The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

an inclusive community of faith

Sunday, November 22, 2026
10 a.m.
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

WELCOME!

Whether you're a first time guest or a long time member, we are grateful 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 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 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 *Thanksgiving Medley* Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

INTROIT Iain Quinn (b. 1973)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:
Come let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever; Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
People: Our creator promised from the beginning
that we would not be alone.
Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
People: Our redeemer proclaimed
that everyone is welcome.
Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
People: Our sustainer speaks to us still.

***HYMN 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **St. George's Windsor**

**please stand if you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another,
and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,
we dismiss your commandments,
and seek to go our separate ways.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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.

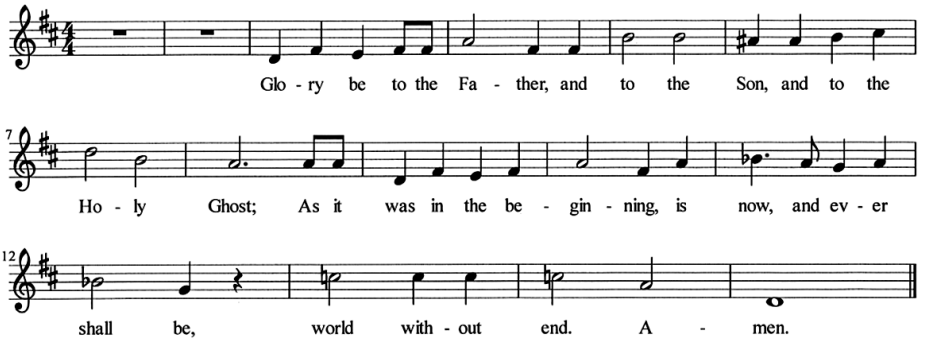
All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

PSALM 100

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with Thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures forever.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will meet in the chapel from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall.
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 Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

SERMON *Paying Attention to Hospitality: God Welcomes All* Ellen Williams Hensle

"Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." -Mark 10:14

***HYMN 555** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Theological Declaration of Barmen

Leader: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

People: The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord
in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.
As the church of pardoned sinners,
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,
with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order,
that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live
solely from his comfort and from his direction
in the expectation of his appearance.
We reject the false doctrine, as though the church
were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order
to its own pleasure or to changes
in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

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 *Jubilate Deo* Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.
We are his people,
We are the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him
And speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now
And ever shall be:
World without end. 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: God of the harvest,
you are continually planting the seeds of your love
in our world and in our lives.
As we bring our gifts to you,
may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope,
planted deeply in our community. Amen.

***HYMN 145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Franz Biebl
(1906-2001)

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGISTS
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Amy Raphael

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

GREETERS
Graeme Frazier and **harry Spaeth** Elders
Jane McGill and **Becky Frazier** Deacons

USHERS
Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader
Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houston, Jason Jones and **Beth Wrigley**

FLOWER GUILD
Sandy Connelly and **Barbara Frazier**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **the children and teachers of the Church School** by **Roy** and **Alison DeCaro**.

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COVER ART *Come Unto Me, Little Children*, William H. Johnson, 1944, gouache, pen, ink, on paper. Born in South Carolina in 1901 Johnson's early artistic education involved copying and tracing comic books. At twenty-one he begain his studies at the National Academy of Design and then the Cape Cod School of Art. It was in France that Johnson first began experimenting with color and form, influenced by modern artists and the works of master impressionists and post impressionists. When Johnson and his wife (Dutch textile artist Holcha Krack) returned to the United States, Johnson abandoned the more avant-garde style he developed in Europe, preferring simpler forms and flatter color. Johnson stated: "My aim is to express in a natural way what I feel both rhythmically and spiritually—all that has been saved up in my family of primitiveness and tradition, and which is now concentrated in me."

HAPPENING AT PCCH

FRIENDS OF PCCH HOLIDAY WREATH SALE—ORDERS CLOSE TOMORROW!

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.

MARY ANNE VAN BLARCOM FUNERAL SERVICE

Please join us on Tuesday, November 24, at 2 p.m. for a memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Anne Van Blarcom. A reception in Widener Hall will follow.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The PCCH Offices will be closed from 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Center on the Hill will be closed Thursday, November 26 through Friday, November 27. We will return to the office on Monday, November 30 for regular office hours.

PCCH GIFTS FOR ACHIEVEABILITY

Help brighten the holidays by providing gifts to children in West Philadelphia. This Advent season PCCH hass committed to providing gifts for sixty children through ACHIEVEability. Sign up to fulfill a child's wish during coffee hour on November 22 and November 29. Gift Lists are just a guide, and ACHIEVEability requests you spend $50 per child. Gifts should be placed under the Christmas Tree in Widener Hall or next to the stage if the tree is not up yet. All gifts must be dropped off by Sunday, December 6 and should be wrapped and labeled with the child's name and child ID. Please contact Beth Vaccaro, 215.764.7213 or bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com, with any questions or to sign up if you are unable to during coffee hour.

Bible Study	Women's Circle	Men's Fellowship	Theology on Tap
December 2, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room	December 15, 10 a.m. Christmas Brunch	December 3, 2 p.m. Reception Room	December 17, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury
Ellen Williams Hensle Mark 1:1-8	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)
11/22	**Michelle Shachtman** and **Rebecca DePasquale**	**Rachelle Pretz** and **Dan Pretz**	**Connie Lewis** and **Dom Rebeck**	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 programs, please scan the QR code.

