

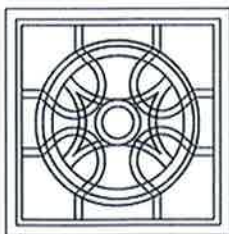
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, December 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

All are invited for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service on the south lawn (weather permitting).

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 13.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prophetic ministry does not consist of spectacular acts of social crusading or of abrasive measures of indignation. Rather, prophetic ministry consists of offering an alternative perception of reality and in letting people see their own history in the light of God's freedom and God's will for justice. The issues of God's freedom and God's will for justice are not always and need not be expressed primarily in the big issues of the day. They can be discerned wherever people try to live together and worry about their future and their identity.

– Walter Brueggemann  
*The Prophetic Imagination*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 559)*  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### INTROIT

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low:  
the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough places plain.  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.  
The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: For many of us, the call to head home is one of joy and of hope. We can't wait to go home. Yet there are those who fear going home and there are times when going home brings back difficult memories.

People: **We seek comfort, times and places where there is no fear.**

Leader: The prophet Malachi tells us that there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is always under construction. The mountains are leveled and valleys filled in. We light this candle to make smooth the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\*HYMN 3

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

PSALM 42

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

## KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx  
(1937-2010)

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves, each with a 'Cantor' part and an 'Assembly' part. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The Cantor parts are melodic lines with slurs, and the Assembly parts are simpler, often consisting of a single note or a short phrase.

## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

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

## \*GLORIA PATRI

REGENT SQUARE  
(Hymn 417)

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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 889)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL**

*Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel.*

**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

Luke 3:1-6 (p. 60)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Embracing the Prophetic in Advent

John Wilkinson

## \*HYMN 13

*Prepare the Way*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from "Our Song of Hope,"  
Reformed Church in America

We sing to our Lord a new song;  
we sing in our world a sure hope:  
our God loves this world,  
God called it into being,  
God renews it through Jesus Christ,  
God governs it by the Spirit.  
God is the world's true Hope.

Christ places the Lord's table in this world,  
Jesus takes up our bread and wine  
to represent his sacrifice,  
to bind his ministry to our daily work,  
to unite us in his righteousness.  
Here Christ is present in his world  
proclaiming salvation until he comes,  
a symbol of hope for a troubled age.

Come, Lord Jesus:  
we are open to your Spirit.  
We await your full presence.  
Our world finds rest in you alone. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Gabriel Jackson  
(b. 1962)

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.  
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.

Stand ye still and he shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.



**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*INVITATION**

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. *(congregation is seated)*

**SANCTUS**

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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

*To continue to ensure health and safety, we will remain seated in our pews as we receive communion this morning. Servers will come to you and offer bread (in a small plastic bag) and the cup, which contains grape juice. You may partake of the elements as they are served to you.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest in the man that trusteth in him.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## \*HYMN 10

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Vaughan Williams

God be with you till we meet again,  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)*  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Bach

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**PREACHING**

John Wilkinson

**LITURGISTS**

Brian D. Russo

Roberta J. Kearney

Kristen Lawton

**MUSIC**

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Ken Lovett Organist

**GREETERS**

Martha Agate and Linda Amsterdam Elders

Karen Asper and Emily Barth Deacons

**USHERS**

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

**FLOWER GUILD**

Linda Pettengill and Susan White

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God and loving memory of the loved ones of Jean Hardwick.

**COVER ART**

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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](mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org).

Sunday worship is live-streamed at [chestnuthillpres.org/live](http://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](mailto: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 can access today's Bulletin online (with links to more information) by scanning the QR code.



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.

### MATTHEW 25 Get connected in these ways:

- Read “400 Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019” and join our discussion.
- Visit the Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibition in Widener Hall and reflect on the underlying causes of gun violence, and our response.
- Support our partners at ACHIEVEability, Face to Face, PIHN and Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry and reflect on the root causes of poverty in our city.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## TODAY AT PCCH

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### Stewardship 2022



### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all who have returned your 2022 pledge cards thus far. As of Thursday, December 2 we have received 93 pledges totaling \$437,694.00 in commitments. Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee hopes you will return your pledge soon, as it helps in our planning for the next year.

You can:

- Return your pledge during worship on a Sunday morning.
- Mail a completed pledge card to the church office. If you need a pledge card, let us know.
- Email a confidential pledge to [mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org).

### INFO TABLE AT COFFEE HOUR

At Coffee Hour this morning, today is the last day to sign up for:

- Children participation in the Christmas Pageant (see Roberta Kearney or Brian Russo for details).

### CASSEROLE DAY TODAY

Thanks to the many of you who contributed ingredients for our casseroles for Face to Face. We will be meeting in the kitchen after worship today. Join us if you can for a great communal experience.

