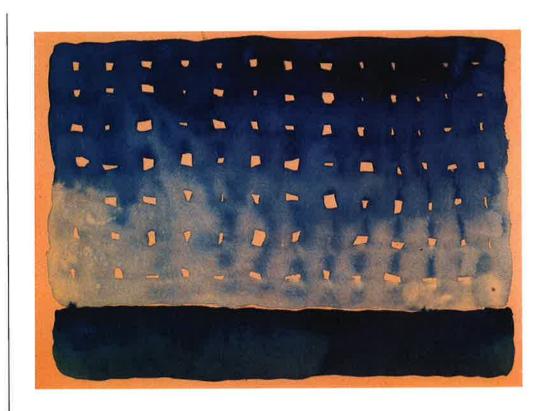
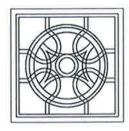
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, January 9, 2022 10:00 a.m. EPIPHANY SUNDAY





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.

Coffee hour following worship has temporarily been cancelled for the health benefit of all. We hope to resume within the next few weeks.

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

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

-Desmond Tutu

"Maybe you have to know the darkness before you can appreciate the light."

-Madeline L'Engle

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that."

Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

What Child Is This

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

INTROIT

Arise, shine O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon thee. We have seen his star in the East: and are come with gifts to worship him. The Kings of Tharsis and the isles shall give presents: the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

adapted from G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594) by Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

^{*} Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Nations will come to his light—

People: and rulers will seek his radiance.

Leader: This is the day that God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN 56

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau (b. 1977)



Choir Lord, have mercy.



Choir Christ, have mercy.



Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader:

Friends, believe the good news.

People:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON/CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Matthew 2:1-12

NARRATOR: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of

Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

WISE MEN: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we

observed this star at its rising, and have come to pay him

homage."

NARRATOR: When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all

Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah

was to be born. They told him,

WISE MEN: "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the

phophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come

a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

NARRATOR: Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from

them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent

them to Bethlehem, saying,

HEROD: "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have

found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him

homage."

NARRATOR: When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S 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.

PSALTER

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The King of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 690)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Following the Light"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are (Congregation: sing stanzas 1 and 5 and all refrains Quartet: sing stanzas 2, 3 and 4) THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all words. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Hold Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 your pledges and other gifts to the church office or through our website. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

We have seen His star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

*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:

God of endless light, you sent a star, rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Purvis

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS

Brian D. Russo

Roberta J. Kearney

MUSIC

Gallery Choir Quartet: Julie Snyder, Katy Avery, Steve Williamson, Thann Scoggin Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Ken Lovett Organist

GREETERS

Melissa Montgomery and Jeff Podraza Elders Jane McGill and Barbara Olson Deacons

USHERS

Barbara Keeler Team#4 Leader, Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp and Joan Demme

FLOWER GUILD

Cathy Brzozowski and Susan Shuchat

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Loved Ones of Dolores Edwards.

COVER ART

Starlight Night, Georgia O'Keeffe, 1917.

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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 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 this way:

- Read "400 Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019" and join our discussion.
- Attend next Sunday's Second Hour discussion on education and equity.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

COVID/OMICRON UPDATE

The church staff and Return to Church Team have been monitoring the COVID situation closely, and especially as the Omicron numbers increase. We will continually revisit our plan and approach, both to Sunday mornings and other gatherings.

Worship will happen in much the same way it has been happening for the past few months, including all of us wearing masks, with a few adaptations:

- We will return to alternating pew seating.
- We will receive the weekly offering at the door, either as you enter or exit.
- Rehearsals for all choirs (Gallery, Youth, Joyful Noise) will be put on hold. Choir participation in the Sunday services will be limited to soloists or a quartet.
- We will continue to sing congregational hymns while masked.
- We will put on hold, for now, the participation of member liturgists.
- We will put coffee hour on hold for now.
- Sunday school will continue to happen. We will put snacks on hold for now, as children will keep their masks on throughout the morning.

These steps are in place for the next few weeks in January. As the Omicron situation develops, we will respond accordingly. If you have any questions about that, please be in touch with John Wilkinson or a member of the Return to Church team.

EPIPHANY PARTY

The Epiphany Party scheduled for today has been cancelled. Epiphany packages have been delivered to families. If your child, 5th grade and younger, has not received a bag by Tuesday, please contact the church office.

REVERSE ADVENT BOXES THANK YOU

Thanks to all who participated in giving through the Reverse Advent boxes to assist people served by four of PCCH's ministry partners. Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry picked up close to 10 boxes of food. Face to Face ministry received 2 boxes of toiletries. West Kensington Ministry accepted 3 boxes of warm socks, shirts and hats. Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network accepted 6 boxes of diapers, wipes and other infant items. Thanks to all who gave and to the members of the Social Witness committee who sorted the items and promptly delivered the boxes to benefit folks in our community.

Stewardship 2022



Thanks to all who have returned your 2022 pledge cards thus far. As of Thursday, January 6 we have received 118 pledges totaling \$505,279.00 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.
- > Email a confidential pledge to mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org

2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

If you ordered pledge envelopes, they have arrived and are in a container on the table in the hallway outside the church office. If you changed your mind and desire pledge envelopes, please let the church office know and we will be happy to get a set for you. We will mail out your envelopes if you are currently worshipping via the online service, just let the office know.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday school will resume today. Children and teachers will wear masks throughout.

