THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021 10:00 a.m.

To hold faith is to be people of hope.

And to have hope
is not to engage in wishful thinking,
but to desire and enact
what it is that God desires and does
in the context of our very real fears and hopes.

~ Cynthia L. Rigby Holding Faith

ORDER OF WORSHIP THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation. Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

James Batt Guest Organist

INTROIT

The Call from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way, as gives us breath: such a truth, as ends all strife: such a life, as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light, as shows a feast: such a feast, as mends in length: such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move: such a love, as none can part: such a heart, as joys in love.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34)

Leader:

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and pursue it.

People:

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and God's ears are open to their cry.

Leader:

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,

and rescues them from all their troubles.

People:

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,

and saves the crushed in spirit.

Leader:

The Lord redeems the life of God's servants;

People:

none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.



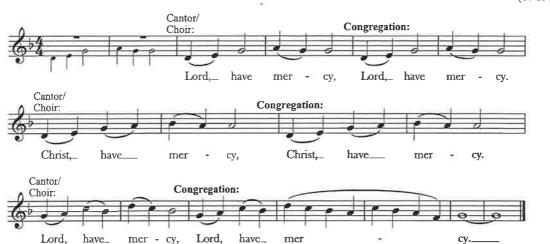
5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have called us to walk by the spirit, but we choose to seek our own path. We know what is good and right and holy, but our rebelliousness pushes us to acts of evil. We confess our sinfulness; we acknowledge our brokenness; we cry out for your mercy. By the power of your spirit, help us to embrace your goodness, that we may be filled anew with faith, and bear the fruit of your vision. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith (b. 1956)



PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader:

Friends, believe the good news.

People:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI Smith



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, in you are discovered all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 34:15-22 PLAINSONG

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

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.

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Putting on Faith"

John Wilkinson



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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

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online. Thank you for your support.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*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

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God, in the promise of faith we share our gifts with the hope that

you will use what we give and who we are to strengthen and sustain our witness. Increase our faith and deepen our hope, that we may share your

love with a world in need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

LEADING WORSHIP: John Wilkinson, Pastor; Margaret Spencer, Liturgist

MUSIC: Thann Scoggin, baritone; James Batt, guest organist

GREETERS: Elder: Jack Evans; Deacon: Beverly Heimbach

USHERS: Michael Baughman and Joan Demme

FLOWER GUILD: Jane Kaufman and Alison Rudolf

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred S. Owen and Harris A. Carr by Emilie Carr

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

Whether you are a first-time guest, regular visitor, or long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. We invite you to join us again and to experience the vibrant life of this faith community.

Please silence all electronic devices as worship begins.

- Resources are available to support your worship experience, including hearing devices and large print bulletins. Speak with an usher for assistance.
- If you are a visitor and would like to meet a pastor, tour the church or learn more about us, please speak with an usher.
- All are welcome to Coffee Hour immediately following worship outside on the front lawn or in Widener Hall depending upon the weather.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.
- If you need a ride to church, please call the church office.
- If you need care or support in any way, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office.
- Nursery for infants and children through age 2 is available before worship in the Strouse Building; children age 3 and older should accompany parents to worship and join in the Children's Moment, after which they will be dismissed for the Church School Gathering.
- In case of an emergency, there are three exit doors behind you in the narthex. If you are sitting near the front of the sanctuary, use the door near the lectern.
- In case of a medical need, please alert an usher—first aid supplies and a wheelchair are available.
- Sunday worship is live-streamed at <u>www.chestnuthillpres.org</u>. These services are recorded for later viewing.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH August 22, 2021

HAITI RELIEF

We have watched with deep concern the impact of the Haitian earthquake, and continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers. One way to share support is through a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive checks made to PCCH with "Haiti" in the memo line for the next several weeks. Bring them to worship with you or mail them to the church office. If you give online, note your gift as a "special contribution" and then indicate "Haiti."

To learn more about our denomination's response, visit:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/after-a-massive-earthquake-and-a-tropical-storm-haiti-continues-to-face-serious-challenges/

THANK YOU FROM PIHN

Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks and school supplies during our latest collection. We were able to provide approximately 60 backpacks to children in the PIHN program. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in driving someone to church who isn't able to drive themselves, please let us know. Several of our members are in search of rides as they seek to rejoin our community of faith on Sunday mornings. Contact Evelyn Carpenter (215-247-8855 ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org) or Brian Russo (908-403-3857 brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) if you are willing to assist us in this ministry. We will pair you with a member who lives near your home or on your drive to church.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE (IRONPIGS) BALLGAME!—Sunday, August 29, 1:35 p.m.

Join PCCH friends as we return to see the Lehigh Valley IronPigs play Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Twenty tickets are available at \$11 each (each ticket comes with a \$2 ballpark credit). Email PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com to reserve tickets; let us know if you'd be willing to drive.

THE CROSSING RETURNS TO PCCH—Saturday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

The Grammy-winning choral group, The Crossing, returns to its PCCH home for the first concert of their 2021-2022 season, Saturday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. If you've never heard this group, or if you've been (like us!) long awaiting their return to an indoor performance, join a PCCH group in attending this concert! For more information about the concert or to purchase tickets, visit: https://thecrossing.ticketleap.com/returning/ and let's meet up at the concert! If you're interested in joining a group for a pre-concert meal (time and location TBD), let the Church Life team know (pcchchurchlife@gmail.com) and we'll coordinate.