### ACHIEVEability CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the many of you who responded to this call to support our neighbors and mission partners. Gifts are due TODAY. If you have any questions, please contact [lizpodraza@gmail.com](mailto:lizpodraza@gmail.com) or [bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Following the Children's Sermon we will dismiss and head to the chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Rehearsal with the Joyful Noise choir occurs immediately after Sunday school in the chapel.

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

We are grateful for our teachers (and potential teachers) who are ready to teach our children as soon as parents feel comfortable returning to worship. Please contact Roberta Kearney at [rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org) for more information on involving your children or to teach our children.

During Advent, Sunday school children will be interacting with a series of Wondering Stories. Families can celebrate Advent at home using the Advent devotional found in the Reverse Advent box.

### JOYFUL NOISE

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate! Weekly rehearsals will begin immediately following church school and end at approximately 11:30 a.m. Your children will be brought to you at fellowship in Widener Hall.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Youth choir practices following worship/church school. All young people in grades 6 through 12 are welcome. Rehearsals are held in the youth room of the Strouse Building.

### REVERSE ADVENT BOXES

The boxes are ready for pick up in the Reception Room. All are welcome to take a box. The boxes contain a devotional to connect the story of Jesus' coming to the items we place in the box. This year, items for infants previously placed in the box will be presented during Christmas Eve worship at 4:30 p.m.

### JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (5th–7th Graders)

Sunday, December 12, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Christmas Pageant rehearsal  
Saturday, December 18, TBD: Caroling event

### **SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (8th–12th Graders)**

Sunday, December 5, 5:00–6:00 p.m.: Black Mirror and Discussion

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.: New York City day trip

### **CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGNUP**

All children are invited! If you wish to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 pm, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. The last day to sign up is today, Sunday, December 5. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 12 immediately following worship. Questions, please contact either Brian Russo at [brusso@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) or Roberta Kearney at [rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org).

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT**

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### **UPCOMING SECOND HOUR**

Please join us for Second Hour, stimulating discussions on faith and life covering a broad range of topics. All are welcome! We begin at 11:30 a.m. following coffee hour.

- December 5: “*Four Hundred Souls*,” Part three. We have had meaningful conversations about this important work. You can join us anytime.
- December 12: Caring for God’s Creation, Part two, Ecological Principles. Led by Greg Dickinson
- December 19: Christmas Carol Sing
- December 26: Merry Christmas

### **CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY**

The Adult Education Committee is commending “*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*” as a book to read for the upcoming program year. Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, this work is an anthology, written by eighty authors from different fields—novelists, historians, sociologists, political scientists, activists, lawyers, and ten poets; each takes a five year period for their brief chapter. The chapters are divided into ten, 40-year sections, and each section is capped by a poem. Next session: December 5, Part Three. A copy of the book for borrowing is available in the church office.



### **BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet weekly in December, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Reception Room. Mark your calendars: December 8, 15 and 22. All are welcome to join us!

### **ADVENT RETREAT—December 11**

**Saturday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Led by Roberta Kearney, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” expresses the longings of a hurting world for a savior. Advent is a season we explore and reflect on our yearnings for a different kind of life for ourselves and the world. During our Advent retreat we will look at some spiritual practices as we anticipate the coming of Christ. RSVP by December 5 to [rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org).

### **MEMBERSHIP GATHERING—December 12**

Join us on **Saturday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris Room** to explore membership at PCCH, with lunch to follow. Bring your questions and ideas, and connect with others on the journey of faith. To help us in planning, please RSVP to [jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org). We look forward to seeing you.

### **CHRISTMAS FIREPIT GATHERING—December 12**

All ages are welcome to join us at the Lutz home on **Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Bring a chair and beverages. Contact the church office for the address. We will provide the fire and ingredients for s'mores. Join us for fellowship and holiday cheer! RSVP here at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4fafa82ca1fe3-fire>

### **CALLING FOR CAROLERS—December 18**

The PCCH Carolers will be out and about again this year on Saturday, December 18 to troll some ancient yuletide carols, fa la la, outside the homes of some of our PCCH folks. It was a terrific experience last year, and we invite YOU to join our merry troupe of singers! Starting at 2:00 p.m. each of our two teams will visit five or six locations in the Chestnut Hill/Montgomery County areas to sing up a joyful storm before we finish around 4:00 p.m. We're looking for two groups of six (or more) singers. We'll provide caroling booklets and detailed directions for the afternoon. Beth Vaccaro and Rebecca Thornburgh are team leaders; please contact Rebecca at [unbecca@gmail.com](mailto:unbecca@gmail.com) to join us for a wonderful afternoon of sharing holiday happiness.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

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### **USHER TEAM OPPORTUNITIES**

As we return to worship, we are looking to refresh several of our usher teams. Ushering is a great way to serve, to get to know people and to provide hospitality. Typically, ushers are members of a team that serves once a month, and substitute options are available.

