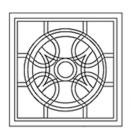
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, April 20, 2025 10 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY





8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age two is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's *Praise Packs* to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex. Please return these after worship.



All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which takes place immediately after the Children's Message. Please use the QR code to fill out a brief safety waiver for your child.

We encourage you to fill out the black friendship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in D major

Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749)

**INTROIT** 

Magdalen, Cease From Sobs and Sighs

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs wipe the teardrops from thine eyes.

Simon the leper's feast is o'er;

Christ today needs thy nard no more.

Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice, now thousand times uplift thy voice. Alleluia.

Magdalen, bind upon thee now garland of gladness o'er thy brow. Banish'd afar is grief and pain; welcome is sunshine after rain. For Jesus Christ the world hath freed, triumphing over death indeed. Alleluia.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news:

the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the good news:

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the good news:

once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.



## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Resurrected Christ,
there is nothing we can do
to deserve the grace you give us.
There is no way we can earn your love,
there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness.
And yet you shower these mercies on us.
You, who have taken away the sting of death,
meet us where we are,
in our doubt and fear,
in our regret and shame,
in our delight and awe.
Meet us here in this place,
and call us once again to trust in you.

## SILENT CONFESSION



## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*GLORIA PATRI

This is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE (Hymn 594)





Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Congregation: Antiphon

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Antiphon

## \*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 (unison)

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our hearts to believe the good news; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## **ANTHEM**

## Dona Nobis Pacem Movement VI

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And none shall make them afraid, neither shall the sword go through their land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Open to me the gates of righteousness, and I will go into them.

Let all nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; and let them hear and say, it is the truth.

And it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues.

And they shall come and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, so shall your seed and your name remain forever.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will begin immediately following worship.

Parents, please meet your children on the front steps to participate.

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 LESSON Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women who had come with him from Galilee] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

SERMON Messengers of Hope Ellen Williams Hensle

"Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest."

Luke 24:8-9



## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Matthew 16:16
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

From Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

## 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**

Christ Victorious, Christ Now Reigning

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

Christ victorious; Christ, now reigning; Christ, your Lord and King, commands! Shouts of triumph, praise unceasing, "Holy, holy to the Lamb." Alleluia, alleluia, Christ by heav'n and earth adored. Alleluia, alleluia, Righteous King and mighty Lord.

Christ the Image; Christ, the Dawning; Christ the first of God's commands. All things through him, all things for him, Stars and all of heav'n's expanse. Alleluia, alleluia, Light and Source and Holy One. Alleluia, alleluia, Christ who was and is to come.

Christ the Victim; Christ, the Healing; Love anoints his hands and feet. Christ the dying, Christ the rising, God's own sacrifice complete. Alleluia, alleluia, Hail the Chosen One of God! Alleluia, alleluia, great Redeemer, saving Lord.

Come Almighty, claim your kingdom.
Call a nation for your own.
Come with beauty, pow'r and blessing.
Gather all your people home.
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the Banquet, Christ the Song.
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the glory, Christ alone.

\*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, take and use these gifts

for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead.

Teach us to live each day for you,

so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory;

in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 122

Thine Is the Glory (see next page)

**JUDAS MACCABEUS** 

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Final from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



## LEADING WORSHIP

## **PREACHING**

Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

#### LITURGIST

**Buddy Storm** 

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Greg Dickinson

## **MUSIC**

Gallery Choir
Daniel Spratlan Conductor
Jeffrey DeVault Organist
Scott Marino Trumpet
Andy Thierauf Timpani

## **GREETERS**

**Greg Dickinson** and **Matthew Eastman** Elders **Sharyn Walker** and **Sarah Wright** Deacons

#### **USHERS**

Kevin Raphael Team#1 Leader, Carolyn Manwaring, Jeannette Quirus, Ray McCahery, and Sarah Wright. With support from Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader, Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones and Beth Wrigley.

## FLOWER GUILD

All team members

## COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Irma Martin, Les Saintes femmes au tombeau (or Three Women on the Tomb of Christ), 1843. Also known as Anne Pierrette Marie Marti, Irma Martin (1814-1876) was a French painter. This work was shown at the 1843 Salon de Paris exhibition.