PCCH HOMECOMING PICNIC—September 12—Sign Up to Help!

The 2021 PCCH Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 12 following worship. We need your help to make this event a success. Please consider signing up for a task in the link listed below. We especially seek a team to helm the grill—a vital task! Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAFA82CA1FE3-pcch1.

JOHN WILKINSON INSTALLATION SERVICE—September 18, 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to the installation service for John Wilkinson on Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the PCCH Sanctuary. This service will welcome our congregation plus representatives of the Presbytery. Watch your mail for an invitation and stay tuned for details.

SUPPORTING PIHN

PIHN, our mission partner that supports homeless families, is beginning the process again of hosting families onsite. If you've been involved in the past, you know how meaningful this is. If you've ever been interested, now is the chance. Contact Melissa Montgomery if you'd like further information at melissamon70@yahoo.com. PIHN is also in need of receiving a number of items to support its families: air conditioners, microwaves, irons, vacuum cleaners, dressers, sheets, towels and air mattresses. Please contact Melissa for more information or bring clearly marked items to the church.

LIVE-STREAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As our worship live-stream begins, we are seeking several volunteers to assist with its production. No previous technical experience is needed; you will simply push preset buttons. Ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. Thank you for your support.

WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING

Our mission partner, West Kensington Ministry, is holding its third annual benefit golf outing on Monday, September 27 at Jeffersonville Golf Club. This promises to be a fun day to support an important urban ministry partner in our city. To register, go to www.westkensingtonministry.com and click on the green "golfer registration" button. For more information, contact Jeff Podraza or John Wilkinson.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, you have the opportunity to view two prior Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibits in anticipation of the newest version, debuting at PCCH in November.

- First Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Flourtown): View the 2020-2021 portraits from June 22 through August 28 (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00—3:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.) Please call ahead.
- St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church: View the 2019-2020 portraits until August 28, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings.

Learn more at www.soulsshotportraitproject.org

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

During today's worship service, children will remain with their families to hear the Children's Moment from their pews. Then we'll dismiss and head to the Chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Please feel free to have your child dress comfortably as we may move some of our instruction outdoors onto the lawn, and please remember to send a clearly labeled water bottle each week. (If you're visiting and didn't bring a water bottle or simply forgot, no worries. We have cups and water for your child.) We are excited to be able to gather again!

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. Should you choose to take your child to our nursery, please ask an usher to direct you to that space. Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully-vaccinated, fully background-checked, masked caregivers.

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is OPEN for **in-person activities this Summer!** When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

Upcoming classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all activities and classes at the Center. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR

Mondays or Tuesdays, join at any time, 9:30—11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still life's and photographs will be used. This drawing and watercolor painting class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching classes in the Chestnut Hill area for the past twenty-six years

MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY

Tuesdays, ongoing, join at any time, 12:30—2:30 p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction. Over the past years, a small group of people have been meeting to play and would like to expand the number of players.

BRIDGE OPEN PLAY

Wednesdays, ongoing, join any time, 11:30 a.m.—3:00p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, start at any time, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 Classes, \$85 for 10 classes

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing. Barbara Levitt has practiced and taught Classical Yoga for more than forty-five years.

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)

Mondays, ongoing, 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., \$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. *Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.*

PCCH CHURCH OFFICE

The church office summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will resume regular five-day per week 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. hours the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 7.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH and COTH SUNDAY, August 22 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Church School (Strouse) 10:20 am Fellowship (Front Lawn) 11:15 am Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm MONDAY, August 23 9:30 am Sketching and Watercolor (Room 1&2) Bridge Group (Room 5) 12:00 pm Watercolor and Drawing (Room 1&2) 1:30 pm Qigong (Widener) 2:00 pm GirlChoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary 5:00 pm Philomusica Chorale Rehearsal (Widener) 6:30 pm Christian Education Committee (Zoom) 7:00 pm TUESDAY, August 24 9:30 am Sketching and Watercolor Class (Room 1&2) Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 1&2) 12:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Well Spouse Support Group (By Phone) 7:00 pm Social Witness Committee (Zoom) 7:00 pm Northern District Boy Scouts (Room 5) 7:00 pm WEDNESDAY, August 25 11:30 am Bridge Open Play (Room 1&2) Staff Meeting (Zoom) 1:15 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Widener) 3:00 pm GirlChoir Rehearsal (Chapel) 5:00 pm

THURSDAY, August 26

9:00 am Qigong Class (Widener) 9:30 am Watercolor Painting Group (Room 1&2)

10:00 am Thursday Bridge Group (Room 5)

1:30 pm Mah Jongg Group 1 (Room 1&2)

6:00 pm Eagle Scout Board Meeting (Harris)

7:00 pm Scout Board of Review (Harris)

FRIDAY, August 27

10:00 am
Red Cross Blood Drive (Widener)
2:30 pm
Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2.50 pm

SATURDAY, August 28

12:00 pm/3:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY AT PCCH

SUNDAY, August 29

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:20 am Church School (Strouse)

11:00 am Fellowship (Front Lawn)

1:30 pm IronPigs Baseball Game

THE SESSION

John Wilkinson, Moderator Katherine Connelly, Clerk

Martha Agate
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Lisa Burns
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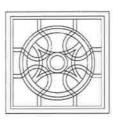
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