If you'd like to serve, or to learn more, contact Michael Baughman at [michael.baughman@troutman.com](mailto:michael.baughman@troutman.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. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE.** Thank you for your support.

### **PRESCHOOL SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Our preschool is currently in need of substitute teachers. The hours are 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon. The children range in age from 2–5 years old. Substitute teachers are required to have certain clearances which the preschool's administrative assistant would help you to obtain. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Megan McGowan with any questions at [mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org).



# Christmas Flowers

## A Meaningful Way to Remember Loved Ones

During the Christmas season the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ's birth. By donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, you can remember your loved ones as always. You can also highlight a special family event like a birth or anniversary, or give to the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for a special person, for grandchildren, or in honor of programs you love about our church (for example Music and the Arts, The Mission Trip, or Center on the Hill. ) Names of those being honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins (12/24/2021) and the Sunday after Christmas bulletin (12/26/2021).

**Please submit your names to the church office by  
Monday, December 20.**

**Your dedication is:**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_

In the past we have suggested a donation of \$25 for those wishing to remember a loved one on these Sundays. That amount does not fully cover our cost. Rather than simply raising the suggested amount, we are trusting your generosity as well as hoping that more in the congregation will take this occasion to lift up someone or some ministry that has been important to them.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOULS  
SHOT**  
**PORTRAIT  
PROJECT**  
*Portraits of Victims  
of Gun Violence*



*Family of Hassan* Portrait of Hassan Wood  
by Warren Keyser



Portrait of Troy Smith, Jr. by Laura Frazure



*Gathered Around Tashaugh* Portrait of Tashaugh  
Robinson by Merianne Buschini

The Presbyterian Church  
of Chestnut Hill  
hosts the  
2021-2022 portraits  
from the  
**Souls Shot  
Portrait Project**  
November 5th through  
December 14th, 2021

*Free and open  
to the public*

The Souls Shot Portrait Project  
pairs fine artists with families and  
friends of victims of gun violence.  
The artists create portraits using  
diverse approaches and emphasize  
the individuality and uniqueness of  
the victims portrayed.  
The exhibition is a truly moving  
tribute. Please join us for this  
powerful experience.

**Widener Hall Gallery Hours:**  
Mondays through Fridays 9 – 5 Sundays noon  
– 2, or by appointment. 215 247 8855  
Visitors are asked to wear masks in the building.  
*Please call ahead as there may be groups  
using the gallery space from time to time.*



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[soulshotportraitproject.org](http://soulshotportraitproject.org)



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## CENTER ON THE HILL

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The Center on the Hill is open for in-person activities! When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions, including masks, proof of vaccination and strict sanitation practices. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still being 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](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to register.

### ART SHOW AND SALE

**NW Philly Artists:** This exhibit and sale is open Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. No Appointment needed.

Please stop by this exhibition from November 26 to December 17 that features artwork created during the pandemic by the Center’s own NW Artists. Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, and more will be on display and for sale. A percentage of sales will go to support the Center on the Hill.

### COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday December, 9, 12:30–2:30p.m., \$10 Per Person in Advance, \$12 at the door.

Registration and payment is required by Monday, December 6, after that you will be charged the at the door rate. Space is limited.

Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, light bites and dessert buffet! Featuring a Live Holiday Cabaret performance by Rachel DeMasi at 1:00 p.m.

\*This party is subject to all current Covid guidelines, including proof of vaccination, gathering limits, and social distancing.

**BRIDGE—OPEN PLAY**

Wednesdays, join at any time, ongoing, 11:30 a.m.—3:00p.m. Registration Required, \$2  
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.

Thursdays, join at any time, ongoing, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Registration Required, \$2  
Come meet some new friends, and enjoy the game of Bridge on Thursday mornings!  
Not for beginners. Participants should be familiar with the game, and have played some before. This Group plays "Rubber Bridge."