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# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**GIVEN BY** 

Margaret A. Friel Mark, Rebecca, Frances and Taylor Bernstein

Our parents The Agate family

Barbara Spaeth Harry Spaeth

John Armbruster Barbara Armbruster

Barbara and George Butler Lisa, Tom and the Butler family

and Jim and Peter Van Blarcom

Jim and Peter Van Blarcom Mary Anne Van Blarcom

Mildred S. Owen, Harris A. Carr Emilie H. Carr

and Timothy A. Carr

Terry Frazier Barbara Frazier

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Martha and Jack Loughridge Jeffrey J. Loughridge

Eileen and Tony Pitone Julianne, Declan and Ali Watson

Linda and Steve Myrick

and Marie, Frank and Garret Watson

Elizabeth and James Justice

and Rosetta Myrick

Ruth and Gene Hartzell Mary Anne and Glenn Hartzell

and Elizabeth and Hugh Moore

Loved ones Ann O. Carr

Nancy and Bob Innes Jane McGill

and Jane Beatrice Finbow

Sam and Frances Barnett Taylor and Frank Slaughter

and Jane and Frank Slaughter, MD

Our parents Jane and Russel Kaufman

Loved ones Jill and Randy Bown

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

past and present

Our loved ones

blessed with each Sunday

we are so grateful

**GIVEN BY** 

Emily and Ray McCahery

Sandra and Irvin DeGay Laura Messenger

Robert Raphael, Sr. The Raphael family

and all departed loved ones

My parents, sister and good friends Beth Wrigley

Ruth and Al Maberry, Jean and Paul Angie Fredrickson

Fredrickson, and Martha and Fritz Lyn

Our parents and grandparents Grace and Richard Stewart

Terry Frazier, Fanny and John Cracknell

Sandy and George Connelly

and Tom and Peggy Connelly

IN HONOR OF GIVEN BY

Luther Dromgold's 100th birthday, The Menyo family today, April 20, 2025

IN THANKSGIVING FOR GIVEN BY

The Children and Youth Ministry teams Louisa, Susanna, and Julia David

Rodgers-Genuardi

Our granddaughters Libby, Sloane The Agate family and Cora

Our beloved parents

Bruce and Dongsook Whitehead

The beautiful music we are anonymous

Our children Jeannette and John Quirus

PCCH, ministry, music, bible study, fellowship, flowers and friendships;

Mary Anne and Glen Hartzell

PCCH Church school teachers

The Hensle family

Our loved ones Liz and Jeff Podraza

## GOOD TO KNOW

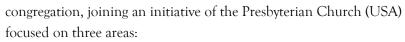
If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Ellen Williams Hensle at the church office or at ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Frederick Lewis at the church office or at flewis@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25



Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

## Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder

The Gallery Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to enter the sanctuary during this time, but please remember to keep conversations low so that the choir is able to focus on their rehearsal.

## Spam Email Notice

MATTHEW 25

We want to alert you to an issue regarding spam emails that have been circulating, falsely using the names of some of our staff. These emails may ask for sensitive information or request that you click on suspicious links. To ensure your digital safety, please make sure to verify that the email address is valid before sending any personal or private information or clicking on any included links. Remember that our staff will never ask you for gift cards or emergency funds via email. If you ever have questions about an email's validity, please feel free to call the office for verification. Thank you.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HAPPENING AT PCCH

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE EASTER HIGH COFFEE TODAY

There is a special high coffee after the 10 a.m. worship service today. All are welcome.

## PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on April 23. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, John 20:19-31. All are welcome.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called our annual congregational meeting for Sunday, May 4, immediately following worship. We will elect new classes of elders and deacons, as well as an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and hear a report from the finance committee. After the meeting, join us in Widener Hall for fellowship and a committee fair! Learn about all the different committees that make PCCH run, and consider how God might be calling you to get more involved in our church's ministry.

## PCCH PRAYER GROUP

The Deacons are starting a once-a-month prayer gathering, right after worship on the first Sunday of each month. Due to the annual meeting and committee fair May's prayer group will be on May 18, to share congregational concerns. Contact Nicolette Cobbold with questions.

