

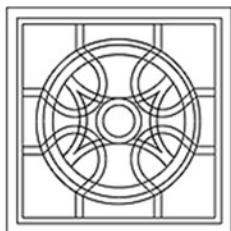
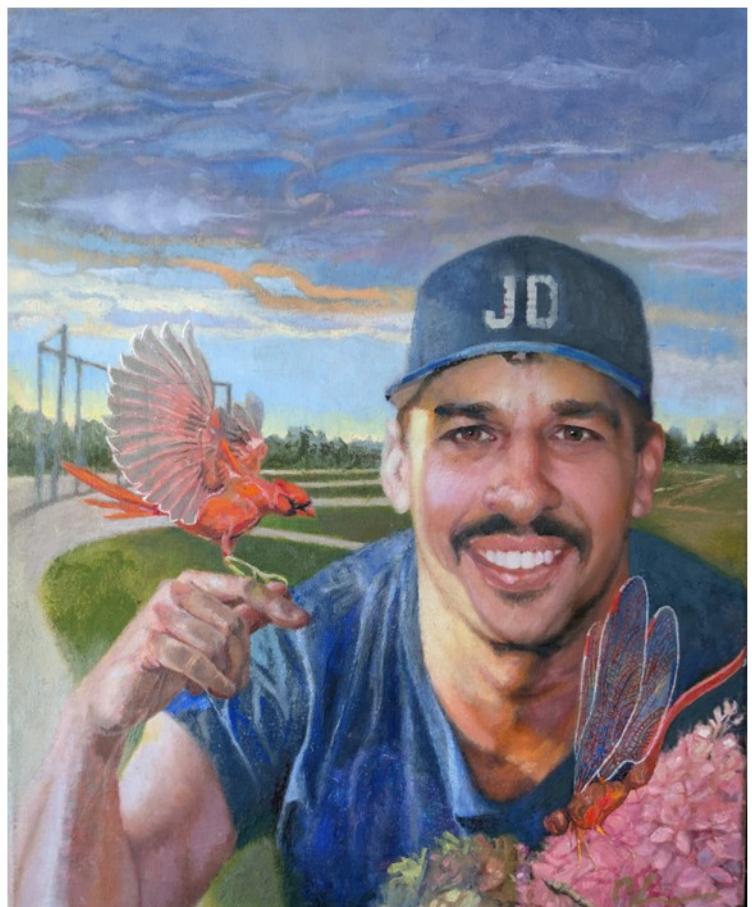
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, February 15, 2026

10 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# WELCOME!

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

*Following today's service, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.*

## ACCESSIBILITY

Please see an usher for listening assistive devices and large-print bulletins.

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Nursery care for children through age two is available in the Strouse building—see an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend the Godly Play Sunday School class, but are welcome to remain in the nursery at the discretion of their guardians.
- Children's *Praise Packs* are available in the narthex to aid children with worship participation. Please return them after the service.
- All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which begins immediately after the Children's Message. Please scan the QR code to fill out a brief waiver for your child.



## BEFORE WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please be mindful of our musicians, who rehearse in the Sanctuary between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We welcome all to enter the Sanctuary, but ask that you keep your conversations low.

## CONTACT

If you'd like to receive regular updates about worship, church life and other events, please contact Office & Media Coordinator, Mary Frommer. If you are interested in joining PCCH, please contact the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle. With pastoral care concerns or prayer requests, please contact Emily Chapdelaine.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

*Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise*

## INTROIT

*Prayer for Transfiguration Day*

John Weaver  
(1937-2021)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ your Son,  
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith  
by the testimony of the apostles.  
In the voice that came from the bright cloud  
you proclaimed him to be your Son,  
and told us to heed his teachings.

O God, make us heirs with Christ,  
in his glory for evermore, Alleluia. Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.  
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**  
Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.  
People: **The Lord our God is not silent!**  
Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.  
People: **The Lord our God is full of love for us!**  
Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who called light out of darkness.  
People: **The Lord our God shines brightly in each of our hearts!**

## \*HYMN 462

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

RATISBON

\*Please stand as you are able.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God,  
we cannot stand before the glory of your presence.  
You shine with divine light,  
and we are overwhelmed by your goodness.  
Standing in the light of Christ,  
We see the shadows hidden in our hearts.  
Lift us in your mercy,  
release us from our fear,  
and fill us with your Spirit,  
that we might reflect your light  
and share your love,  
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

## SILENT CONFSSION

### KYRIE ELEISON

Craig Phillips  
(b. 1961)

*Everyone sings the refrain:*

*Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Everyone repeats the refrain.*

## 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.

## \*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

God our light,  
make us attentive to your Word,  
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,  
that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives,  
until that great day dawns,  
and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader:      Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:      Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 99: 1-2, 6-9

Peter Hallock  
(1924-2014)

The Lord is King; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.*

*Joyful Noise will meet today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the Chapel.*

*Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall.*

*Youth Choir will meet today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in 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

