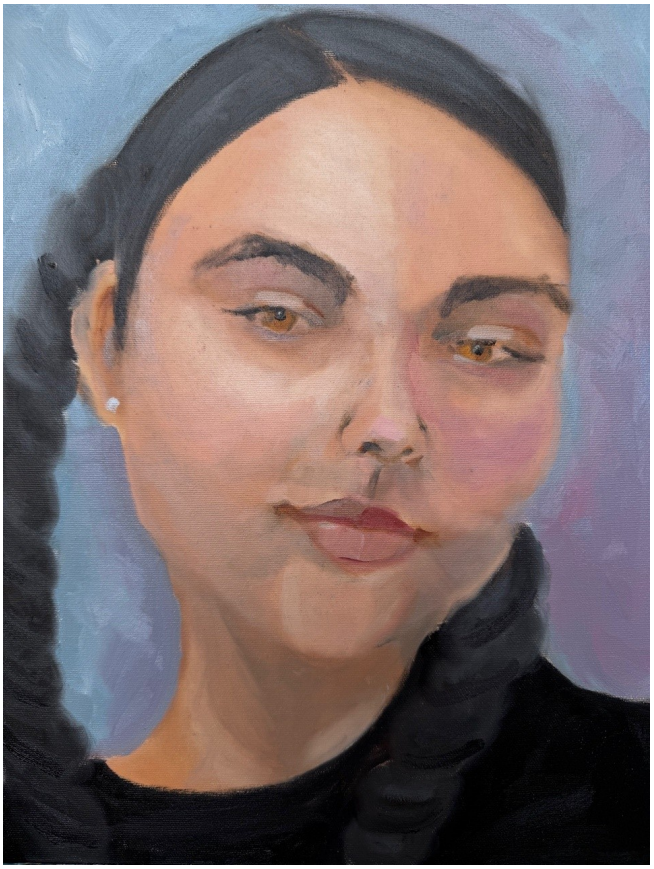
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, February 1, 2026
10 a.m.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 Emily Chapdelaine.

Order of Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Jesu, Meine Freude* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT *Epiphany Introit* Ian Quinn (b. 1973)

The Lord has shown forth his glory;
Come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever; Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.
People: We have come to listen to you,
to seek you, to worship you.
Leader: You are the beginning of all things,
the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.
People: In you we become; in you we live.
Leader: Loving God, you are here and everywhere,
around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.
People: In you we hope; in you we live.
Leader: You are the source of serenity,
giving peace that is beyond our understanding.
People: In you we are still; in you we live.
Leader: Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.
People: Loving God, you live in us; we worship you.

HYMN 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Surprising God,
You have made foolish the wisdom of the world,
teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth
and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice.
But we cling to the values of this world,
things that enhance our status but cheat our souls.
We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs.
We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness,
forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly
and made a home among the vulnerable.
God of blessing, reorient our hearts and renew our minds,
so that we might act with justice, practice kindness,
and—in all things—walk humbly with you. Amen.
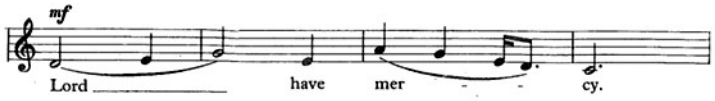
SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

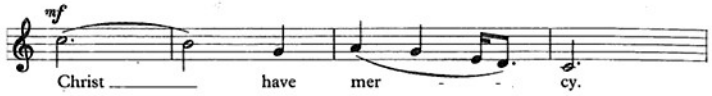
Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Congregation
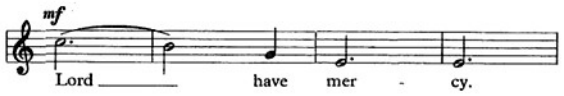


Choir: **Christ, have mercy.**

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

**God of blessing,
fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day,
that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers,
sharing your life among those who are forgotten,
weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children ages three through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Children will return to worship for communion.
Joyful Noise will meet in the sanctuary from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Youth Choir will meet in the sanctuary from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON *Blessed* Ellen Williams Hensle

