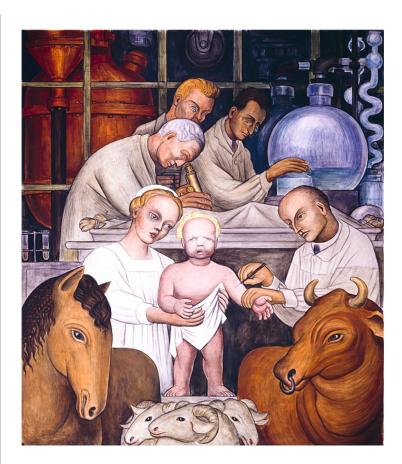
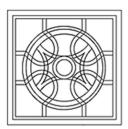
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 21, 2022 10:00 a.m. Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost





8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

If, when I hint to you of a Home that is before us, where I will be true to you with all my duty and with all my faithful service, I bring back the remembrance of a Home long desolate, while your poor heart pined away.

Charles DickensA Tale of Two Cities

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Church Cantata Adagio; Aria; Chorale Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

INTROIT

Richard K. Avery (1934-2020)

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Leader:	In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
	let me never be put to shame.
People:	In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
	incline your ear to me and save me.
Leader:	Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,
	to save me,
People:	for you are my rock and my fortress.
All:	Let us worship God!.

*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



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.

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*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 (unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and be taught your will, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:9-12

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

PSALTER

Psalm 103:1-8

PLAINSONG

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the chapel. Families, please pick up your children in the chapel following worship.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

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

SERMON

Detroit

Brian Russo

***HYMN 265** G

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

WAREHAM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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

OFFERTORY

Et exultavit from Magnificat J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo. And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*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 THANKGIVING

Leader:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Leader:	Let us pray.
All:	Loving God, we thank you for the grace and compassion you have
	shown us. For holding us when we are tender and anxious, for
	inspiring us to live into your hope. Encourage us to focus on what is
	important, and to use the gifts you have given us for benefit of your
	creation. In Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you. with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Randolph

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING Brian Russo

LITURGIST Roberta Kearney

MUSIC Katy Avery, soprano soloist Paul Fleckenstein guest organist

GREETERS Graeme Frazier and Christen Webber Elders Becky Frazier and Kate Houstoun Deacons

USHERS Kevin Raphael, Team #1 Leader, Troy Foxworth, Carolyn Manwaring, Harry Spaeth, Sarah Wright

FLOWER GUILD Barbara Hawley and Elizabeth Podraza

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred S. Owen and Harris A. Carr by Emilie Carr

COVER ART Diego Rivera, section from the *Detroit Industry Murals*, 1932-33. This series of frescoes depicting industry at the Ford Motor Company and in Detroit was commissioned by the Detroit Institute of Art. Twenty-seven panels surround the interior court at the DIA's museum. The two main panels on the north and south walls show laborers working at Ford Motor Company's River Rouge Plant. Other panels depict advances made in various scientific fields, such as medicine and new technology.

One panel on the north wall features a Christ-like child figure with golden hair reminiscent of a halo. Flanking it on the right is a horse (rather than the donkey of Christian tradition); on the left is an ox. Directly below are several sheep, an animal included in traditional Nativity scenes. It also represents Christ as Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). A doctor fills the role of Joseph and a nurse that of Mary; together they are administering a vaccination to the child. In the background three scientists, like biblical Magi, are engaged in what appears to be a research experiment. This part of the fresco is clearly a modern take on traditional images of the holy family, but some critics interpret it as parody rather than homage.

The series of murals, taken as a whole, expresses the idea that all actions and ideas are one. Highly controversial at the time because of Rivera's reputation as a follower of Marxist philosophy, the murals were designated by the Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark in 2014.

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Good to Know

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Brian Russo at the church office or at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

If you would like to receive a ride to church for Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.



The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas: Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

PCCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.

PHILADELPHIA COVID UPDATE

Masks during worship and other gatherings will be optional, not required. Thank you for your prayers and understanding as we seek to navigate in this season with full measures of care and compassion.