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Center on the Hill will be closed from December 20 through January 2 for the Holidays. Classes and events will resume Monday January 3, 2022. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, December 5

Worship  
 Church School  
 Joyful Noise Rehearsal  
 Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 Fellowship  
 Second Hour  
 Face to Face Casserole Prep  
 GirlChoir Concert  
 Sr. High Fellowship

### LORD'S SUPPER

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.  
 Strouse building, 10:20 a.m.  
 chapel, 11:00 a.m.  
 youth room, Strouse, 11:15 a.m.  
 Widener, 11:15 a.m.  
 reception room, 11:30 a.m.  
 kitchen, 11:30 a.m.  
 sanctuary, 5:00 p.m.  
 youth room, Strouse, 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, December 6

Sketching and Watercolor  
 Italian Conversation  
 Bridge Group  
 Watercolor and Drawing Level 2  
 Qigong  
 Clutter Tonc  
 GirlChoir Rehearsal  
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 GirlChoir Rehearsal  
 Philomusica Rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.  
 Harris, 11:00 a.m.  
 room 5, 12:00 p.m.  
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.  
 Widener, 2:00 p.m.  
 Harris, 3:00 p.m.  
 room 3&4, 3:30 p.m.  
 choir room, sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.  
 chapel, 6:00 p.m.  
 Melcher, 6:00 p.m.  
 Widener, 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, December 7

Mindfulness Practice  
 Sketching and Watercolor  
 Windows 10 Made Simple  
 Mah Jongg Open Play  
 Staff Meeting  
 Watercolor and Drawing  
 CY Rehearsal  
 GirlChoir Rehearsal  
 GirlChoir Rehearsal  
 Longest Night Service  
 Royal Scottish Dancers  
 Social Witness Committee

Widener, 9:30 a.m.  
 room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.  
 Harris, 10:00 a.m.  
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.  
 reception room 1:00 p.m.  
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.  
 choir room, 6:00 p.m.  
 Melcher, 6:00 p.m.  
 sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.  
 Flourtown Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.  
 chapel, 7:30 p.m.  
 Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, December 8**

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| Rotary                          | Widener, 7:30 a.m.                     |
| Beginning Tai Chi               | Widener, 10:00 a.m.                    |
| Bible Study                     | reception room, 11:00 a.m.             |
| Open Play Bridge Game           | room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.                   |
| Continuing Tai Chi              | Widener, 11:30 a.m.                    |
| Diabetes and Nutrition Workshop | Harris, 1:00 p.m.                      |
| Mah Jongg Beginners             | room 5, 1:30 p.m.                      |
| Golden Yoga                     | Widener, 3:00 p.m.                     |
| Crossing Auditions              | chapel, 3:30 p.m.                      |
| GirlChoir Rehearsal             | room 3&4/Widener, 6:00 p.m.            |
| GirlChoir Rehearsal             | chapel/sanctuary/choir room, 6:00 p.m. |
| Crossing Rehearsal              | sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.                   |

**THURSDAY, December 9**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Qigong                    | Widener, 9:00 a.m.   |
| Watercolor Painting Group | room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.  |
| Crossing Auditions        | chapel, 10:00 a.m.   |
| Thursday Bridge Group     | room 5, 10:00 a.m.   |
| COTH Holiday Party        | Widener, 12:30 p.m.  |
| Alzheimer's Support Group | Zoom, 2:00 p.m.      |
| Gallery Choir             | sanctuary, 8:00 p.m. |

**FRIDAY, December 10**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Yoga with Attitude         | Harris, 9:45 a.m.     |
| Scrabble Game              | room 5, 10:00 a.m.    |
| Crossing Dress Rehearsal   | sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. |
| Yoga, A Chair and You      | Harris, 11:30 a.m.    |
| International Folk Dancing | Widener, 12:30 p.m.   |



**SATURDAY, December 11**

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| GirlChoir Rehearsal       | all rooms, 8:00 a.m.      |
| Advent Retreat            | Melcher, 10:00 a.m.       |
| PCCH New Member Gathering | Harris, 10:00 a.m.        |
| Youth Day Trip            | New York City, 10:00 a.m. |
| Lyric Fest Concert        | chapel, 3:00 p.m.         |
| Piffaro Concert           | sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.      |

**SUNDAY, December 12**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Worship                     | sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.      |
| Church School               | Strouse, 10:15 a.m.        |
| Joyful Noise                | chapel, 11:00 a.m.         |
| Youth Choir                 | youth room, 11:15 a.m.     |
| Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | sanctuary, 11:15 a.m.      |
| Fellowship                  | Widener, 11:15 a.m.        |
| Second Hour                 | reception room, 11:30 a.m. |
| Music and Arts Committee    | Harris, 11:30 a.m.         |
| Christmas Firepit Gathering | off site, 3:00 p.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

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|                   |                    |                   |
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| Martha Agate      | Jack Evans         | Jeffrey Podraza   |
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|                   | Melissa Montgomery | Kevin Welsh       |

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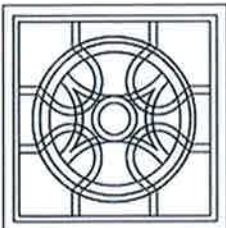
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