

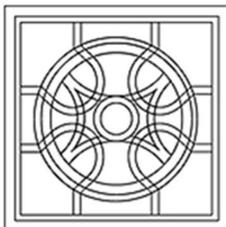
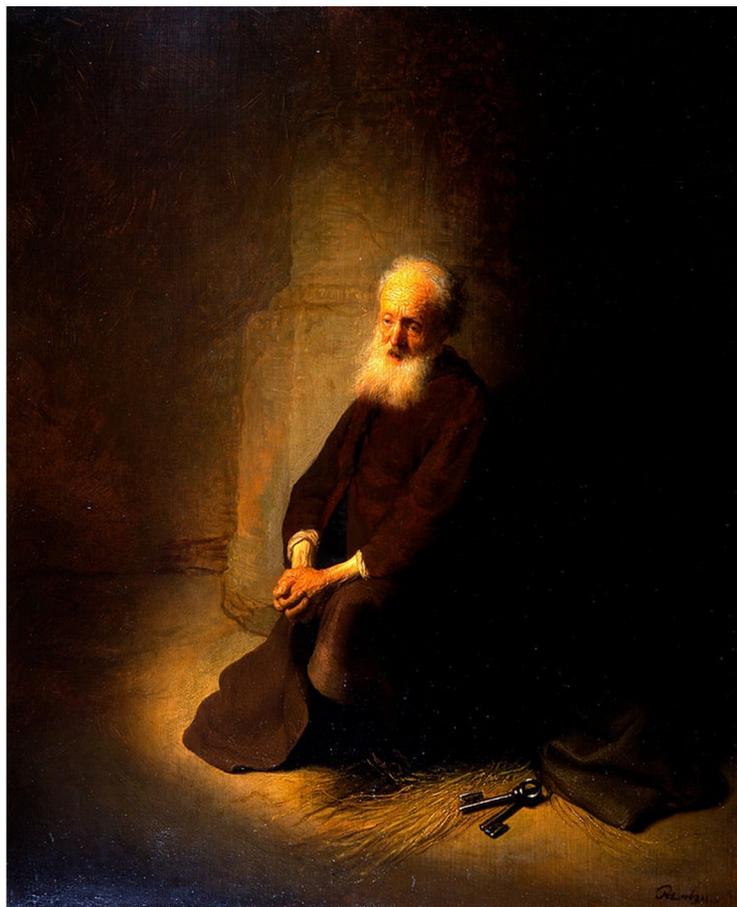
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 6, 2023

10 a.m.

TENTH 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 longtime 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 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

INTROIT *Guardian Angels* Georg Böhm
(1661-1733)

The Lord hath sent his angels to lead us day by day
that we might all be peaceful as in his care we stay.
The strength of God's own arm from heaven high he lends us.
His grace alone he sends us and wills for us no harm.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness.
 Come into God's presence with singing.

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God,**
 whose mercy is everlasting,
 and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*HYMN 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy, I offer to you all the sins I have committed from the moment I could first offend you. Consume them, one and all, in the fire of your love, and burn away their stains.

I also offer to you all that is good within me, though it is small and imperfect, that the good may become more perfect, and that I may be of use to your coming kingdom. Amen.

Thomas A. Kempis

*Please stand as you are able.

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 (*unison*)

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 become more fully alive.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:1-3

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building and will return to sit with their families for communion.

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 LESSON

Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Does Prayer Work?

M. Craig Barnes

*"While Peter was kept in prison,
the church prayed fervently to God for him "*

Acts 12:5

*HYMN 520

Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face

MORECAMBE

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION (*please remain standing*)

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

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

ALL VOICES *mp*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord, God of power and might. _____

mf _____ *f*
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na

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

ff
name of_ the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the_ high - est. _____

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 SOLO

O Salutaris

Charles Gounod
(1818-1893)

*O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Amen.*

O saving Victim,
who expands the door of heaven,
hostile armies press,
give strength; bear aid.
Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in B flat

Johann Krebs
(1713-1780)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan Jr.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan Jr.

