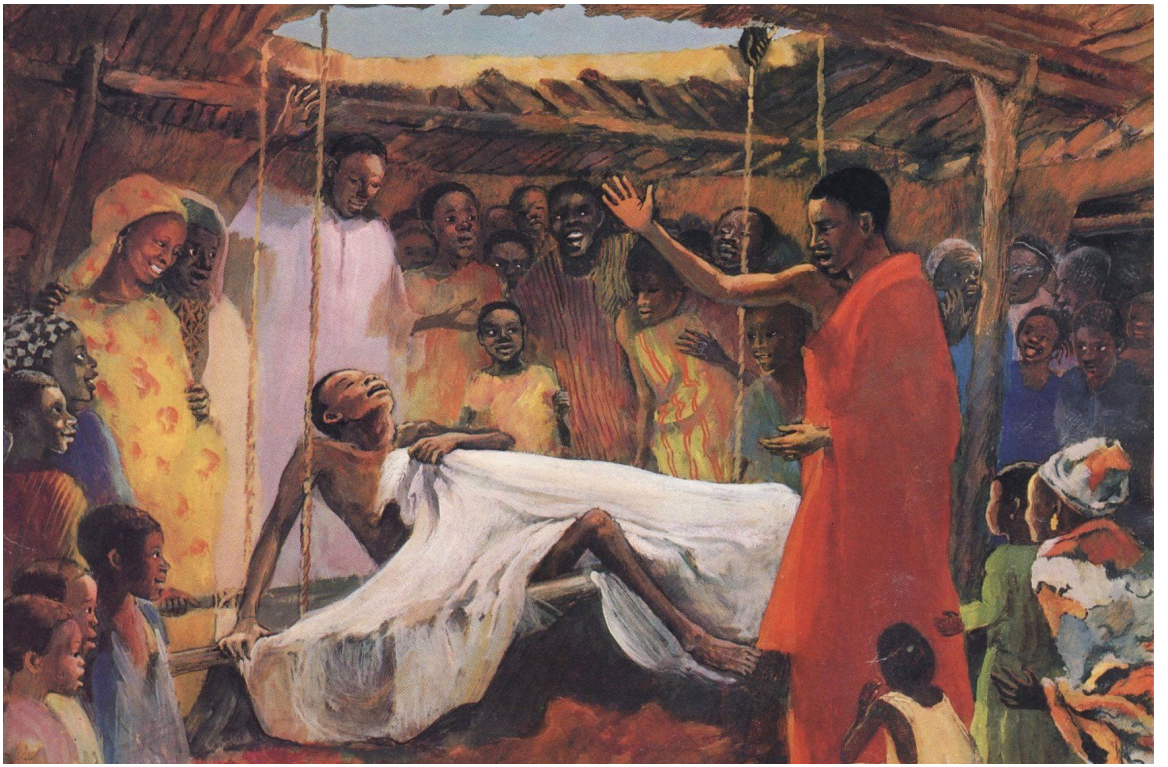
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

an inclusive community of faith

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10 a.m.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 o four 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 joininh PCCH, please contact the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata Pathétique — Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Flute Fantasia No. 4 — G.P. Telemann (1681-1776)

INTROIT — Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
People: I am about to do a new thing, says our God.
Leader: Now it springs forth—do you not perceive it?
People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
Leader: For I will give drink to my chosen people,
People: the people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise!

***HYMN 487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* — LAUDES DOMINI

**please stand if you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, be gracious to us;
heal us, for we have sinned against you.
Though you blot out our transgressions,
still we hide from you in shame.
Though you have given your Spirit to us,
still we harden our hearts, looking away from those you would have us love.
Though you have asked us to care for our community and our earth,
still we prioritize boundaries and bureaucracy at the expense of human need.
O Lord, in your mercy,
forgive what we have been and help us amend what we are,
that we may walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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.

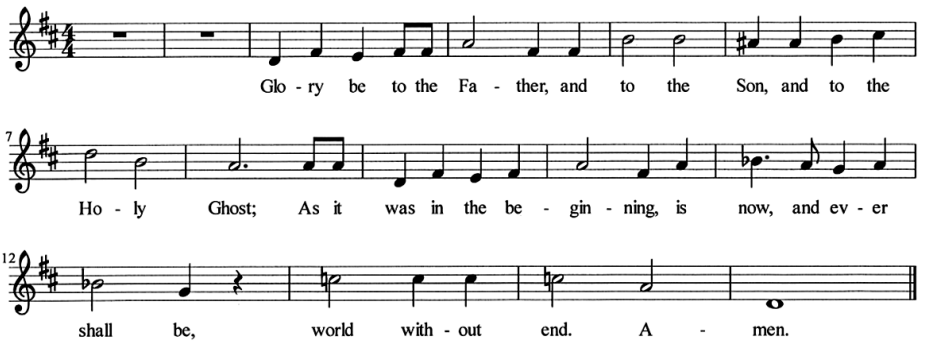
All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Mark Bernstein