And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are..."
Matthew 5:2-3

***HYMN 358** *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

***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

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848-1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.
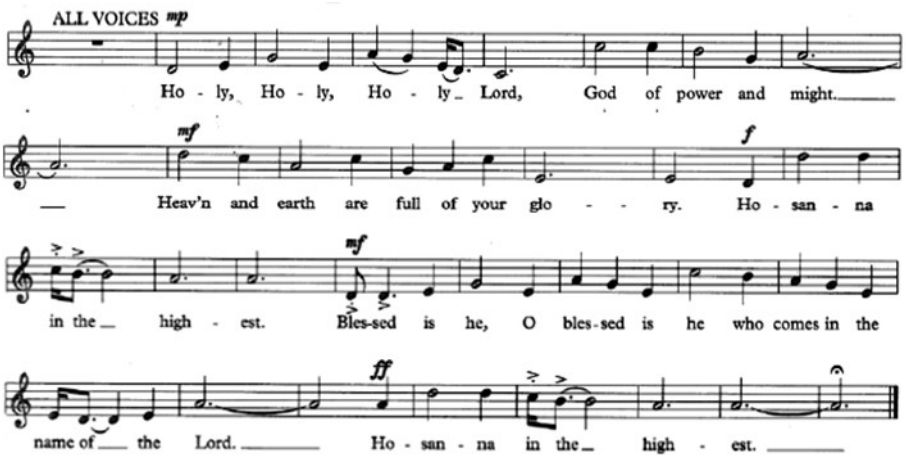
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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

Ave Verum Corpus — William Byrd (1543-1623)

Ave verum corpus, natum	Hail, true Body, born
de Maria Virgine,	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
in mortis examine.	in the trial of death.
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,	O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.	O Jesus, son of Mary,
Miserere mei. Amen.	have mercy on me. Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(unison)*

Holy God, we give you thanks
that you have made us one
in the body and blood of Christ our Lord.
Send us forth, in the power of your Spirit,
to proclaim the peace of Christ
and share your reconciling love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Trad. Danish

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in G minor* Johann Krebs (1713-80)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST
Emily Chapdelaine

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Tennyson Tippy

MUSIC
Gallery Choir
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS
Rebecca DePasquale, Greg Dickinson, Jack Evans, and **Melissa Montgomery**

GREETERS
Harry Spaeth and **Jim Spause** Elder
Thanice Petrak and **Rachelle Pretz** Deacons

USHERS
Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader
Carolyn Manwaring, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery, and **Sarah Wright**

FLOWER GUILD
All Team Members

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COVER ART *In This World You Play for Keep's: Portrait of Janaya Lopez,* Stacy Wyckoff, 2025, oil on canvas. From the artist: "Janaya Lopez was twenty-one years old when she was randomly gunned down on a street corner late one summer evening during a social gathering in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 2023. She left three young children and had a baby on the way.

By some accounts she had a difficult upbringing. She was a runaway at seventeen. The children she left are beautiful and vivacious as she also seemed to be. She was a hard-working and loving parent."

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH PRAYER GROUP
The Deacons host a prayer gathering right after worship on select Sundays. Our next prayer gathering is today, February 1. Find Nicolette Cobbold in Widener Hall to join.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on February 4. The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will lead the discussion, focusing on the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **John 14:26-31.** All are welcome.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, February 5 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

PCCH YOUTH SUNDAY
Next Sunday, February 8, is Youth Sunday! Please join us for this special service as our youth lead us in worship.

LADIES CIRCLE GROUP
If socializing, Bible Study and stimulating/lively discussions appeal to you, then you may want to join our group of great women to learn and share. We typically meet on the third Tuesday of every month (September through June) at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17. Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

PCCH YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER AND MYSTERY WINE TABLE
Join the youth of PCCH on Sunday, February 22 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser! Seatings are available at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. with all proceeds going to supporting our Youth Mission Trip. We are now accepting donations for our Mystery Wine Table! Drop off a bottle of your favorite wine in the main office now through Sunday, February 22 to support the Music and Arts program.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS
First Sunday of the month food collection is today.
GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. You can help by donating:
• Regular sized, shelf-stable food items in non-glass containers such as rice, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, as well as canned items such as tuna, vegetables, beans, soups, stews, etc.
• Household & hygiene items such as laundry pods, period products, individually wrapped toothbrushes, etc.
• Financial donations: please make any payments out to PCCH and include in the GACM in the note/memo line.