Matthew 17:1-13

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" He replied, "Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Leader:      Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:      Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Emily Chapdelaine

### \*HYMN 488

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth,  
true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,  
lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations,  
joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God  
in word and deed  
and became a brother  
to all kinds of sinful men and women.  
But his complete obedience  
led him into conflict with his people.  
His life and teaching judged their goodness,  
religious aspirations, and national hopes.  
Many rejected him and demanded his death.  
In giving himself freely for them,  
he took upon himself the judgment  
under which everyone stands convicted.  
God raised him from the dead,  
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.  
The victim of sin became victor,  
and won the victory  
over sin and death for all. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum  
laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici  
tui beati corporis.*

Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with kindness deign to receive  
the praise and prayer of suppliants.  
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be made members  
of your blessed body.

### \*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 (*unison*)

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
**All:** God of mountaintops and valleys,  
be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,  
we faithfully add our gifts  
to those being given all around us.  
Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured  
into your presence in the world. Amen.

**\*HYMN 75**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Matthew Glandorf  
(b. 1973)

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you,  
not as the world gives  
do I give unto you.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Hymne d'Actions  
de grâces "Te Deum"*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

# LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

## PREACHING

Emily Chapdelaine

## LITURGIST

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Julie Snyder

## MUSIC

PCCH Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

## GREETERS

Melissa Montgomery and Clarke Woodruff Elders

Sarah Wright and Beth Wrigley Deacons

## USHERS

William Cobb Team #3 Leader

Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Dom Rebeck, Jeannette Quirus, and John Quirus

## FLOWER GUILD

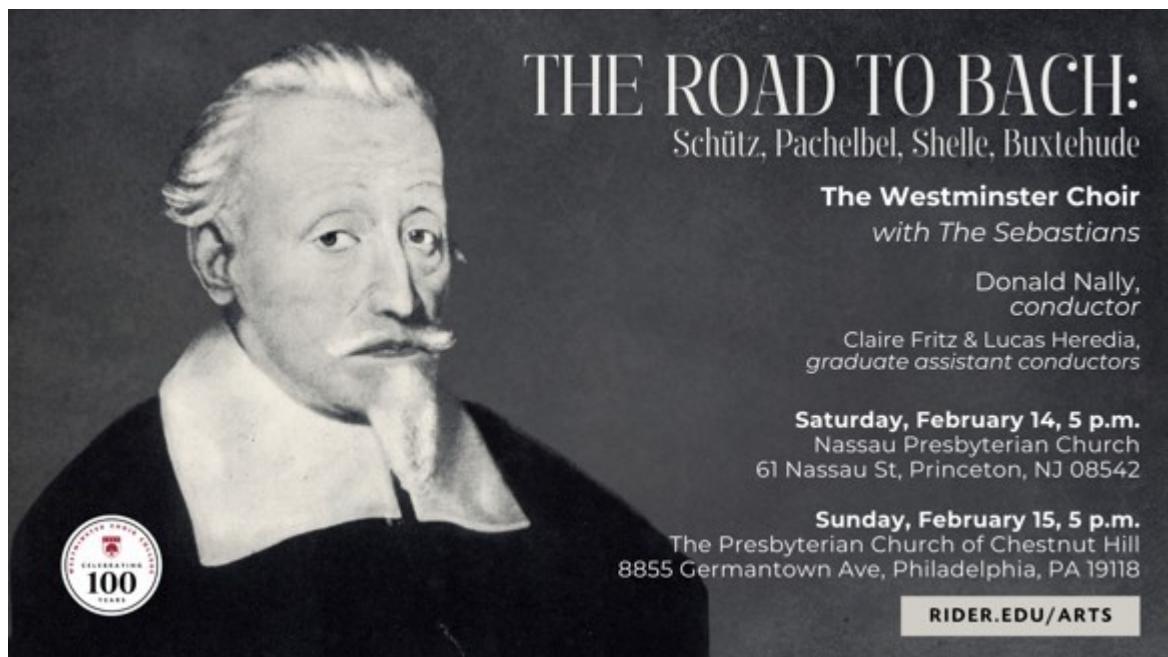
Grace Stewart and Barbara Olson

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**COVER ART** *Where I Still Find Him: Portrait of James Dicken*, Celeste Schor, oil on canvas, 2025. From the artist: "It was an honor to contribute to Souls Shot Portrait Project again this year. Tara and I spoke about her father (mother and brother) and the type of feeling she wanted the three artists to portray. Her dad, James Dicken, loved his family and the outdoors. She wanted her father pictured outdoors at sunset. She told me about his experience coaching Little League. The cardinal and the dragonfly are personal symbols that have special meaning to her family."