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:18-25

Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!
You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings
or honored me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings
or wearied you with frankincense.
You have not bought me sweet cane with money
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.
Rather, you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

I alone am the one
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

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

JOYFUL NOISE ANTHEM *Jubilate Deo* Cristi Cary Miller (b. 1960)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra!
O joyfully sing to God!
Serve the Lord with gladness
And enter His presence with jubilation!

Know that the Lord is God,
He hath made us, not we ourselves.
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children through eighth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise will meet in the chapel from 11 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.
Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widenr Hall.
Youth Choir will meet in the chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

SERMON *Hospitality: The Healing of a Paralyzed Man* Emily Chapdelaine

When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said to the paralytic,
"Child, your sins are forgiven." -Mark 2:5

***HYMN 386** *O for a World* **Azmon**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Bill Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art,
Be Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord,
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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, you say yes to each one of us,
affirming your promises to us.
And so we say yes to you
by dedicating these offerings
to the expansion of your commonwealth on earth,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING
The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

LITURGISTS
Dr. William "Buddy" Storm and **Elizabeth Pendse**

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

GREETERS
Williams Agate and **Rebecca Bernstein** Elders
Beth Wrigley and **Mark Bernstein** Deacons

USHERS
Joan Demme Team #4 Leader
James Cupp, James Lutz, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery, and **Barbara Spause**

FLOWER GUILD
Debby Evans and **Jane Kaufman**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Lynn Stanley Hunsberger** by **the Stewart family: Grace, Richard,** and **children**.

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COVER ART *Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man*, Jesus Mafa, acrylic on canvas, 1973. The Jesus Mafa was a missionary intiative implimented in Camaroon, Africa in the 1970's. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christians in Camaroon to create a large catalog of paintings depicting the life of Jesus Christ as an African man. Colors in Camaroonian art have multifascitated meanings. Red (like th cloak of Jesus) represents life force, the *Fon* (king) and ancestrial connection, while yellow often represents the savannahs of the northern regions, joy, friendship and celebration.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

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. Basket contents should 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 you feel would bring joy to a Thanksgiving meal (gravy, cranberry stuffing, beverages). We are hoping to be able to provide completed baskets to GACM by Friday, November 20 so please drop off your completed baskets by Sunday, November 15. If you have any questions or would like information on how to make a monetary donation to support this drive, please call GACM at 215.843.2340.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC—PCCH SOLOISTS IN RECITAL

Join us on Sunday, November 15 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.

PCCH HIGH COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDDED

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 or visit: https://tinyurl.com/3nccerxb.

PCCH VETERANS DAY HOURS

The PCCH Offices and Center on the Hill will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in honor and recognition of Veterans Day.

DINE AND DONATE WITH PCCH PRESCHOOL!

On Wednesday, November 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Stotesbury will be donating a percentage of their in-house and to-go dining proceeds to PCCH Preschool! All you need to do to participate is order your favorite meal, and mention “PCCH Preschool”.

Bible Study	Women’s Circle	Men’s Fellowship	Theology on Tap
November 11, 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 Luke 19:1-10	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)
11/8	**Zach Cline** and **Buddy Storm**	**Mallory Becker** and **Vincent Rota**	**Linnea Johnson** and **Anna Storm**	**Tara Evans** and **Kate Magid**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday Shool 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.

