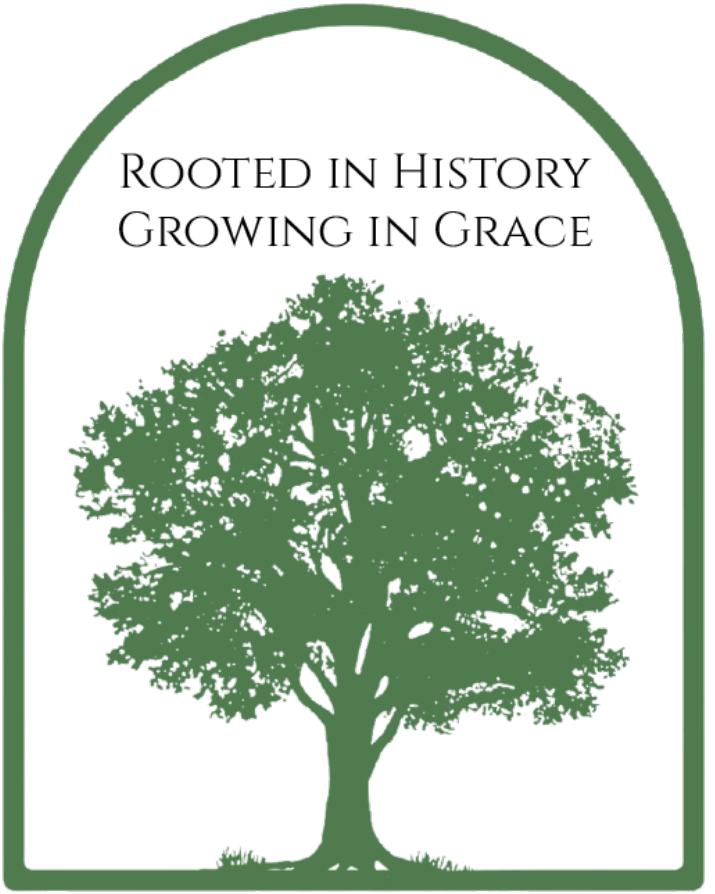
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

an inclusive community of faith

Sunday, November 15, 2026
10 a.m.
COMMITMENT SUNDAY



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

WELCOME!

Whether you're a first time guest or a long time member, we are grareful for your presence with us. There is 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 attendnce 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 conversation low.

CONTACT
If you would 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 Senior Minister and Head of Staff, Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle. With pastoral care concerns, please contact Associate Minister of Congregational Life, Rev. Emily Chapdelaine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Come Christians Join to Sing Hayes

INTROIT *Entrance Responsory* Gerre Hancock (1943-2012)

The Lord is in his Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.
The Lord preserve his going out and his coming in;
from this time forth forever more.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship God in many ways.
People: We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.
Leader: We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.
People: We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.
Leader: We come to worship as we are,
People: knowing that God will meet us here.
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.
People: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN 457** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

**please stand if you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
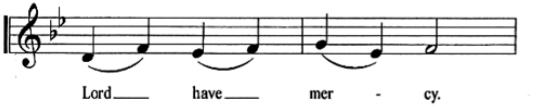
Almighty God,
we confess that we cannot see your image
in each and every one of our neighbors.
We call each other "sinner;"
you call us by our names.
We misjudge one another,
we underestimate ourselves,
and we undervalue creation.
Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace.
Reveal to us your vision for the world
that we may see all people
through eyes of care and hearts of compassion.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON
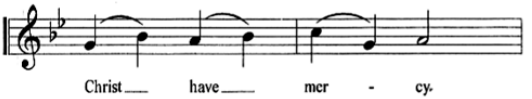
Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

Congregation
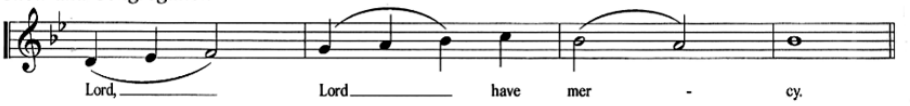


Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Choir and Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

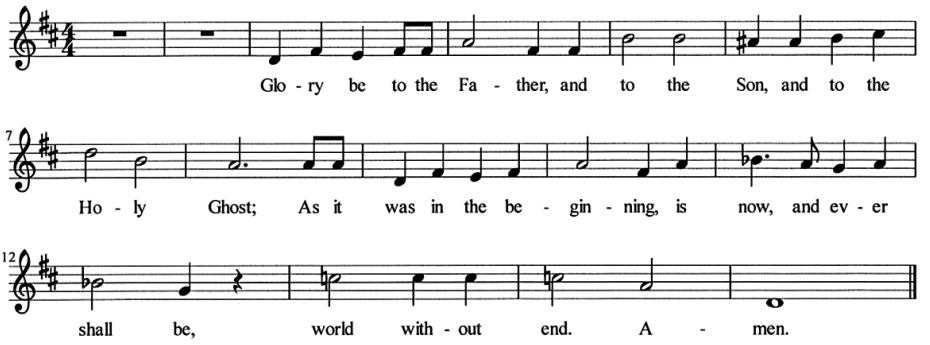
All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