JOHN WILKINSON RECEIVES LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT

While still in Rochester, John received a grant from the Lilly Endowment/Louisville Institute. Called a Pastoral Study Project grant, John proposed visiting several congregations for site visits to learn how congregations engage in mission in their communities. Each visit will include a four-day "immersion" in the life of a congregation, including worship, special events, committees and interviews. On September 18, John will report back to PCCH on what he learned. Here is his remaining schedule:

Weekend of August 20-New Life Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

TRIVIA NIGHT AT CARTESIAN BREWING

Thursday, September 1, arrive between 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Dust off your treasure trove of arcane knowledge and join a PCCH team at Trivia Night at Cartesian Brewing (1326 East Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia). There will be a food provider on site, or bring in your own (plenty of nearby options, including Pat's and Geno's)! Contact Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com) if you're interested, and we'll work out details in the interim. Cartesian Brewing was recently named Best New Brewery in Philadelphia Magazine's Best of Philly 2022! The brewery is owned by the husband of Caroline Podraza (who will hopefully join the PCCH team so as to lower our average age and improve our popular culture knowledge).

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Jesus often told parables to describe life in the Kingdom of God. In the remaining weeks of this summer the children will hear four parables. Today is Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults. Nursery workers will continue wearing masks.

PARENTS ON TAP

Tuesday, September 27, 7:30p.m., Iron Hill Brewery

Introducing a new group for the new year! Beginning on September 27 and reoccurring on the fourth Tuesday of every month, parents of children still in and around the home are invited to join Brian Russo and others at Iron Hill Brewery on Germantown Avenue as we join in fellowship together to discuss all things parenting. From joys to miseries, to questions and suggestions, from sharing stories and experiences, we will try to tackle it all, including the biggest topics confronting both us and our kids. Let Brian know if you'll be there to meet him (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org).





OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

JOIN THE MATTHEW 25 TEAM!

"'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Last September, our Session approved our becoming a Matthew 25 congregation. The Matthew 25 commitment is a partnership with the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to build congregational vitality, dismantle racism and all other "isms," and eradicate poverty. This committed us to focus educational efforts and actions around three focus areas:

- Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency more succinctly states: "The work of Matthew 25 is a direct response to the good news of Jesus and a faithful expression of what it means to be Christ's disciples in this time and place." Learn more about the Matthew 25 vision here: <u>bit.ly/3tXChWc</u>

During the past year, we have raised awareness of this initiative by becoming more purposeful in our social witness outreach, increasing conversations and education around systemic racism, and partnering with area churches of color. Now, we'd like YOUR input and help in integrating Matthew 25 into our daily life!

Please join us on **Sunday, August 28 (note new date)** (at PCCH) to learn more and to share your thoughts and goals around how we can embrace Matthew 25 in all we do. Please RSVP to John Wilkinson (jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org)

SUMMER BOOK GROUP

"On Juneteenth," Sunday, August 28 (note new date)

Join us following worship as we review Annette Gordon-Reed's recent work, "On *Juneteenth.*" This timely volume is brief in length but substantive in content. Gordon-Reed, who teaches at Harvard, uses her own autobiography and Texas history to help us consider many of the issues we are facing today. Please join us—reading the book (which you can do somewhat quickly) is helpful but not necessary.

FALL BOOK GROUP

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer is the book we will read as a congregation this year. Our approach will be to read 3-4 essays, meditating on them and then coming together for discussion of personal reflection questions to be provided in advance of each discussion. As the discussion questions are meant to encourage personal reflection and sharing it is not necessary to have read a particular essay in order to join in the conversation.

Kimmerer, a biologist, describes her book as a braid of stories meant to heal our relationship with the world. The braid is woven from three strands: indigenous ways of knowing, scientific knowledge, and the story of an Anishinabekwe scientist trying to bring them together in service to what matters most. It is an intertwining of science, spirit, and story—old stories and new ones that can be medicine for our broken relationship with earth, a pharmacopoeia of healing stories that allow us to imagine a different relationship, in which people and land are good medicine for each other.

Braiding Sweetgrass, still on the New York Times best seller list after more than 100 weeks, broadens our work as a Matthew 25 congregation.

Our first discussion will be during Second Hour on Sunday, September 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.

