

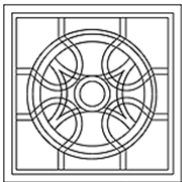
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, October 4, 2026

10 a.m.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND LORD'S SUPPER



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118

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 the Rev. Emily Chapdelaine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Communion (Op. 8)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

INTROIT

Noel Rawsthorne
(1929-2019)

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let them praise his name in the dance.
Let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
Let the Saints be joyful in glory:
O sing unto the Lord a new song.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Mighty and merciful God, you love justice and equity.
People: **You call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer,
and to honor all people.**
Leader: Wise and wonderful God, you love peace and desire reconciliation.
People: **You call us to be advocates for your justice
and instruments of your peace.**
Leader: Living God, you so love the world that you gave your Son.
People: **You call us to live like Christ, not condemning the world, but loving it.**
Leader: Our God is worthy of honor and praise!
All: **Let us worship God together!**

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. 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

REGENT SQUARE
(Hymn 417)

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

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

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

Joyful Noise will meet today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall.

Youth Choir will meet today from 11:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. in the chapel.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 1:8-21

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Paying Attention to the Right Things

Emily Chapdelaine

"Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Exodus 1:10

*HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

*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

Eriks Esenvalds
(b. 1977)

*O salutaris hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria.*

O sacrifice that brings salvation,
you who open wide the gate of heaven:
We are hard pressed by hostile war;
give strength, bring help.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life without end
in our fatherland with thee.

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

ALL VOICES *mp*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. _____
mf _____ Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - ry. *f* Ho - san - na
mf
in the _____ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the
ff
name of _____ the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the _____ high - est. _____

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

Maurice Duruflé
(1905-58)

<i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where charity and love are, God is there.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i>	Christ's love has gathered us into one.
<i>Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.</i>	Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
<i>Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.</i>	Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
<i>Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i>	And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
<i>Amen.</i>	Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
creator and ruler of the universe,
for you have satisfied our souls
with this feast of your grace.
Keep us faithful in your service
until your realm of glory comes;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

*HYMN 442

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AURELIA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A minor

Johann Krebs
(1713-80)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

LITURGIST

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ryan Mann

MUSIC

PCCH Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS

Melissa Montgomery, Liz Podraza, Jeannette Quirus and Harry Spaeth

GREETERS

Jeannette Quirus and Dominick Rebeck Elders

Jane McGill and Laura Messenger Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones and Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely, Debby Evans and Jane Kaufman

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COVER ART *Moses Taken from the River*, artist unknown, mural, 245 CE. In the 1930's a team of archeologists discovered a Jewish synagogue at Dura-Europos, Syria. Before the town was destroyed by Persia around 257 AD the synagogue was filled with sand and dirt to help fortify the city walls from the advancing armies. It was this backfilling that preserved the primary structure of the synagogue, and the original wall paintings. This narrative mural is part of a grouping of images that illustrate the life of Moses. Today the surviving images area preserved and displayed in the National Museum of Damascus.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH HIGH COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During select Sundays our Hospitality Committee hosts special High Coffee Fellowships in Widener Hall. They are currently looking for assistance setting up and breaking down on the following Sundays during this program year: November 15, December 13, February 7, March 21, and May 16. If you would like to sign up to volunteer please scan the QR Code.



STAY CONNECTED: UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION TODAY!

PCCH will soon be introducing a new—and much more user-friendly—online church directory and giving system. Please help us prepare for this migration by sharing your most up-to-date contact information with us. Please scan the QR Code or fill out a physical card during coffee hour.



CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC—DAVID KIM AND JEFFREY DEVAULT

Our Cantatas and Chamber Music series opens next Sunday, October 11 with David Kim, violinist and concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and our very own Jeffrey DeVault on piano. Join us at 11:45 a.m. as we dedicate our new Steinway piano, and begin another beautiful season of music. Suggested donation \$20.

SOCIAL WITNESS WEEKEND OF SERVICE—OCTOBER 17 and 18

Join us Service Weekend of the program year! On Saturday, October 17 PCCH will join with FUMCOG at URDC to assist homeowners in the Germantown area with home repairs. On Sunday, October 18 we will be making sandwiches and casseroles for our friends at Face to Face Germantown, and collecting warm wearables for our friends at Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Use the QR Codes below to sign up to volunteer with URDC or donate ingredients for Sunday's project!

URDC



FACE TO FACE



BIBLE STUDY	WOMEN'S CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
October 7, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room Ellen Williams Hensle Mark 5:21-34	October 20, 10 a.m. Reception Room Taylor Slaughter praetextum@gmail.com	October 15, 2 p.m. Reception Room Ron Rising 203.206.7299	October 22, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury Emily Chapdelaine 812 E Willow Grove Ave

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Date	GODLY PLAY (age three—kindergarten)	GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE (first—second grade)	CHRISTIAN STUDIES (third—fifth grade)	FOLLOW ME (sixth—eighth grade)
10/04	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Brandon Harris and Holly Harris	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, after which the children are divided by age into three classes. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program, please scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group will meet most Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Additionally, High School Youth are invited to gather in Emily's office following worship for forty-five minutes of fellowship and conversation. Service Sundays are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month and we will not have Youth Group on these days. All youth grades six through twelve are welcome at these and special youth events whether their families are members or not! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine with any questions.

