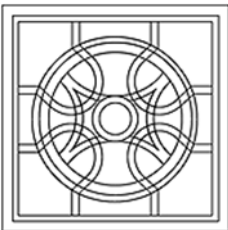


THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, May 3, 2026
10 a.m.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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.

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

Nocturne (Op. 9, No. 2)

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

INTROIT

O Thou That Art the Light

Gabriel Jackson
(b. 1962)

O thou that art the light of the minds that know thee,
the life of the souls that love thee,
and the strength of the wills that serve thee:
help us to know thee that truly love thee,
and so to love thee that we might fully serve thee,
whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God!**

Leader: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

People: **God's love was revealed among us in this way; God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: **If we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love is perfected in us!**

*HYMN 119

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

This is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE
(Hymn 594)

Choir: Antiphon



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Congregation: Antiphon

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Antiphon

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

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

Children will return to worship for communion.

Joyful Noise will and Youth Choir will not meet today.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 6:1-15

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law, for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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

SERMON

Our Best and Worst

Emily Chapdelaine

*"The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly
in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."
Acts 6:7*

*HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let Not Your Heart be Troubled*

Oley Speaks
(1874-1948)

Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

Ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter.

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give unto you.

Let not your hear be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

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

in the_ high - est. *mf* Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the

name of_ the Lord. _____ *ff* 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

Ave Verum Corpus

Colin Mawby
(b. 1936)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine:
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us
to your table where all are welcome,
and for feeding us with the bread of life
and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing.
As you have filled our lives with love and hope,
may we be a source of your love and hope
for others who hunger and thirst
for good news. Amen.

*HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen.

Peter Lutkin
(1853-1931)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Romanian Folk Dances

Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

LITURGIST

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryAnn Hartzell

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS

Melissa Montgomery, William Murphy, Jeannette Quirus, Dom Rebeck

GREETERS

Kelley Garner and Melisa Montgomery Elders

Kelly Baughman and Debby Evans Deacons

USHERS

Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader

Carolyn Manwaring, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery and Sarah Wright

FLOWER GUILD

Linnea Johnson and Sandy Sherwood

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COVER ART

Saint Peter Consecrating the Seven Deacons, Fra Angelico, 1447, fresco. Selected by church Elders the Seven, represented in this image, are the first Deacon's of the Christian church. Their appointment arose to allow the Apostles more time to pray and minister to the world at large, while they focused on more immediate community needs; like feeding widows, and providing boxed alms to the poor. This fresco, located in the Niccoline Chapel, depicts the moment Saint Peter consecrates Saint Stephen (the protomartyr) by the laying of hands. Saint Stephen, kneeling, is considered to be the first Martyr in Christianity. He (and his association with charity) is celebrated each year on December 26, Boxing Day.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called our annual congregational meeting for today Sunday, May 3, immediately following worship. We will elect new officers, vote on updates to our bylaws, and hear a report from the finance committee. After the meeting, join us in Widener Hall for fellowship.

PCCH PRAYER GROUP

The Deacons host a prayer gathering right after worship on select Sundays. Our next prayer gathering is today Sunday, May 3. Find Nicolette Cobbold in Widener Hall to join.

CANTATA'S AND CHAMBER MUSIC:

Join us at 4 p.m. today for Cantata's and Chamber Music featuring Scott Marino, trumpet. A pre-concert reception will begin in the Narthex at 3:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$20.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, May 7 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

SOCIAL WITNESS WEEKENDS OF SERVICE

Join us the weekend of May 16 and 17 for our Spring Weekend of Service! Donate your skills with URDC on Saturday, May 16 or stay after worship on Sunday, May 17 to help make sandwiches and casseroles for Face to Face in Germantown. Sign up to provide ingredients for Face to Face by scanning the QR Code.



JIMMMMM AT VON C BREWING

May 15, the Church Life Committee invites you to rock out with our very own Jim Spause at von C Brewing Company in Norristown! Jim is playing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be donating his tips to the church's music ministry. Enjoy a beer, something to eat from a great Japanese food truck, and time with your friends from PCCH at this very kid (and pet) friendly venue.



WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

Make plans now to play, volunteer or support the West Kensington Ministry's eighth annual golf outing! Players will tee off on Monday, May 11 at 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster. Golfer registration is \$190 per person and covers your greens fees, lunch, cart rental, putting contest, and more! Sign up, or lean more by scanning the QR Code.