PRESBYTERY FALL 2022 ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY

Mondays in October at 12:00 noon, via Zoom: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

You are invited to participate in the presbytery's fall anti-racism book study. This fall's book is "You Mean It or You Don't: James Baldwin's Radical Challenge," by Jamie McGhee and Adam Hollowell. Learn more at You Mean It Or You Don't (prayingwithjamesbaldwin.com) The book is available now.

Here is the ZOOM link for our meetings:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84867525188?pwd=OWlFSFhpazZCMmJCS1llb3ZKaEhpZz09 Contact John Wilkinson for more information.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill is open this summer Monday—Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, limited number of participants per class, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Registration 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.

JULY AND AUGUST ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

"Thursday Painters:" Watercolor Exhibit Inspired by Landscape and Design Be sure to stop by the halls of the Center this summer and take a look at the showcase of eclectic, and engagingly profound art works by the Thursday Painters. Former students of Howard Watson at The Woodmere Museum, this group is bringing a special collection of their works to our halls for the summer.

YOGA WITH ATTITUDE

Fridays, Ongoing, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

\$45 per calendar month; first class \$10, walk-ins; \$15 for a single class This is basic yoga with breath warm-ups, asana and meditation. Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. The class provides a method which allows us to adopt an "attitude" when confronted and to respond to the adventures in our lives. Participants practice alternative viewpoints, "while standing in truth and light.

SCRABBLE-OPEN PLAY

Fridays, join at any time, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., \$2

Do you love to play board games? Are you a great speller or want to be a great speller? Then join in on this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple -word score. Scrabble game provided.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Fridays, ongoing start anytime, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

\$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free. Start your weekend right! Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British ~Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles. There is always a mix of teaching and "just dancing" and it's a great place for beginners to pick up the basics in a super friendly group. For more details about our Friday folk dance session, contact Anne Ehrhart at anne.ehrhart@gmail.com

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS

Session 1: Tuesdays, September 6–October 18 (no class September 27), 1:00–2:00p.m., \$72 for 6 Week Session or \$15/per class drop in, registration required Did you know that 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men over the age of 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their remaining lifetime, 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. This 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.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 21

Worship Church School Fellowship

MONDAY, August 22

Sketching and Watercolor Classic Table Games Bridge Group Watercolor and Drawing, Level 2 Qigong

TUESDAY, August 23

Mindfulness Practice Sketching and Watercolor Mah Jongg Open Play Well Spouse Support Group Boy Scouts Northern District

WEDNESDAY, August 24

Rotary Club Beginning Tai Chi Rummy Tiles Open Play Continuing Tai Chi Bridge Open Play Mah Jongg Beginners Golden Yoga Weight Watchers sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. Chapel, 10:15 a.m. Widener, 11:15 a.m.

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 12:00 p.m. room 4, 12:30 p.m. room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. Harris, 2:00 p.m.

room 4, 9:30 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 12:30 p.m. by phone, 7:00 p.m. room 5, 7:00 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 a.m. Widener, 10:00 a.m. room 5, 10:30 a.m. Widener, 11:15 a.m. room 1&2, 11:30 a.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. Widener, 3:00 p.m. Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 25

Qigong Healing Movements Watercolor Painting Group Thursday Bridge Game MLE Mah Jongg Group Boy Scouts Board of Review Boy Scouts

FRIDAY, August 26

Yoga with Attitude Scrabble Game Yoga, A Chair and You CPR Class International Folk Dancing

SATURDAY, August 27 Building Cleaned

SUNDAY, August 28 Worship Church School Fellowship Harris, 9:00 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 10:00 a.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. Harris, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

Harris, 9:45 a.m. room 5, 10:00 a.m. Harris, 11:30 a.m. room 1&2, 12:15 p.m. Widener, 12:30 p.m.

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. chapel, 10:15 a.m. Widener, 11:15 a.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

Linda Amsterdam Rebecca Bernstein Jill Bown Shannon Cavanaugh Gregory Dickinson Matthew Eastman Jack Evans Robert Fles B. Graeme Frazier Lisa Guyer Kate Houstoun Kathryn Krantz James Lutz Katherine Magid Ryan Mann William Murphy Michelle Shachtman Taylor Slaughter Harry Spaeth James Spause Margaret Spencer Beth Nell Vaccaro Christen Webber Kevin Welsh

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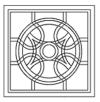
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