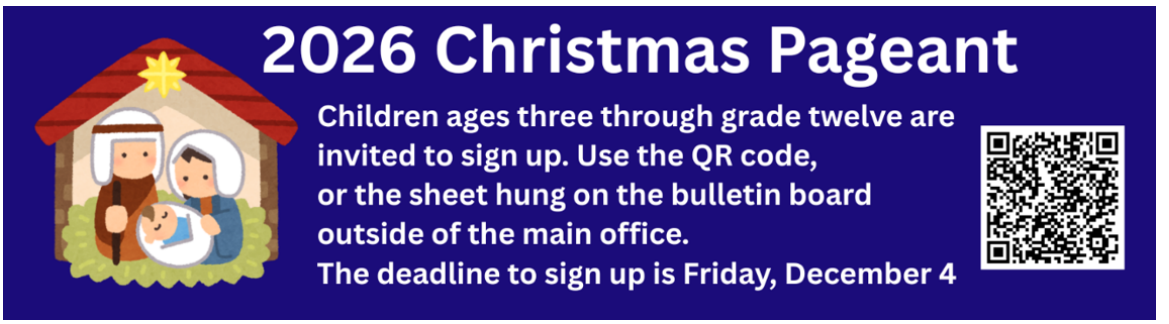
YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group will not meet tonight. 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 rehearse today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the chapel. 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 in the chapel. 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.

TRIVIA
Monday, November 30, 1 p.m., *$2*
Join us for entertaining themed games of Trivia at the Center. Give your brain a work out, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! The theme for November is: Fun with Alphabetics, where answers might begin with a designated letter, or the same letter at the beginning and the end, plus general questions about the alphabet Prizes and refreshments provided!

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.

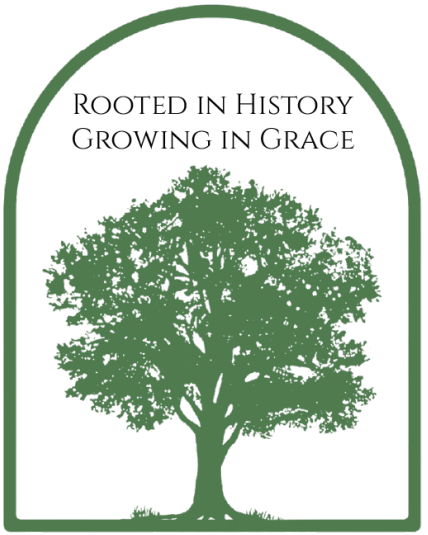
HEALTHY HOLIDAY COOKING
Thursday, December 3, 11 a.m., *$10*
Learn how to make sweet and savory recipes for your next holiday dinner or get together. You'll learn how to make Spinach and Feta stuffed mushrooms along with a Mixed Berry Crisp in this fun interactive class. You will also get to sample these delicious dishes as well!

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 through Saturdays 10 a.m to 4 p.m. No appointment needed.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 22	
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
MONDAY, November 23	
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 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 24	
Meditation Practice group	room 3&4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolors class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Healthy Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg—open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Healthy Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, November 25	**PCCH Preschool Closed**
Rummy Tiles—open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge—open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Intro to Interior Design class	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
AA meeting	Harris, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, November 26	**PCCH Offices and COTH Closed**
Thanksgiving	
FRIDAY, November 27	**PCCH Offices and COTH Closed**
SATURDAY, November 28	
SUNDAY, November 29	**First Sunday of Advent**
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Saints of PCCH:

Thank you to all our members and friends who joined us for a joyful Commitment Sunday last week. And thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge for 2027! Our goal is to stretch toward 175 pledges for our 175th anniversary. If you have not yet made a pledge, you can mail your pledge card to the church, drop it in the offering plate during worship, or simply email our Church Administrator Rachel Cline. Once you've pledged, you will receive a leaf to add to our tree in Widener Hall. Together we are "**Rooted in History — Growing in Grace**."

We encourage those who made a pledge for 2026 to fulfill it before December 31. Online gifts should be made via Planning Center. Contact Rachel Cline with questions.

"I pray that... Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love." Ephesians 3:16-17





Breakfast
With Santa

Saturday, December 5

Seating opens at 10 a.m.

Families
$40 in advance
$50 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, December 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
Rebecca Bernstein
Jill Bown
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier
Melissa Montgomery
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Jeannette Quirus
Dominick Rebeck
Diana Rodgers
Michelle Shachtman
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret R. Spencer
William Storm
Tennyson Tippy
Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

Kelly Baughman
Mark Bernstein
Stephen Bishop
Sue Brunell
Zach Cline
Troy Foxworth
Becky Frazier
Emily McCahery
Jane McGill
Laura Messenger
Douglas Olson
Linda Pettengill
Rachelle Pretz
Sandy Sherwood
Lori Smith
Anna Storm
Sharyn Walker
Sarah Wright
Beth Wrigley

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, Music
Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music
Dr. Julie Snyder Director, Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir
Rachel Cline Church Administrator
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Felix Delgado Full Time Sexton
Nakeem Coleman Part Time Sexton
The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita

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.

CONTACT PCCH

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