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

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

Diana Rodgers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it,
our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

PSALM 32:1-7

William Knyvett
(1799-1856)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will not meet today.
Parents, your children will return to worship for Pledge Dedication.
Youth Choir will meet in the chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

SERMON *Paying Attention to Hospitality: Who Welcomes Whom?* Ellen Williams Hensle

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." -Luke 19:5

***HYMN 422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Confession of 1967

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church.

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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Anthem of Dedication* Warren Martin (1916-82)

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?
Here am I, Lord, send me.

O Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend. Amen.

***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: Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love?
You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope.
Most of all you have given us your very self,
for our life and the life of the world.
In gratitude we bring our gifts, for the sake of those you love;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN 210** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* St. Anne

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in D minor* Johann Froberger (1616-1667)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGISTS
The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Greg Dickinson

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

GREETERS
Jill Bown and **Jack Evans** Elders
Kelly Baughman and **Beth Wrigley** Deacons

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

FLOWER GUILD
Linnea Johnson and **Sue Shuchat**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Carol Manser** by **Gregory Dickinson, Jonathan Manser** and **Madeline Dickinson**.

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COVER ART *Rooted in History, Growing in Grace*, Mary Frommer, 2027. Tomorrow, November 16, 2026 marks 175 years since the first Sunday morning service at (what would become) The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill; which seems a lot longer ago when you realize that's only seventy-five years younger than our entire country. Through mergers, address changes, building projects, wars, depressions, recessions, and even the "chestnut blight" that descimated the chestnut tree population for which the neighborhood we reside in is named, PCCH is still here, rooted in history, and growing in grace. This year's Stewardship logo was designed by Office and Media Coordinator, Mary Frommer, alongside members of the Stewardship Committee: Diana Rodgers (chair), Mark Bernstein, Matt Eastman, Laurie Menyo, Sandy Sherwood and Taylor Slaughter.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

COMMITMENT SUNDAY BAGEL BRUNCH

Following worship today join us in Widener Hall for a Bagel Brunch celebrating our congregation's generosity this Stewardship Season.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY HOLIDAY BASKET DRIVE

PCCH is partnering with the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry (GACM) to provide Thanksgiving meal baskets to those in need in our community. Baskets will include a protein (turkey, turkey breast, chicken), a starch (rice, yams, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese), a vegetable, bread (rolls or cornbread mix), a dessert, and any other items that could bring joy to a Thanksgiving meal (gravy, cranberries, stuffing, beverages). Please drop off your donations by Wednesday, November 18. Monetary donations are also welcome through the end of today. Please make out checks to "PCCH" with "GACM" in the memo line, or give online and choose "GACM" from the drop down menu.

CARD SHOWER FOR ALICE LEA TASMAN

Beloved PCCH member Alice Lea Tasman has just moved to a memory care facility in Miami, FL. We would like to show her our love by showering her with cards. Blank cards will be available at coffee hour today. Place completed cards in the basket and staff will mail them this week.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC—PCCH SOLOISTS IN RECITAL

Join us today at 4 p.m. as the PCCH Soloists perform at our second Cantatas and Chamber Music concert of the season. A reception will be held in the Narthex beginning at 3:30 p.m. This is a pay-what-you-wish event, with a suggested $20 donation.

FRIENDS OF PCCH HOLIDAY WREATH SALE—ORDERS CLOSING SOON!

The Friends of PCCH Preschool Holiday Wreath Sale will be closing on Monday, November 23! Scan the QR Code (or visit: https://tinyurl.com/ytntcz29) to order your 18" ($30) or 22" ($35) wreath made in Lancaster, PA (Frazier Fur, White Pine, or Arborvitae), and your DIY Wreath Decorating Kit ($7). Wreaths will be available for pick outside of Widener Hall on Sunday, November 29 or outside of PCCH Preschool on Tuesday, December 2 or Wedensday December 3.

