

# HOLY WEEK



## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

10 am Worship  
in the sanctuary and online

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:30 pm Worship with communion  
in the sanctuary and online

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

7:30 pm Worship in the chapel  
Soloists of the Gallery Choir  
Tomás Luis de Victoria:  
*The Passion According to St. John*  
plainchant with choruses

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

10 am Worship  
in the sanctuary and online

*Easter Egg Hunt*  
*immediately following worship*



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HAPPENING AT PCCH

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### FELLOWSHIP

Join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for coffee and sweet treats! All are welcome.

### PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on April 16. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the Maundy Thursday sermon, **John 13:1-17,31b-35**. All are welcome.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, April 17 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. The presenter will be Mark Bernstein. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### LADIES CIRCLE GROUP

If socializing, Bible Study and stimulating/lively discussions appeal to you, then you may want to join our group of great women to learn and share. We meet in the reception room on the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22. Yes, we have coffee and treats! Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

### HOSPITALITY HELPERS!

Have you enjoyed your coffee and treats after worship? So you prefer drinking out of mugs rather than paper cups? Do you ever wonder how the seasonal napkins and decorations are chosen? Do you agree that tablecloths make Widener Hall more welcoming? Join the Hospitality Committee! Volunteer a few dates to help make the magic happen! Jobs include:

- Cleaning up after church
- Storing clean linens, washing dirty ones
- Setting up, cutting cake, picking up food and clean up for High Coffees and picnics

Contact Sandy Connelly at sandyconnelly@gmail.com with any questions.

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### MELODY & COMEDY! SATURDAY, APRIL 26—SAVE THE DATE AND DONATE!

Part of this evening's perennial fun is the appealing and eclectic array of marvelous items that you can take home with a winning bid in the silent auction! To make that possible, we'd love for you to donate something cool to add to this year's wonderful offering! All of this benefits the exceptional Music & Arts programming here at PCCH! Fill out the online form at [tinyurl.com/53f74vu9](https://tinyurl.com/53f74vu9) to let us know what you can add to the auction (we need to hear from you by April 14<sup>th</sup>). Questions? Ask Rebecca Thornburgh at [unbecca@gmail.com](mailto:unbecca@gmail.com).

The Music and Arts Committee hopes you'll add to the fun by participating—offering a performance or a donation—and especially by coming out to see the always excellent show and to bid on the always awesome auction. See you on April 26th for the tenth annual reprise of this super fun evening!

### PCCH PRAYER GROUP

The Deacons are starting a once-a-month prayer gathering, right after worship on the first Sunday of each month. Join them Sunday, May 4 in the Center on the Hill room 1/2 to share congregational concerns and pray together. Contact Nicolette Cobbold with questions.

## Easter Flowers

Please complete and return this form to the church office  
by Sunday, April 13th

Name of contributor

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*In loving memory of*

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*In honor of/in thanksgiving for*  
(please circle one)

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The suggested minimum donation is \$35  
Scan the QR to pay with Venmo or make your check payable to PCCH,  
and include "Easter flowers" on the memo line



an evening of  
**Melody & Comedy**



Saturday, April 26, 2025  
Widener Hall

show and silent auction  
7 pm doors open | 7:30 pm show

tickets available at the door  
\$20 adults, \$10 children | \$50 family

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
4/13	Michelle Shachtman and Buddy Storm	Dom Rebeck and Connie Lewis	Kate Magid

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages three to second grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades three to five will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. Our current curriculum is derived from the Memoria Press Christian Studies.
- Middle school youth in grades six to eight will study *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*. Youth will explore how they can live out their faith, as Jesus taught, in our modern world. The middle school youth will meet during worship two to three times per month. On the remaining Sundays, youth should participate in the full worship service.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle and high school youth will meet immediately after worship each week until noon in the Youth Group room. Lunch will be provided. Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday of the month but will instead engage in Service Sunday after worship.

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

*Joyful Noise*, our children's choir for ages three through grade five, will rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall immediately following rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

*Youth Choir*, our youth choir for grades six to twelve, will 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 are always welcome.

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: [chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs](http://chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs).

The Center will be closed Friday, April 18-Monday, April 21 for Easter break, and will reopen Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m.!

### *Upcoming classes and events*

Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215.247.4654 or email [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to register.