PCCH CHILDREN AND YOUTH END OF YEAR POTLUCK

Join the families of PCCH, at the home of Diana Rodgers, on Sunday, May 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for fellowship, fun and celebration! Park at PCCH, then walk over to Laughlin Lane just across Germantown Avenue). Scan the QR Code for more details, or to sign up to provide items.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	GODLY PLAY (age three–kindergarten)	GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE (first–second grade)	CHRISTIAN STUDIES (third–fifth grade)	FOLLOW ME (sixth–eighth grade)
5/3	Michelle Shachtman and Angie Fredrickson	Tennyson Tippy 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. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program please scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

There will not be youth group or confirmation class this evening. On Sunday evenings when our Confirmation class is meeting, Youth Group will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that all middle school and high school youth, regardless of confirmation status, are welcome to come to Youth Group! Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Rev. Emily Chapdelaine for more details.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will not rehearse today. Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will not rehearse today. Youth Choir will not meet the first 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.



Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (*registration required*)

Tuesday, May 5, 12 p.m., \$15 at the door

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it only costs you twelve dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

WRITE YOUR OWN (FUNNY) OBITUARY (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 7, 11 a.m., *free*

Why wait till you're compost to have someone else write about your life? You know your own life story with all its quirks, foibles and ups and downs. In this class we'll work on writing an obituary that everyone will enjoy reading after you're gone. We'll read samples of funny obituaries that have been published, then will write and laugh as we summarize our lives. Bring a notebook, laptop, or paper to write on. I'll supply the pens and pencils.

GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 a.m., *free*

Join Elder Law Attorney Rob Slutsky as we explore the important documents every family should have in place: wills, Powers of Attorney, healthcare directives, trusts, and other vital tools to prepare you and your loved one to age with peace of mind. The best plans prepare for the worst scenarios. An elder law attorney helps you secure your future and the future of those you love the most. Participants can have their important questions answered by an elder law expert.

FORUM ON THE HILL—DR. RORUJORONA FERRELL: WHAT'S INSIDE THE PENN MUSEUM? (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 14, 12:30 p.m., \$5 requested donation

Learn about the Penn Museum; their mission, how they provide access to archaeology and anthropology for everyone, and what's inside! Dr. Rorujorona Ferrell (Rougye), the Assistant Director of Community Engagement Programs at the Penn Museum, will talk about some of the museum's popular public programming, free community days, and may have a few touchable artifacts from their teaching collection.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 3

Worship

Church School
 Annual Congregational meeting
 Fellowship
 Cantata's and Chamber Music: Scott Marino

Lord's Supper
 sanctuary, 10 a.m.
 Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
 sanstuary, 11 a.m.
 Widener, 11:15 a.m.
 Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, May 4

Sketching and Watercolor class
 Tai Chi
 Table Games open play
 Crazy Quilt: American Music class
 Grief Support group
 WaterMedia Level 2 class
 Qigong class

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

TUESDAY, May 5

Meditation Practice group
 AARP Smart Driver course
 Build Your Website class
 Sketching and Watercolor class
 Tai Chi class
 Community Luncheon
 Mah Jongg open play
 Watercolor and Drawing class
 Deacon meeting

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10 a.m.
 room 5, 10 a.m.
 room 1&2, 10 a.m.
 room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
 Widener, 12 p.m.
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 Harris, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 6

Beginning Tai Chi class
 Rummy Tiles open play
 PCCH Bible Study class
 Continuing Tai Chi class
 Bridge open play
 Intermediate Tai Chi class
 Making Art: pastels class
 Golden Yoga class
 Introduction to Ping Pong class
 Social Witness Committee meeting

Widener, 10 a.m.
 room 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10:30 a.m.
 Widener, 11:15 a.m.
 room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
 Widener, 12:30 p.m.
 room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
 Widener, 3 p.m.
 Youth Room, 3:15 p.m.
 Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 7

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Write Your Own Funny Obituary workshop	Harris, 11 a.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 8

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Technique class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble Play group	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.

SATURDAY, May 9

Building cleaned	
Piffaro concert	Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 10

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Stouse, 12 p.m.

ABOUT PCCH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 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

Jill Bown	Melissa Montgomery	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	William Murphy	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Elizabeth Podraza	Margaret R. Spencer
Jack Evans	Jeannette Quirus	William Storm
Graeme Frazier	Dominick Rebeck	Tennyson Tippy
Kelley Garner-DiCesare	Diana Rodgers	Clarke Woodruff

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PCCH links and
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