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, May 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

#### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. The presenter will be Chris Petrak. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

#### 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 meet in the reception room on the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20. Yes, we have coffee and treats! Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

## **HOSPITALITY HELPERS!**

Have you enjoyed your coffee and treats after worship? So you prefer drinking out of mugs rather than paper cups? Do you ever wonder how the seasonal napkins and decorations are chosen? Do you agree that tablecloths make Widener Hall more welcoming? Join the Hospitality Committee! Volunteer a few dates to help make the magic happen! Jobs include:

- Cleaning up after church
- Storing clean linens, washing dirty ones
- Setting up, cutting cake, picking up food and clean up for High Coffees and picnics Contact Sandy Connelly at sandyconnelly@gmail.com with any questions.



## SUPPORT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY-ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Seventh Annual West Kensington Ministry golf outing returns on Monday, May 12 at 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster. Make plans to play, volunteer, or support this great event that benefits one of our mission partners, a critical urban ministry. The golfer donation is \$180 per person and covers lunch, greens fees and cart, putting contest, prizes, tournament reception, and promises more of the golf, fun, and camaraderie that has become the Annual WKM Golf Outing.

Check the Golf Outing flyer on the Social Witness bulletin board for details. Register, sponsor or donate to the outing by clicking on the green "Golfer Registration" icon near the bottom of the homepage at westkensingtonministry.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Podraza, jeffpodraza@gmail.com.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
4/20	Greg Dickinson	Anna Storm	Stay in worship
	and Sarah Wright	and <b>Buddy Storm</b>	

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages three to second grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades three through five will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the curriculum derived from Memoria Press Christian Studies.
- Middle schoolers in grades six through eight will wrestle with deep faith questions
  in classes on alternating weeks. On the other weeks, they will attend worship with
  their families.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not rehearse today.

On regular Sundays all children are invited to join Joyful Noise or the Youth Choir. All are welcome!

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT-TODAY!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately following the worship service and Sunday School. Parents, please meet your children on the front steps to receive a collection bag and participate in our Easter Egg Hunt!

## CENTER ON THE HILL

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. at: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs.

The Center will be closed Friday, April 18 through Monday, April 21 for Easter break, and will reopen Tuesday, April 22 at 9 a.m.!

## 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.

## NAVIGATING SENIOR LIVING (registration required)

Thursday, April 24, 11 a.m., free

Understand the maze of senior living options, and what may be the right fit for you or a loved one. We will review contract types, levels of care, tips on where to find unbiased information to help inform decisions, questions to ask when touring, and important steps to take before signing a contract. Presented by Beth Slater-Plechner from Spring Mill Pointe.

## DAY TRIP-MUSICAL HISTORY TOUR (registration required)

Friday, April 25, 11 a.m., \$40 for tour, \$50 including tour and lunch Join us for a fun filled day on an exciting journey through Philadelphia's musical past and present! The Musical History Tour is a unique bus tour that focuses on the artists, musicians and performers who got their big break in Philadelphia. Monitors on board will play music videos and songs to go along stories told by our guide. There's no better way to learn about the musical history of Philadelphia than in a temperature-controlled bus, with a bathroom. Tour departs at 12 p.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Optional lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (registration required, join any time before May 5)

Mondays, April 28, 1 p.m., free

There is value in sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced loss. Join us for six informal gatherings in a supportive atmosphere allowing you to acknowledge the different emotions that come when a loss occurs. Grieving and the holidays, does grief ever end and coping skills are just a few of the topics that will be covered. Holli Farrow, MSW, a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care will be our facilitator.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (registration required)

Tuesday, April 29, 12 p.m., \$12 if registered by 4/25, \$15 if registered after 4/25 Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see familiar and new faces? Where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming? Where the food is consistently good, and it costs you only 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!

## CHURCH STAFF

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

The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Lewis Parish Associate

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

Katherine McGill Magid Director of Youth Ministry

Rachel Cline Church Administrator

Megan Cullen Director, Preschool

Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill

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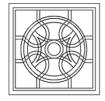
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