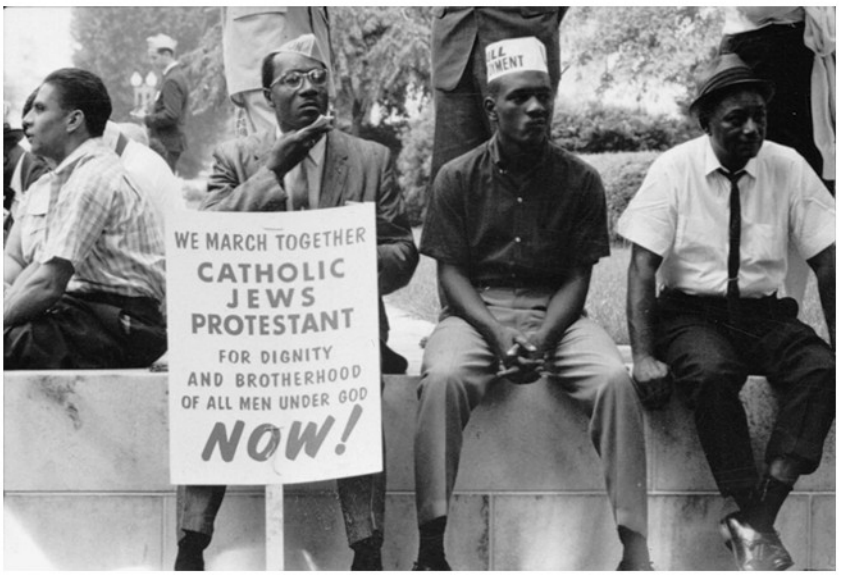
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, January 18, 2026
10 a.m.
SECOND 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.

Order of Worship

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

INTROIT *MLK* U2, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Sleep, sleep tonight,
and may your dreams be realized.
If the thundercloud passes rain
so let it rain, rain down on him.
So let it be.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104

Leader: We gather to worship God,
People: who stretched the heavens like a tent and set the earth on its foundations.
Leader: We gather to worship God,
People: who rides the winds like a chariot and wears light as a garment.
Leader: We gather to worship God,
People: who suffered for the sake of our lives and offers us life abundant.
Leader: As we gather to worship God,
God meets us here.

***HYMN 477** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

**Please stand as you are able.*

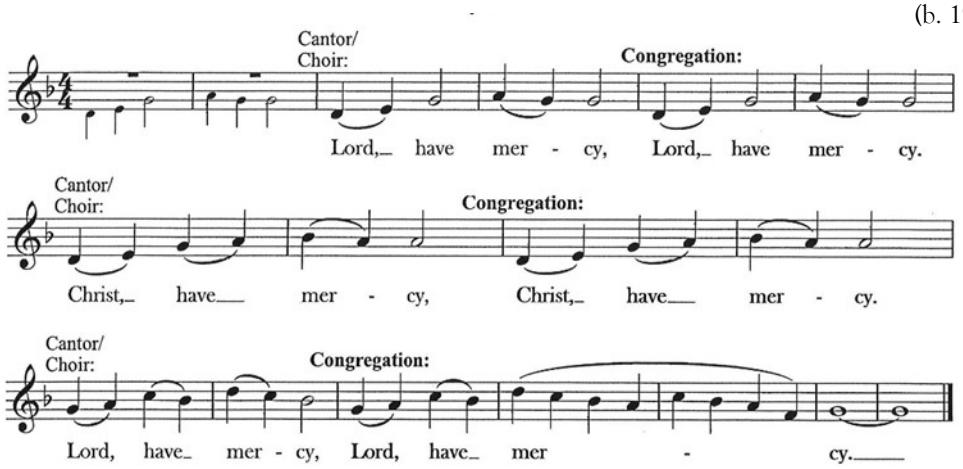
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have taught us
that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first
must be last and servant of all.
Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,
seeking seats of glory.
We organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.
Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,
for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith
(b. 1956)

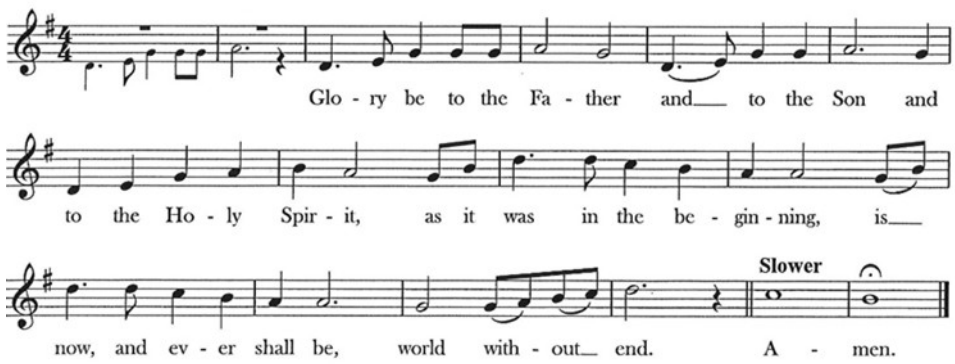


PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

SMITH



*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

Lord God, as you spoke long ago
through the voices of your prophets,
speak to us here and now,
through the power of your Spirit
and the promise of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

PSALM 104:1-4, 25, 37

Edward Bairstow
(1874-1946)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.