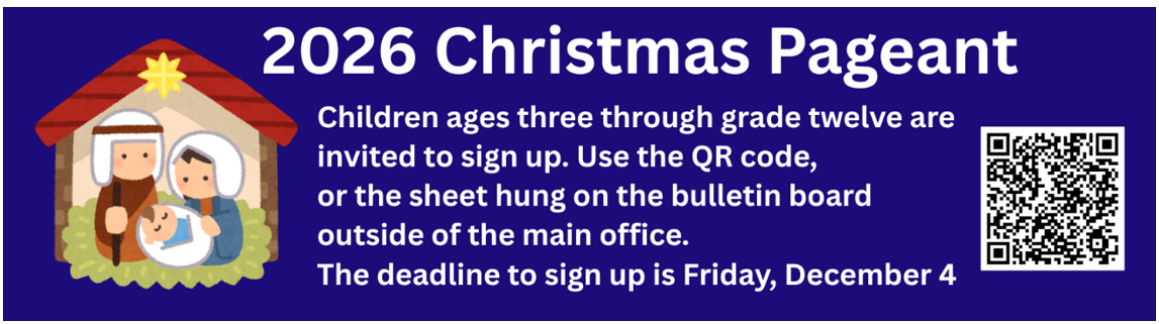
YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group meets most Sundays 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 rehearse today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the Chapel. Children will proceed directly from Sunday School to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will rehearse today from 11:40 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 Wednesday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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
Thursday, November 12, 12:30 p.m., *$5 requested donation*
Chris Petrak, a retired Presbyterian minister, is an avid birder and self-taught naturalist. He has written several books on his birding experiences and research, the most recent being: "American Ornithology": Alexander Wilson's Pioneering Work on American Birds. Join us for an in depth look at Wilson as the first field naturalist, highlighting some of his "new" birds and insights.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE
Monday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 17, 10 a.m., *$20 AARP Members $25 for non-members*
This new and improved eight-hour, in-classroom driving review program is designed for adults fifty and older who want to develop safe, defensive driving techniques. Full attendance is mandatory in order to receive the AARP certificate. Pennsylvania state law requires insurance companies to give a minimum 5% premium reduction to persons fifty-five years and older who complete this course. Registration and pre-payment are required.

MOVEMENT CLASS
Thursdays, November 12, 19 and December 3, 11 a.m., *$15 per class*
A class for all levels! This class focuses on individual and social exploration of movement while alleviating pain and increasing flexibility, strength, and balance. The instructor incorporates improvisational and creative movement scores, rehabilitative and body maintenance techniques, accompanied by instructions on correct and healthy body mechanics.

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.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 8	
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Silva Concert	sanctuary, 3:30 p.m.
Youth Group	Harris, 5 p.m.
MONDAY, November 9	
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.
Finance Committee meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, November 10	
Meditation Practice group	room 3&4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolors class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi for Bone Health class	room 3&4, 11:30 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.
McDonagh Brothers Films	Harris, 2 p.m.
Healthy Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Session meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, November 11—Veterans Day	**PCCH Office and COTH Closed**
Bible Study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting	Harris, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, November 12	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Qigong class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Movement class	Widener, 12 p.m.
Forum on the Hill—Chris Petrak	room 3&4, 11 a.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimers Caregiver Support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
Support Your Aging Brain class	room 3&4, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, November 13

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.
Property Committee meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
PCCH Family Game Night	Widener, 5 p.m.
Sober and Out meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 14

SUNDAY, November 15—Dedication Sunday

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Usher and Greeter training	sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—PCCH Soloists	sanctuary, 4 p.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 | Baratone

Katy Avery | Soprano



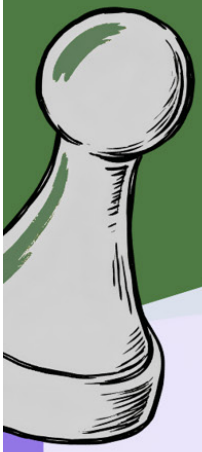
Friday, November 13

doors open at 5:30 p.m.
games begin at 6 p.m.



Bring your favorite game to

GAME NIGHT



Sponsored by PCCH Church Life & Children's Ministry Committees

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Please bring a salad or a side to share!
Tomato pie and lemonade will be provided.
Adult beverages are BYO.

FRIENDS OF
PCCH PRESCHOOL

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

PRE-ORDER YOUR WREATH TODAY
ORDERS ACCEPTED THROUGH NOVEMBER 23RD OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

18" & 22" WREATHS MADE IN LANCASTER WITH FRASER FIR, WHITE PINE, AND ARBORVITAE

$30 FOR AN 18" WREATH

$35 FOR AN 22" WREATH

$7 FOR A DIY WREATH DECORATING KIT

PICK UP IN WIDENER HALL ON NOVEMBER 29TH AFTER WORSHIP OR OUTSIDE THE PRESCHOOL ON DECEMBER 1 & 2

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

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Stephen Bishop
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Zach Cline
Troy Foxworth
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Jane McGill
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Douglas Olson
Linda Pettengill
Rachelle Pretz
Sandy Sherwood
Lori Smith
Anna Storm
Sharyn Walker
Sarah Wright
Beth Wrigley

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensel 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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Nakeem Coleman Part Time Sexton
The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emetita

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 systemis poverty.
Scan the QR Code to learn more.

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