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

CHOIR UPDATE

Rehearsals for all choirs (Gallery, Youth, Joyful Noise) will be put on hold. Choir participation in the Sunday services will be limited to soloists or a quarter.

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (8th-12th Graders)

Sunday, January 9, 5:00–6:00 p.m.: Hot Chocolate in town (Chestnut Hill). Meet at church and to avoid being in an enclosed space, we will walk to town.

Monday, January 17, MLK morning of service has been cancelled.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

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.

- January16: Join us for a conversation regarding equity and equality in education led by Beth Vaccaro Jones.
- January 23: "Four Hundred Souls" Part four. We will continue our meaningful discussion of this important work. You need not have attended the previous session and a copy of the book can be borrowed from the church office.
- January 30: Caring for God's Creation, Part three—Food. Led by Bill Toffey.

BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying the gospel of Luke using: Luke (N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides). We will meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Harris Room. All are welcome to join us!

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 this 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. A copy of the book for borrowing is available in the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Out of an abundance of caution, due to the spike in Covid cases after the holidays, the Center on the Hill will remain closed through Monday, January 17, reopening with all our practices and protocols in place (proof of vaccination, masks, sanitation practices, limited number of participants per class, social distancing, and UV air filters) on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. 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 here:

https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

Upcoming classes and events this winter: Registration required for all activities and classes at the Center. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS

Session 1: Tuesdays, January 18—February 22; Session 2: Tuesdays, March 1—April 5, 2:30—3:30 p.m., \$72 for 6 Week Session or \$15 per class drop in.

This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength. Joanne's 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. Joanne Fagerstrom, PT, CFP, has been a physical therapist since 1978.

UNDERSTANDING BACK PAIN

Thursday, January 20, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., free

Presented in person for a limited number of people, and recorded to stream online the following day. Join us for an interactive presentation addressing one of the most common diagnoses and gateway to disabilities in the United States. Learn posture and body mechanics in order to prevent and treat back pain. After this presentation, you will understand back pain as well as how to avoid it with early intervention. Finally, we will discuss natural treatments. Presented by Elizabeth Edmonds, OTR/L, CDP Fox Rehab, Debbie Goldstein and Kristen Bogle, Sunrise of Lafayette Hill

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the daytime so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in an intimate setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Thursday, January 20, Showing "Knives Out," 1:30 p.m., \$2 Harlan Thrombrey (Christopher Plummer) spent a lifetime becoming a rich and successful crime novelist. And on his 85th birthday, he invites his extended family to his mansion, hoping to move past their dysfunctional past and bring them together. Things take a turn for the worse when Harlan is found dead during the party, prompting Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) to investigate. But will he be able to find the killer when everyone there that day had a reason to do it? From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.

BEGINNING BRIDGE LESSONS

Wednesdays, January 26—March 16, 1:30—3:30 p.m., \$80 for 8 classes Minimum of 5 students to run. Registration deadline: Monday January 24. The game of bridge is a lot of fun, and many people keep on playing even into their 90s. In addition, studies have shown that playing bridge keeps your mind sharp and reduces the chance of Alzheimer's disease. This class assumes no prior knowledge of bridge. Bring pencil and paper.

BRIDGE REFRESHER LESSONS

Thursdays, January 27—March 17, 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., \$80 for 8 classes Minimum of 5 students to run. Registration Deadline: Monday January 24. If you have taken the Beginning Bridge class and want to learn more, or if you want to improve your skill, or if you played bridge "back in the day" and want to learn more modern improvements in bridge, this course is for you. Have fun while you learn. Bring pencil and paper.

NAME THAT TUNE

Thursday, January 27, 2:30-3:30p.m., Free.

Do you love music? Do you wish you knew a little more about some of your favorite songs? Join us for a fun and interactive music appreciation class this winter! Back by popular demand. Your instructor Michael Kraus will guide you through monthly lessons featuring songs from the past. Learn about the musical roots of songs you have known since childhood, and songs you still love to sing along with today. This class will be entertaining, engaging, educational and fun!

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 9

Worship sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School chapel/Strouse, 10:15 a.m.
Music & Arts Meeting Harris/Zoom 2:00 p.m.
Sr. High Fellowship parking lot, 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, January 10

Girlchoir Rehearsal all rooms, 3:30 –6:00 p.m.
Philomusica Rehearsal Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 11

PCCH Staff Meeting reception room, 1:00 p.m.
CY Rehearsal choir room, 6:00 p.m.
Girlchoir Rehearsal Melcher/sanctuary 6:00/6:30 p.m.
Session Zoom, 7:30 p.m.
Phila Women's Music Project Widener, 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 12

Rotary Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Bible Study Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Girlchoir Rehearsal all rooms, 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 13

Gallery Choir Rehearsal sanctuary, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 15

Girlchoir Rehearsal all rooms, 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, January 16

Worship sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School chapel/Strouse, 10:15 a.m.
Second Hour Widener, 11:30 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

Martha Agate	Jack Evans	Jeffrey Podraza
Linda Amsterdam	Robert Fles	Alison Rudolf
Rebecca Bernstein	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Jill Bown	Kate Houstoun	James Spause
Ryan Cavanaugh	James Lutz	Margaret Spencer
Gregory Dickinson	Katherine Magid	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Matthew Eastman	Ryan Mann	Christen Webber
	Melissa Montgomery	Kevin Welsh

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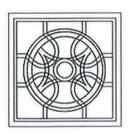
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