O Lord, how manifold are our works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will meet following church school from 11 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.
Youth Choir will meet in the chapel 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 Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

SERMON "The Drum Major Instinct" Ellen Williams Hensle
by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve..."
Mark 10:44-45

***HYMN 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG



*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 ANTHEM

The Fruit of Silence

Peter Vasks
(b. 1946)

The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.
-Mother Teresa

***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: Gracious God,
we present these gifts and renew our commitment
to leave everything behind and follow you.
Give us the courage to fulfill your will,
so that with everything we do and say
we can become a living offering,
worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.

***HYMN 421** *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Peter Lutkin (1853-1931)

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in G minor* Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

Leading Worship today

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST
Buddy Storm

CHILDRENS MESSAGE
Chris Petrak

MUSIC
PCCH Gallery Choir
Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor and Director of Music
Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS
Elizabeth Podraza and **Jeannette Quirus** Elders
Kristin Lawton and **Emily McCahery** Deacons

USHERS
William Cobb Team #3 Leader
Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Dom Rebeck, Jeannette Quirus, and **John Quirus**

FLOWER GUILD
Angie Fredrickson, Sandy Sherwood and **Maddie Dickinson**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in memory of our father **David Nation,** by **Emily, Chris and Rob Nation**.

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HAPPENING AT PCCH

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY HOURS
The offices at PCCH and Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on January 21.
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will lead the discussion, focusing on the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**. All are welcome.

ECUMENICAL SERMON SERIES
The Catholic Preaching Institute has invited us to participate in a series of prayer services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will preach at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, January 20 at 7 pm. On Wednesday, January 21, PCCH will host a 7 pm service in the chapel with Rev. John Fisher, pastor of Our Mother of Consolation, as the guest preacher. The series concludes on Thursday night at OMC. All are welcome to join.

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, January 20 in the reception room. Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

OFFICE HOURS WITH EMILY CHAPDELAINE
Our Interim Director of Congregational Life, Emily Chapdelaine, is here! Please feel free to join her during open office hours throughout January. Her office hours will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, and 29.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Save the date for PCCH's first women's retreat: March 13 through March 14 at Pendle Hill, a Quaker retreat center in Wallingford, PA. The retreat will include study, rest and recreation (and some delicious meals). The Rev. Diane Fitch will facilitate our conversation about God's call to make Sabbath rest part of the rhythm of our lives. Register during Fellowship today through Sunday, January 25. The retreat is $200 for an overnight stay, or $100 for Saturday only; scholarships available.

FORUM ON THE HILL: JIM MURPHY—REAL HISTORY, REAL FAST
If you missed this month's fascinating forum on January 15, you can watch it by scanning the QR Code. Find out what Jim Murphy learned during 11 long years of writing his popular book "Real Philly History, Real Fast". You'll leave this program knowing far more about Philly than you did before... Jim guarantees it.

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)
1/18	**Michelle Shachtman** and **Angie Fredrickson**	**Tennyson Tippy** and **Rachelle Pretz**	**Diana Rodgers** and **Anna 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 evenings we have Confirmation Class 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 Kate Magid 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 Chapel. 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 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. 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.

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 will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of service.

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.

KITCHEN ORGANIZATION AND MEAL PLANNING *(registration required)*

Thursday, January 22, 11 a.m., free

Your kitchen doesn't have to be a headache! During this course your will learn how to stock your kitchen with plant forward ingredients, save money, and time, as well as tips and tricks to make meal planning and grocery shopping a fun part of your week. You will also sample a seasonal recipe using what we've learned in class.

UNO DOS TRES—VERY BASIC SPANISH *(registration required)*

Thursdays, January 22-February 26, 11:30 a.m., $74

Have fun with your friends and neighbors by learning common Spanish words and phrases. We will play games, listen to music, and focus on greetings and introductions. This class is for the ultimate beginner, with no Spanish knowledge. Registration must be made through MALT, call 215-843-6333 or email mtairylearningtree.org to register.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON *(registration required)*

Tuesday, January 27, 12 p.m., $12 before January 23 $15 after January 23

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!

TANGLED DEED, PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING WORHSHOP

(registration required)

Thursday, January 29, 11 a.m., free

If you have legal or estate questions, need inheritance or landlord/tenant advice, or need to know how to research a property, this is the place for you! Scheduled presenters include: LSIWCH Featured Estate Attorney, The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, The City of Philadelphia Departments, Department of Deeds and Records, The Office of Information Technology, The Office of The Register of Wills, The Office of the District Attorney, The Department of Revenue.

Happening Here This Week

SUNDAY, January 18	
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	chapel, 12 p.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—Nickolas James	sanctuary, 4 p.m.
MONDAY, January 19	**PCCH office and COTH closed**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	Harris, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, January 20	
Sketching & Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Meditation Practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Circle Group	reception, 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Open Play class	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Horticultural Therapy workshop	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Children's Ministry Committee meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, January 21	
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study group	Harris, 10 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, January 22	
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Kitchen Organization workshop	Harris, 11 a.m.
Uno Dos Tres—Very Basic Spanish class	room 5, 11:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Theology on Tap	The Stotesbury, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 23

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, January 24

Building cleaning

SUNDAY, January 25

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	sanctuary or Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.



Cantatas and Chamber Music

Nickolas James, Tenor

Sunday, January 18 | 4 p.m.

preconcert reception | 3:30 p.m.



PCCH YOUTH

CHILI SOUPER BOWL SALE

Support the Youth Group mission trip

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FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Church Staff

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Senior Minister and Head of Staff
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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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