#### **STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS** (*registration required, join at any time*)

April 14-May 20 (no class 4/29), 2:15 p.m., \$72 for five-week session

Did you know that one in two women and one in four men over the age of 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture, and that osteoporosis is responsible for 1.5 million fractures a year in the United States? Hundreds of clinical studies have indisputably proven that doing the right exercises, improving your balance, and making some lifestyle changes are critical factors in building stronger bones. In addition, active lifestyles are associated with reducing the risk of hip fracture by half. This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength. Joanne's Strong Bones program is derived from evidence-based research in the field of osteoporosis. Bring your own mat, but all other equipment will be provided.

#### **NAVIGATING SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS** (*registration required*)

Thursday, April 24, 11 a.m., free

Understand the maze of senior living options and what may be the right fit for you or a loved one. We will review contract types as well as levels of care and tips on where to find unbiased information to make an informed decision. Important questions to ask when touring will be reviewed, along with what steps to take before signing a contract. Presented by Beth Slater-Plechner from Spring Mill Pointe.

#### **AFTERNOON MOVIES—CONCLAVE** (*registration required*)

Thursday, April 24, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies, in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no long lines! Popcorn and water are provided, and feel welcome to bring your own snacks. When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. Winner of eight Academy Awards. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, and John Lithgow.

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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### **DAY TRIP—MUSICAL HISTORY TOUR** (*registration required*)

Friday, April 25, 11 a.m., \$40 for tour, \$50 for tour and lunch\*

Join us for a fun filled day as we get started at 11 a.m. for a light lunch (*optional*) before embarking on an exciting journey through Philadelphia’s musical past and present! The Musical History Tour is a unique Philadelphia bus tour that focuses on the artists, musicians, and performers who got their big break in this city. With video monitors on board playing music videos and songs to go along with the names and stories told by the tour guide, there’s no other way to truly learn about the history of Philadelphia than through the lens of its music. And because you’ll be riding a temperature-controlled bus with a bathroom, you can enjoy the sights no matter what the weather.

\*Bus tour departs from the Center at 12 p.m. and will return at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

### **FORUM ON THE HILL—BUILDING GHOSTS: PAST LIVES AND LOST PLACES IN A CHANGING CITY** (*registration required*)

If you missed this past week’s fascinating Forum with Molly Lester and Michael Bixler, you can watch it at [tinyurl.com/566ysynu](https://tinyurl.com/566ysynu) or by scanning the QR code.

Recorded on April 10, 2025. “Building ghosts” are the idiosyncratic remnants or imprints of demolished buildings, left behind on the sides of neighboring structures. Mostly seen in older Northeastern cities with rowhomes or party-wall adjacencies, they can reveal remarkable things, such as an old staircase going up the side of a building or plaster traces left by a set of shelves in an attic gable. As history in our changing cities is erased and remade, these ghosts can be ephemeral or enduring. They can be quickly revealed and replaced in a neighborhood seeing rapid change or unveiled and never re-covered in a neighborhood that has not seen new construction in a long time.



## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, April 13

#### Worship

Church School

Fellowship

### Palm Sunday

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10 a.m.

Widener, 11 a.m.

### MONDAY, April 14

Organ practice

Sketching and Watercolor class

Mah Jongg class

Tai Chi private practice group

Table Games open play

WaterMedia Level Two class

Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal

Philomusica Chorale rehearsal

sanctuary, 9 a.m.

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

choir room, 3&4, 5:30 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, April 15

Sketching and Watercolor class

Meditation practice group

Name That Tune game

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones class

Strong Bones class

American Dance Wheels class

Royal Scottish Dancers group

Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

Theology on Tap

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 11 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Widener, 1 p.m.

Widener, 2:15 p.m.

Widener, 4 p.m.

chapel, 7 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 p.m.

Campbell's Place, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, April 16

Rotary Club meeting

Organ practice

Beginning Tai Chi

Rummy Tiles open play

PCCH Bible study

Continuing Tai Chi class

Bridge open play

Intermediate Tai Chi

Staff meeting

Mah Jongg open play

Widener, 7:30 a.m.

sanctuary, 9 a.m.

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.

reception, 1 p.m.

room 5, 1:30 p.m.



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### WEDNESDAY, April 16 continued

Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, 3&4, 6:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, April 17

Qigong class	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
Painters group	Harris, 9 a.m.
Horticultural Therapy workshop	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship meeting	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Organ practice	Harris, 2 p.m.
American Dance Wheels class	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	Widener, 3:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday service	choir room, 6:30 p.m.
	sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, April 18

<b>COTH and office closed</b>	
PCCH Sober & Out group	<b>Good Friday</b>
Good Friday service	Harris, 7 p.m.
	chapel, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, April 19

Building cleaning

### SUNDAY, April 20

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Church School	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Easter Egg hunt	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
	front lawn, 11 a.m.