MUSIC

Joanna Gates mezzo soprano soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Harry Spaeth and James Spause Elders

Amy Raphael and Dominick Rebeck Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme Team #4 Leader, Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Michelle Shachtman, Robert Shachtman, Barbara Spause

COMMUNION SERVERS

Kate Houstoun, Harry Spaeth, James Spause, Margaret Spencer

FLOWER GUILD

Jane Kaufman and Susan Shuchat

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the mothers of Diane and Bill Murphy, **Annamae Kirlin** and **Virginia H. Murphy**.

COVER ART Rembrandt, *St. Peter in Prison (The Apostle Peter Kneeling)*, oil on panel, 1631. Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669) was a Dutch Golden Age painter, printmaker and draftsman. An innovative and prolific master in three media, he is generally considered one of the greatest visual artists in the history of art. Rembrandt's painting shows the apostle Peter in his prison cell in Jerusalem following his arrest. A shaft of soft, golden light falls on him from an unseen source, leaving large parts of the painting in total obscurity. The saint's attribute is clearly visible, however: two large metal keys signifying the keys to the kingdom of heaven bestowed on him by Jesus, but their presence here suggests the irony of his jailed state. St. Peter kneels, his gnarled fisherman's hands clasped in prayer but also in despair, his lined face expressing an old man's desolation. He cannot know that the Angel of God—perhaps foreshadowed in the mysterious source of light—will soon appear to bring about his miraculous escape. The simple humanity of Peter is emphasized, and yet the radiance that encircles his face like a kind of halo conveys his sanctity. This different interpretation of a familiar subject exemplifies Rembrandt's genius at portraying states of mind and spiritual qualities through the language of light and shadow.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@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 Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

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:



MATTHEW 25

Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

GREETINGS FROM THE PCCH PRESCHOOL

We are looking to hire a temporary teacher's aide to work from August 28 through December 19, 2023. This person will act as a "floater." Floaters help where needed, which changes daily. They would primarily be helping in our younger classrooms. The work schedule is Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The pay is \$20/hr.



The right candidate would have an excellent rapport with young children and lots of patience. If hired, the candidate would also need to acquire Pennsylvania childcare clearances. Interested candidates can contact Megan Cullen at preschool@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested. Thank you.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us every Sunday after worship throughout the summer months for fellowship in Widener Hall or, weather permitting, on the front lawn.

READY TO JOIN OUR CHURCH

If you are a visitor who is considering active membership in the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, please contact Craig Barnes (cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org) or call the church office. We are in the process of gathering names of those individuals who are interested in becoming an active member. We will announce a date for the next new members meeting with the pastor and a few elders soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH URDC

We had a successful volunteer day with Urban Resources Development Corporation of Germantown (URDC) helping neighbors in Germantown and West Oak Lane during our Weekend of Service in May, and have new opportunities for those who may be willing to help out during the summer. A volunteer day sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is planned for Saturday, August 12, and PCCH volunteers are invited to participate. As before, the workday will run from approximately 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided. If you have questions or are interested, please reach out to Jeff Podraza jeffpodraza@gmail.com with your availability and phone number and we will forward the info on to URDC; you'll be contacted with more details. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To volunteer, scan the QR code and fill out the form, or speak with Julie Snyder, Amy Raphael, Shannon Cavanaugh, or Michelle Shachtman. Any questions, contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or contact the church office. See dates and details on page 13.

Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY
AUGUST 14 -18
9 – NOON

Exploring what it means to be “called”
through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children
ages 3 through 5th grade.
All are welcome!
Join us and
bring a friend!



Register here



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

This summer PCCH is partnering with CPS to support their students with back-to-school supplies. Backpacks are welcomed but the supplies are the main focus of this drive. PCCH member Beth Nell Vaccaro, chair of the Social Witness Committee, is an administrator at CPS. She will be speaking to the kids at VBS about Social Witness, service, and how educational opportunities can vary across communities. She will encourage them to contribute supplies too. The requested list of items to choose from is below. Please bring supplies to the reception room by Sunday August 27 before worship.