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 be brought to their parents in Widener Hall following rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will rehearse today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Youth Choir will not meet the third 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 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 Monday, October 12 for Indigenous Peoples Day/ Columbus Day.

Upcoming classes and events

Registration for Fall activities and classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8 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.

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, October 6, 13 and 20 (weather permitting), 10:30 a.m., *free*

Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called "wickets") embedded in a grass playing court. Join us outside on the Lawn to play American Nine-Wicket aka "Backyard" Croquet. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while playing a competitive lawn game! No experience necessary, all players welcome.

LEARN TO PLAY RUMMY TILES *(registration required)*

Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m., *free*

Rummy Tiles (aka Rummikub) is one of the world's bestselling and most-played games. Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs or groups, Rummy style - the first player to use all of their tiles wins. Fast-paced, easy gameplay for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Come learn how to play and then return on Wednesdays for Open Play!

INTRODUCTION TO PING PONG (TABLE TENNIS) *(registration required)*

Wednesdays, October 7 through November 18 (no class November 11), 3:15 p.m., \$25 for six weeks

Enhance your physical, mental and social well-being while learning to play this fun, safe and popular sport! Join our "beginner" Ping Pong (Table Tennis) class for coached and play sessions each week. Experienced coach John Adams and his assistant Dana Baldwin will guide you through skill and strategy exercises to help you to play and enjoy table tennis. All equipment provided. Proper sports attire required (clothes you can move in, sneakers, etc).

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, October 4

Fellowship
Center Theater Meet Up: These Shining Lives
Tempesta di Mare Concert

Lord's Supper

Widener, 11 a.m.
Stagecrafters, 1:30 p.m.
sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, October 5

Sketching and Watercolor class
Tai Chi class
Table Games: Open Play course
WaterMedia Level Two class
Qigong class

room 1&2, 10 a.m.
room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
room 5, 12 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 6

Meditation Practice group
Sketching and Watercolor class
Learn and Play Croquet
Tai Chi for Bone Health class
Mah Jongg open play
Healthy Bones class
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class
Healthy Bones class
Let's Play Canasta class

Harris, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 10 a.m.
front lawn, 10:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Widener, 1 p.m.
room 1&2, 1 p.m.
Widener, 2:15 p.m.
room 5, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 7

Bible Study
Learn to Play Rummy Tiles
Rummy Tiles open play
Bridge open play
Pastels class
Staff meeting
Films About Artists gathering
Golden Yoga class
Into to Ping Pong class
Social Witness Committee meeting

Harris, 10:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
reception, 1 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.
Widener, 3 p.m.
Strouse, 3:15 p.m.
Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 8

Qigong class
Painters group
Movement class

Harris, 9 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 11 a.m.

Forum on the Hill: Kristina Dorsett—Real or Rendered
Mah Jongg group
French Conversation group
Alzheimer's Support group

Widener, 12 p.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, October 9

Yoga with Attitude class
Scrabble Play group
Yoga, A Chair, and You class
International Folk Dancing class
Sober and Out meeting

Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 12 p.m.
Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 11

Worship

Fellowship

Cantatas and Chamber Music—David Kim and Jeffrey DeVault

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Widener, 11 a.m.
Widener, 11:45 a.m.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL PRESENTS

Cantatas & Chamber Music

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 11:45 A.M.

FEATURING

David Kim

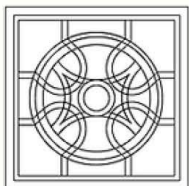
VIOLINIST AND CONCERTMASTER OF THE
PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people **in-person at 12:30pm**

Recording available online the day after.

chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

KRISTINA DORSETT

REAL OR RENDERED? IDENTIFYING AI IN THE WILD

Have you ever asked yourself, “is this AI?” when scrolling through social media? Or have you sent a post to a friend just to find out it wasn’t real in the first place? This presentation will give you a three-step process for determining if what you’re seeing online is real or generated by AI. Whether you are on social media, use online news sites, or have questions about Google’s new AI Overview, this presentation will help you separate facts from fiction.

Kristina I. Dorsett (she/her) is an expert in finding, sharing, and storing information. She is an academic librarian at Widener University where she has taught literacy skills to thousands of students over the past seven years. In 2025, Kristina delivered a TEDx Talk titled “Fighting Scientific Racism in a Digital Landscape” which was selected as an Editor’s Pick by TEDx and is waiting to be published on their YouTube channel. She enjoys reading, performing, and playing with her dog, Henley.

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High Coffee

Join us after worship on select Sundays for special High Coffee Fellowship gatherings hosted by the Hospitality Committee.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

November 15

Advent Music Sunday

December 13

Youth Sunday

February 7

Palm Sunday

March 21

Pentecost

May 16

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with set up and clean up on these Sundays. Scan the QR Code below to volunteer today!



CHURCH STAFF

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

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine Associate Minister of Congregational Life

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

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Megan Cullen Director, Preschool

Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill

Mary Frommer Office and Media Coordinator

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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