be made pure,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Blind! We pray that we may see,
Bound! We pray to be made free.
Stained! We pray for sanctity,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

By the gracious saving call
Spoken tenderly to all
Who have shared our guilt and fall,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

By the love that longs to bless
Pitying our sore distress,
Leading us to holiness,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Grant us hope from earth to rise
And to strain with eager eyes
Towards the promised heav'nly prize;
We beseech Thee, hear us!

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children ages three through second grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Children will return to worship for communion.
Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not meet today.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

SERMON *Forward in Faith* Ellen Williams Hensle

"So Abram went, as the LORD had told him..."
Genesis 12:4

***HYMN 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

***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 Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O, Clap your hands, all ye people,
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
sing praises to God, sing praises to our King,
for God is the King of all the earth,
sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen,
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

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

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

Ave verum corpus,	Hail, true Body,
natum de Maria Virgine,	born of the Virgin Mary,
vere passum, immolatum	who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
in cruce pro homine	on the cross for mankind,
cuius latus perforatum	whose pierced side
fluxit aqua et sanguine:	flowed with water and blood:
esto nobis praegustatum	May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)
in mortis examine.	in the trial of death.
Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,	Sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
Jesu, fili Mariae.	Jesus, son of Mary,
Miserere mei. Amen.	have mercy on me. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, send us out from our Lord's table
to answer his summons into new life
and to follow him with joy and gladness.
Set our feet in his holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life
and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

***HYMN 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Adam Jones—University of Michigan
Gabriel Eastman—Hofstra University
Audrey Abernethy—Southern Methodist University

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter Lutkin
(1853-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Leading Worship today

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm

MUSIC
Gallery Choir
Joyful Noise and Youth Choir
Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music
Dr. Julie Snyder Director of Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS
Jeannette Quirus, Diana Rogers, Harry Spaeth, and **Tennyson Tippy**

GREETERS
Graeme Frazier and **Clarke Woodruff** Elders
Thanice Petrak and **Rachelle Pretz** Deacons

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

FLOWER GUILD
Liz Podraza and **Sue Shuchat**

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COVER ART
Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers, 2011, oil on canvas board. From the artist: "I firmly believe that art is a communion with the soul. Through my art, I strive to make known the beauty and wonder of life and faith. [My pieces] are inspired by things that have touched my life in a meaningful way. They range from plein air and impressionism to abstract and conceptual. My hope is to successfully communicate those inspirations so that you might be touched as well."

HAPPENING AT PCCH

EMILY'S MATERNITY LEAVE
The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine is out of the office on maternity leave until August 23. While she is out our Seminary Intern, Dr. William "Buddy" Storm, will be assisting with our church's ministry.

PCCH SPRING PICNIC
Join the Hospitality Committee today following worship as we celebrate another wonderful year at PCCH! The Church will provide burgers (vegetarian and beef), hot dogs and fixings. We hope you will join us for fun, food and fellowship!

PCCH PICK-UP CHOIR
Next Sunday, June 14, anyone interested in singing may join the Gallery Choir in worship! No audition required. Please arrive at 9 a.m. in the Gallery (organ loft) to rehearse for the 10 a.m. service. Music will be provided, just bring a pencil! If you have any questions please contact Director of Music Dr. Daniel Spratlan at dspratlan@chestnuthillpres.org.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT
Our Children's Ministry will be collecting hygiene and home items for Nationalities Service Center as a part of their Sunday School curriculum. Beginning Sunday, June 14 the Children's Ministry will be collecting the following full sized items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent and Clorox wipes.

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.

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
June 10, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room Dr. William Storm *Bible Study will pause for the summer beginning July 29. We will resume Bible Study on Wednesday, September 2.*	June 16, 11 a.m. the Hartzells' Home Taylor Slaughter praetextum@gmail.com *This is the last meeting of the Ladies Circle Group until September.*	June 18, 2 p.m. Reception Room Ron Rising 203.206.7299	Will resume in September

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play (age three—kindergarten)	Growing in God's Love (first—second grade)	Christian Studies (third—fifth grade)	Follow Me (sixth—eighth grade)
06/07	**Greg Dickinson** and **Sarah Wright**	**Mallory Becker** and **Vincent Rota**	stay in worship	stay in worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program for children age three through grade five begins with a brief opening in the chapel. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program please scan the QR code.

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

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will not rehearse today. Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will not rehearse today. Youth Choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.



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.

JUNE ART SHOW—MEGAN BROWN: CARTOONS AND MIXED MEDIA
The gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. From a young age Megan Brown has been constantly drawing cartoons. Megan earned her BFA in Illustration & Graphic Design from Moore College of Art. She currently works as a library specialist, and will soon be completing her Masters in Library Science. She enjoys being surrounded by books of all kinds. Between lovely long walks to the refrigerator, she is always drawing, scarfing pasta and playing records. You can often find her doing a combo of these at any given time.

TRIVIA—THOSE CRAZY, HAZY, LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER (*registration required)*
Monday, June 8, 1 p.m., $2
Join us for entertaining themed games of Trivia at the Center. Give your brain a work out, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun!

COMMUNITY LUNCH & SPRING PARTY (*registration required)*
Tuesday, June 9, 12 p.m., *$15*
This Luncheon will be a special Lunch & Spring Party with Live entertainment and other fun surprises! You won't want to miss it! Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it only costs you twelve dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

CENTER THEATRE MEET UP—STAGECRAFTERS THEATER: THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME (*registration required)*
Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m., *$20* (special COTH group rate)
Join us for a lovely afternoon at the theater to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Simon Stephens. Christopher, a mathematically talented adolescent on the Autism spectrum, finds his neighbor's dog has been killed one night. This "incident" spurs Christopher to venture out of his comfort zone and discover surprising facts about the dog, his neighbors, and even his own family. Feel free to meet us for lunch at El Poquito (8201 Germantown Avenue) at 12pm, you can let us know when you register and we will reserve you a spot at the table. Please note, lunch prior is not included in the $20 ticket price. Stagecrafters Theater is located at 8130 Germantown Avenue.

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, June 7	**Lord's Supper**
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Spring Picnic	front lawn, 11 a.m.
The Crossing concert	Sanctuary, 5 p.m.
MONDAY, June 8	
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.
Trivia game	Harris, 1 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Finance Committee meeting	Harris, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, June 9	
Meditation Practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Community Luncheon & Spring Party	Widener, 12 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Session meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, June 10	
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study class	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	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 11	
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
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.
Alzheimer's Support Group	Harris, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, June 12

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, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 13

Building cleaned

SUNDAY, June 14

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Stouse, 12 p.m.
COTH Theater Meet Up	Stagecrafters Theater, 2 p.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*)
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PCCH links and online giving options

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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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