Supplies Include: Crayola colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, Blank white dividers, Spiral wide-ruled notebooks, Marble wide-ruled composition notebooks, 1-inch 3-ring binders, EXPO dry erase markers, Plastic 2-pocket folders, Multicolor Sharpie markers, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, Scotch tape, Purple or white glue sticks, Small liquid glue containers, White card stock, Multicolored card stock, Fun tack, Blue painters tape, Pencil top erasers.



For a list of larger classroom items, use the QR code or the link below to their Amazon Wish List. Purchases through this Amazon Wish List get delivered straight to the school.
<https://tinyurl.com/458u7rt6>

COMING SOON AT PCCH.....

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place August 14 to August 18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is still plenty of time to register (ages 3 through grade 5) or volunteer (grade 6 and up)! VBS 2023 will be based on the children's musical "Called," and will explore what the Bible means when it refers to God's call. Our campers will participate in music, drama, yoga, arts and crafts, gardening, flower arranging, and more, all while hearing unique "Call" stories from the Bible and our own church family. \$150 for the week.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As part of our call to mission, our VBS campers will be holding a school supply drive for Community Partnership School in North Philadelphia. **A list of needed supplies is listed above.** Donations may be brought to the Reception Room.

Please help us spread the word about this fun, meaningful program!
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/25xvsvax>



TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME!

PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS!

Saturday, August 19, 6:35pm
(with post-game fireworks)

The **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs**
host the **Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**
(how's *that* for a great team name?)

Tickets \$12

*group size limited to 20
carpooling to ballpark from church available*

Contact Clarke Woodruff by August 1
scw207@hotmail.com

Join us for this family-friendly, all-church event!



CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.–2 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. **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.

Please note that the Center on the Hill will be closed from Monday, August 21 through Friday, August 25 for summer cleaning and a break before the fall classes begin.

RUMMY TILES OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for this fast-paced, fun and easy game combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Open Play space is limited, so please register for each week you plan to come and play. Game sets provided.

ZUMBA GOLD (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 11–11:55 a.m., single class \$12, 4 classes \$45, 8 classes \$80

Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners.

GOLDEN YOGA (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 3–4 p.m., single class \$10, 4 classes \$35, 10 classes, \$85

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.

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS) (*registration required*)

Mondays, ongoing, 2–3 p.m.; Thursdays, ongoing, 9–10 a.m.

walk-ins \$12 per class, 4 classes \$40

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.

SCRABBLE OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Fridays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$2

Join 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.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 6

Worship

Church School

Fellowship

Lord's Supper

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, August 7

Classic table games

WaterMedia level 2 class

Qigong class

room 5, 12 p.m.

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

Harris, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 8

Mindfulness practice

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones exercise class

Boy Scout round table meeting

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Widener Hall, 1 p.m.

room 1&2, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 9

Rotary Club meeting

Beginning Tai Chi class

Rummy Tiles open play group

Zumba Gold class

Continuing Tai Chi class

Bridge open play group

Mah Jongg open play

Golden Yoga class

Weight Watchers group

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.

Widener Hall, 10 a.m.

room 5, 10:30 a.m.

room 3&4, 11 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.

room 5, 1:30 p.m.

Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 10

BNI meeting	room 3&4, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
CY Board meeting	Harris, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 11

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 13

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 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

Jill Bown
Shannon Cavanaugh
Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Matthew Eastman
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier

Lisa Guyer
Kate Houston
James Lutz
Ryan Mann
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Michelle Shachtman

Taylor Slaughter
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret Spencer
William Storm
Beth Nell Vaccaro
Clarke Woodruff

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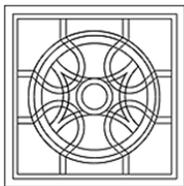
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