Bible Study	Women's Circle	Men's Fellowship	Theology on Tap
November 18, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room	November 17, 10 a.m. Reception Room	November 19, 2 p.m. Reception Room	December 17, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury
Ellen Williams Hensle Mark 10:13-16	Taylor Slaughter praetextem@gmail.com	Ron Rising 203.206.7299	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)
11/15	**Greg Dickinson** and **Sarah Wright**	**Holly Harris** and **Brandon Harris**	**Diana Rodgers** and **Tennyson Tippy**	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 infomraiton about our Sunday School classes and children's music programs, please scan the QR code.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group will meet tonight from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Service Sundays are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month. All youth grades six through twelve are welcome at these, and special youth events, whether their families are members or not! Please contact the Rev. Emily Chapdelaine with any questions.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three through grade five) will not rehearse today. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will rehearse today from 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Youth Choir typically does not meet on the third Sunday of each month 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 informaiton.

The Center on the Hill will be closed on Thursday, November 26 through Friday, November 27, in honor of Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Classes and Events
Registration for Fall activities and classes is open. Registration is required for all activities and classes. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

FORUM ON THE HILL—CHRIS PETRAK
If you missed this month's fascinating Forum you can watch it by scanning the QR Code or visiting: https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/

AFTERNOON MOVIES—THE SHEEP DETECTIVES
Thursday, November 19, 1:30 p.m., *$2*
Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no longlines? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water provided. Bring your own snacks welcome! Showing: The Sheep Detectives. Every night a shepherd reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand. When he is found dead, the sheep realize at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it. Starring: Hugh Jackman, Brett Goldstein, and Patrick Stewart.

THE MOTHER ROAD AT 100—THE VOICES OF ROUTE 66
Tuesday, December 1, 1:30 p.m., *free*
In 2026, Route 66 will turn 100 years old. Although the road has been replaced by the Interstate and no longer exists, the highway still remains the most celebrated road in the world. Join Route 66 Podcast host Anthony Arno as he presents a multimedia audio and video account of life before, during, and after the popularity of Route 66.

NW PHILLY ARTISTS HOLIDAY SHOW AND MARKETPLACE OPENING RECEPTION
Friday, December 4, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *free*
Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, hand crafted candles, ceramic mugs and more by the center's own NW Philly Artists will be on display and for sale. A reception on Friday, December 4, including delicious, homemade treats will create a festive gathering sure to provide holiday fun and a unique shopping experience. This exhibit and sale is open December 4 through December 18, Mondays-Saturdays 10am-4pm. No appointment needed.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 15	**Dedication Sunday**
Bagel Brunch	Widener, 11 a.m.
Usher and Greeter training	sanctuary, 11:30 a.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—PCCH Soloists in Recital	Harris, 4 p.m.
MONDAY, November 16	
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
AARP Smart Driver course	Harris, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
Table Games—open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	room 3&4, 2 p.m.
TUESDAY, November 17	
Meditation Practice group	room 3&4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolors class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
AARP Smart Driver course	Harris, 10 a.m.
Women's Circle group	reception, 10 a.m.
Healthy Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg—open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Healthy Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Children's Ministry meeting	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, November 18	
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Bible Study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles—open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge—open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Intro to Interior Design class	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Intro to Ping Pong class	Strouse, 3:15 p.m.
AA meeting	Harris, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, November 19

Qigong class	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Movement class	room 3&4s, 11 a.m.
Afternoon Movie—The Sheep Detectives	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship group	Associate Pastor Office, 2 p.m.
Support Your Aging Brain class	room 3&4, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, November 20

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble—open play	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.
Sober and Out meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 21

SUNDAY, November 22

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.



Cantatas & Chamber Music

Sunday, November 15, 2025 | 4 p.m.

Preconcert Reception 3:30 p.m.

PCCH Soloists in recital

Abby Hobbs | Mezzo-Soprano

John Drake | Baritone

Katy Avery | Soprano





Breakfast
With Santa

Saturday, December 5

Seating opens at 10 a.m.

Families
$15 in advance
$20 at the door

Adults
$15 in advance
$20 at the door

Children
$10 in advance
$15 at the door

advance ticket sales close Sunday, November 22

Christmas Flowers

A MEANINGFUL WAY TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

During the Christmas season our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers and greenery. We invite you to make a donation in support of the Christmas Flower Fund.



With your gift you can:

- Remember loved ones
- celebrate a birth, anniversary, union or other special event
- offer thanksgiving for those who are special to you
- honor our PCCH programs

The names of those to be honored will be listed in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation of flowers in the name of someone special, please complete this form and return to the church office no later than Sunday, Decvember 20.

Name(s) of contributor(s)

_____

Please Select One:

- ☐ In loving memory of
- ☐ In honor of
- ☐ With thanks for

Names of those to include in the bulletins:

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Suggested minimum donation is $40. Payments made by check should be made payable to "PCCH" with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line.

ABOUT PCCH

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond sincec 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) 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

Williams Agate
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Jill Bown
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Melissa Montgomery
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
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Diana Rodgers
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James Spause
Margaret R. Spencer
William Storm
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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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