

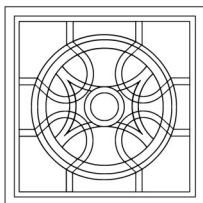
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10 a.m.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 on the front lawn.

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 Rev. Emily Chapdelaine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the rising of the sun
to its setting in the west,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: On the lips of children,
by the babbling of babies,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: In the visions of the old
and the dreaming of the young,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven
and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: Let everything that has life and breath
praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

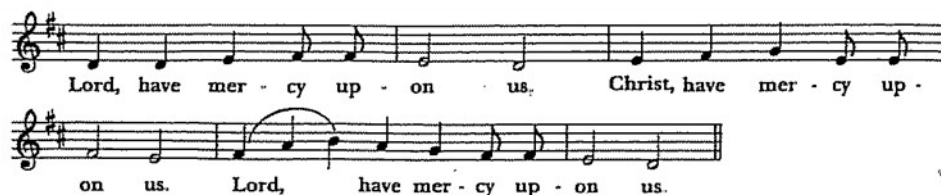
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you long for us to be one,
just as you and the Father are one.
But we gravitate toward those who
think like us, behave like us, pray like us,
because it is easier than looking beyond difference
to discover what is good and kind and faithful
in those we call the other.
Even in our houses of worship,
we are slow to reach across the aisle
to embrace siblings in faith
with whom we hold little in common.
Forgive us, we pray.
Wash us in the waters of our baptism,
so that, with one mind,
we might continue the work you give us to do. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

*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

Living God,
help us to hear your Word with open hearts
so that we may truly understand;
and understanding, that we may believe;
and believing, that we may follow you,
seeking your honor and glory in all we do.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Leader: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE

Daniel—Natalie Bishop

King Nebuchadnezzar—Elisa Lutz

Shadrach—Maddie Dickinson

Meshach—Charlie Rota

Abednego—Redding Storm

Figure in White—Kian Fisher

Guard—Charley Jeswald

Captives of Judah in Babylon—the Children of PCCH

Director/Music Director—Julie Snyder

Accompanist—Jeff DeVault

Music Assistant—Abigale Hobbs

Set Design/Construction—Dan Pretz, Tennyson Tippy

Summer 2026 Sunday School Teachers—Mallory Becker, Brandon Harris, Holly Harris, Linnea Johnson, Dan Pretz, Rachelle Pretz, Vince Rota, Michelle Shachtman, Anna Storm, and Tennyson Tippy



*HYMN

Let the People Praise

from It's Cool In the Furnace

Stately

VOICES

Praise the Lord in the

Ho - ly place, Praise Him in the fir - ma - ment.

Praise the Lord for His might - y acts, Praise Him for His

ex - cel - lence!

Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men,

Let the peo-ple praise our God. Hal - le -

lu - jah, A - men, Let the peo-ple

praise our God.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Elders Class of 2029

William Agate
Melissa Montgomery
Elizabeth Podraza
Michelle Shachtman
William Storm
Clarke Woodruff

Elders Class of 2028

Rebecca Bernstein

Deacons Class of 2029

Zach Cline
Troy Foxworth (to be ordained)
Douglas Olson
Linda Pettengill
Rachelle Pretz
Sandy Sherwood (to be ordained)
Anna Storm (to be ordained)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

*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: Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. Amen.

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

The musical notation is presented on two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

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be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We give thanks for the service of our outgoing officers:

ELDERS

Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Kelley Garner

DEACONS:

Nicolette Benjamin
Debby Evans
Ann Goslin
Kristin Lawton
Thanice Petrak
Amy Raphael

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

LITURGIST

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle and The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

GREETERS

Liz Podraza and Melissa Montgomery Elders

Sarah Wright and Emily McCahery Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones and Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Cathy Brozowski and Sue Shuchat

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the children and youth of PCCH.

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HAPPENING AT PCCH

LABOR DAY HOURS

The PCCH offices and Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, September 7 in recognition of Labor Day. We will reopen for regular office hours on Tuesday, September 8.

THE PCCH HOMECOMING PICNIC IS COMING!

Join us on Sunday, September 13 as we kick off the 2026-27 program year with our annual Homecoming Picnic, on the front lawn. Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share. Use the QR Code to volunteer with setup or clean up!



THANK YOU!—FROM ACHIEVEAbility!

The ACHIEVEAbility staff was very impressed and pleased with the quality of the backpacks we provided! This years backpack drive collected over 2,200 backpacks for children and youth in with over 900 collected by students on the first day! We cannot thank you enough for your dedication to supporting our community partners!

STAY CONNECTED: UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION TODAY!

PCCH will soon be introducing a new—and much more user-friendly—online church directory and giving system. Please help us prepare for this migration by sharing your most up-to-date contact information with us. Scan the QR code to fill out the questionnaire, or fill out a physical copy at coffee hour. Please call the church office with any questions.



BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
September 2, 10 a.m. Harris Room Emily Chapdelaine Ezekiel 33:1-11	Will resume in September	September 3, 2 p.m. Reception Room Ron Rising 203.206.7299	September 17, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury Emily Chapdelaine 812 E Willow Grove Ave

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our school year Sunday School program for children three through grade five begins on Sunday, September 13! For more information about our Sunday School classes and Children's Music program please scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group is back! We will meet most Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning on Sunday, September 13. Additionally, High School Youth are invited to gather in Emily's office following worship for forty-five minutes of fellowship and conversation beginning Sunday, September 27. Service Sundays are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month and we will not have Youth Group on these days. All youth grades six through twelve are welcome at these and special youth events whether their family are members or not! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine with any questions.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise (our children's choir age three to grade five) and Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) are on summer break until September.

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.



The Center on the Hill will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

Upcoming classes and events

Registration for Fall activities and classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8 at 10 a.m. 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 to register.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP *(registration required)*

Second Thursday of the month, September 10, 2 p.m., *free*

Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with other caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This open support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The meetings are open to new and interested members, no enrollment or long term commitment is required. Join in person at the Center, by phone (call 301.715.8592 then enter the meeting information), or via Zoom (by visiting zoom.us/join then entering the meeting information). Meeting ID: 448 977 3675, passcode: 076567

TURKEY BOWLING *(registration required)*

Tuesday, September 15, 11 a.m., *free*

Join in on the fun and win some prizes! Four to five rounds of bowling fun with two teams, the winner will be determined by the total number of Turkey Legs knocked down! Strike up some fun with us! Presented by Chestnut Hill Lodge.

HEALTHY BONES EXERCISE CLASS *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, September 15 through October 20 (no class September 29), 1 p.m. or 2:15 p.m., \$72 for full session, no drop in available

This class focuses on strengthening, balance, and posture exercises based on the Strong Bones program developed by bone health expert Joanne Fagerstrom PT,CFP. This is a class for those who want to be proactive about their bone health, reduce fall risk, and improve function for everyday activities. Please bring your own mat, all other equipment will be provided.

MOVEMENT CLASS *(registration required)*

Thursdays, September 17 through October 22, 11 a.m., \$15 per class, \$78 for six classes

Discover the pleasure of moving, lifting, and healing the body, mind, and spirit. This class will focus on individual and communal exploration of movement while alleviating pain, increasing flexibility, strength, and balance through freedom of movement. The instructor incorporates improvisational & creative movement scores, rehabilitative & body maintenance techniques, accompanied by instructions on correct/healthy body mechanics.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 30

Worship—*It's Cool In The Furnace*
Fellowship

Widener, 10 a.m.
front lawn, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, August 31

Sketching and Watercolor class
Tai Chi group
Table Games Open Play group
WaterMedia Level Two class
Qigong class

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

TUESDAY, September 1

Meditation Practice group
Sketching and Watercolor class
Mah Jongg Open Play group
Deacons meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, September 2

PCCH Bible Study
Rummy Tiles Open Play group
Bridge Open Play group
Golden Yoga class
AA meeting
Social Witness meeting

Harris, 10:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Widener, 3 p.m.
Harris, 8 p.m.
Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 3

Qigong class
Painters group
Mah Jongg group
Men's Fellowship
Aging in Place group

Harris, 9 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
reception, 2 p.m.
Harris, 2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 4

Yoga with Attitude class
Scrabble Play group
Yoga, A Chair, and You class
International Folk Dancing group
Sober and Out group

Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 12 p.m.
Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 6

Worship
Fellowship

Lord's Supper
sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Widener, 11 a.m.



Cantatas & Chamber Music *2026-2027*

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | 11:45 a.m.

David Kim

Preconcert reception in Widener Hall | 11 a.m.

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 4 p.m.

PCCH Soloists in Recital

Preconcert reception in the Narthex | 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13, 2026 | 10 a.m.

Bach *Magnificat*—PCCH Gallery Choir and Orchestra

Post concert reception in Widener Hall

Sunday, January 31, 2027 | 4 p.m.

Mark Livshits, piano

Preconcert reception in the Narthex | 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 21, 2027 | 4 p.m.

Lamington String Quartet

Preconcert reception in the Narthex | 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 21, 2027 | 4 p.m.

Works by Buxtehude, Schütz and MacMillan—

PCCH Gallery Choir and Soloists

Preconcert reception in Widener Hall | 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 23, 2027 | 4 p.m.

Filament

Preconcert reception in the Narthex | 3:30 p.m.

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The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Senior Minister and Head of Staff

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PCCH links and
online giving options

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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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