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)
2/1	**Greg Dickinson** and **Sarah Wright**	**Mallory Becker** and **Vincent Rota**	**Diana Rodgers** and **Buddy Storm**	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

On Sunday evenings when our Confirmation class is meeting, Youth Group will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that all middle school and high school youth, regardless of confirmation status, are welcome to come to Youth Group! Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine for more details.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will rehearse today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children will proceed directly from Sunday School to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will rehearse today from 11:45 a.m. to12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.



CENTER ON THE HILL

If you have time in your day, we have something fun for you to do! Open Monday to 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 is closed Monday, February 16, 2025in observation of President's Day.

REGISTRATION FOR UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 10 A.M.
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.

A VALENTINES DAY MUSICAL CABARET (*registration required*)
Monday, February 2, 11 a.m., $5
Rachel DeMasi returns to perform a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous on the radio, in various films, TV shows and Broadway musicals. Ranging from the 1930's-90's Rachel handpicked some of her favorite love songs to share with you. Before each song you will find out a fun fact or two about the song you may or may not already know and singing along is encouraged! Light refreshments will be served.

TRIVIA *(registration required)*
Monday, February 2, 1 p.m., $2
Join us for entertaining themed games of Trivia at the Center. Give your brain a workout, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! The theme for February is: Honoring Black History Month: Firsts, History, Literature, Music, Sports *Prizes and refreshments provided!*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *(registration required, registration closed after February 9)*
Mondays, February 2 through March 16 (no group February 16), 1 p.m., free
We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for 6 informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. The group dynamic allows for a supportive atmosphere to acknowledge all the different emotions/reactions that come when a loss occurs. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving & the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End, Coping Skills and others.

FORUM ON THE HILL—THOMAS H KEELS: LADIES OF THE STREET *(registration required)*
Thursday, February 12, 12:30 p.m., $5 requested donation
One bright spot of the Sesqui-Centennial was the High Street of 1776, a recreation of Federal-era Market Street lined with twenty two historic structures, from William Penn's Slate Roof House to the Jefferson Declaration House. Created by the Women's Committee, the Street of 1776 was the Sesqui's most popular single attraction. Other popular attractions created by women included Sulgrave Manor, a replica of the ancestral English home of the Washington family. In this talk, we will discuss how Philadelphia women created some of the fair's most memorable monuments.

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, February 1	**Lord's Supper**
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise	sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir	sanctuary, 11:45 a.m.
Youth Group	Harris, 6 p.m.
Confirmation class	Harris, 7 p.m.
MONDAY, February 2	
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi Private Practice group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
A Valentines Musical cabaret	Widener, 11 a.m.
Table Games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief Support group	reception, 1 p.m.
Trivia game	Harris, 1 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	room 3&4, 2 p.m.
TUESDAY, February 3	
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Meditation Practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Deacon meeting	Harris, 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, February 4	
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.
Learn to Play Rummy Tiles class	room 5, 10:30 p.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 5, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Social Witness Committee meeting	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 5

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Uno Dos Tres—Very Basic Spanish class	room 5, 11:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris 2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 6

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques class	room 1&2, 10 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, February 7

Building cleaned

SUNDAY, February 8 — **Youth Sunday**

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir	Stouse, 12 p.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—Nickolas James	sanctuary, 4 p.m.



Cantatas and Chamber Music

Sunday, February 8, 2026 | 4 p.m.

Preconcert reception in the Narthex | 3:30 p.m.

Nickolas James
Tenor

RESCHEDULED DATE!



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
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Graeme Frazier
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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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