From Tara Pentz: "James L. Dicken, affectionately known as 'JD' or 'Pappy'. Selfless, devoted, hardworking, ingenious, and fun, he was made to be a father. The love and care for his children, and the impact he had on his family, were the only things he thought about from the moment he opened his eyes each morning. Fatherhood was his destiny, and he embraced it with full-hearted and steadfast dedication. He had a deep passion for cars, dirt bikes, etc. and tinkering with them in his happy place, the garage—almost always with youngest son, John Paul, by his side. He was also a fantastic cook who jumped at any opportunity to prepare a family meal. Jim was full of life and gave his entire soul to everything he did. Whether it was family vacations to Ocean City, MD, riding trips, or highly competitive croquet games in the yard, the memories were always legendary. A favorite saying of his that always stuck with his family was, 'There are people who watch things happen, and there are people that make things happen.' Jim always went above and beyond to make things happen for the ones he loved. His family spirit and unconditional love will live on forever through the lives that he touched."



**THE ROAD TO BACH:**  
Schütz, Pachelbel, Shelle, Buxtehude

**The Westminster Choir**  
with *The Sebastians*

Donald Nally,  
conductor

Claire Fritz & Lucas Heredia,  
graduate assistant conductors

**Saturday, February 14, 5 p.m.**  
Nassau Presbyterian Church  
61 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ 08542

**Sunday, February 15, 5 p.m.**  
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill  
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## HAPPENING AT PCCH

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### **PCCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on February 18. The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will lead the discussion, focusing on the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon; **John 15:1-17**. All are welcome.

### **PRESIDENTS' DAY HOURS**

The offices at PCCH and Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

### **LADIES CIRCLE GROUP**

If socializing, Bible Study and stimulating/lively discussions appeal to you, then you may want to join our group of great women to learn and share. We typically meet on the third Tuesday of every month (September through June at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17 in the reception room. Please contact Taylor Slaughter, [praetextum@gmail.com](mailto:praetextum@gmail.com) or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 12 p.m. in the chapel for our Ash Wednesday service, as we enter the season of Lent.

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Join us on Thursday, February 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at The Stotesbury, 812 E. Willow Grove Ave in Wyndmoor. Emily Chapdelaine will be the moderator. As we look for a venue to replace Campbell's Place, which has closed, we are experimenting with different options before we decide on a new home and regular meeting time. Please come if you can and let us know what you think.

### **THE ORDINATION OF EMILY CHAPDELAINE**

Join the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Session and Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, for the Ordination of Emily Chapdelaine as Associate Minister on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 4 p.m. Reception to follow in Widener Hall.

### **MAKE GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY YOUR +1**

When you do your shopping this week, add an item to your cart for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry! Federal cuts to food banks and food access have increased demand for nutritious food, and your donations to the GACM food cupboard support families in our community in this season of increased hardship. While we designate the first Sunday of the month for collection during worship, items can be left to the reception room at any time. Thank you!

### **CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC—THE CROSSING SUNDAY**

On Sunday, February 22 Grammy Award winning choir, the Crossing, will join us for a special worship service. Join us for the amazing music, and stay for fellowship after in Widener Hall.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	GODLY PLAY (age three–kindergarten)	GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE (first–second grade)	CHRISTIAN STUDIES (third–fifth grade)	FOLLOW ME (sixth–eighth grade)
2/15	Buddy Storm and Zach Cline	Rachelle Pretz and Dan Pretz	Anna Storm and Linnea Johnson	stay in worship

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program for children age three through grade five begins with a brief opening in the chapel. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program please scan the QR code.



### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

There will be no Confirmation Class or Youth Group this week. On evenings we have Confirmation Class, Youth Group will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that all middle school and high school youth, regardless of confirmation status, are welcome to come to Youth Group! Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine for more details.

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will rehearse today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the Chapel. Children will proceed directly from Sunday School to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will rehearse today from 11:45 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Youth Choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LENT MISSION PROJECT

We will be raising money during Sunday School for **The Mayfly Project**, an organization that mentors children in foster care through fly fishing. Children can bring their donations from Sunday, March 1 until Easter Sunday. To learn more, scan the QR Code. *“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)*



## CENTER ON THE HILL

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If you have time in your day, we have something fun for you to do! Open Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page. Scan the QR Code for more information.



The Center on the Hill will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents Day.

### *Upcoming classes and events*

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](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to register.

#### **QIGONG—HEALING MOVEMENTS** (registration required)

Mondays, 2 p.m., Thursdays, 9 a.m., \$40 for four classes, \$12 per walk-in class

Experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee-gung); 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. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.

#### **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** (registration required)

Tuesday, February 24, 12 p.m., \$12 by February 20 or \$15 after

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it only costs you twelve dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

#### **AFTERNOON MOVIES—DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE** (registration required)

Thursday, February 26, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no longlines? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water provided but feel free to bring your own snacks! *Mary finds herself at the center of a public scandal and the family faces financial strife. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter, with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.* Starring Michelle Dockery, Hugh Bonneville and Elizabeth McGovern.

#### **FORUM ON THE HILL—THOMAS H KEELS: LADIES OF THE STREET**

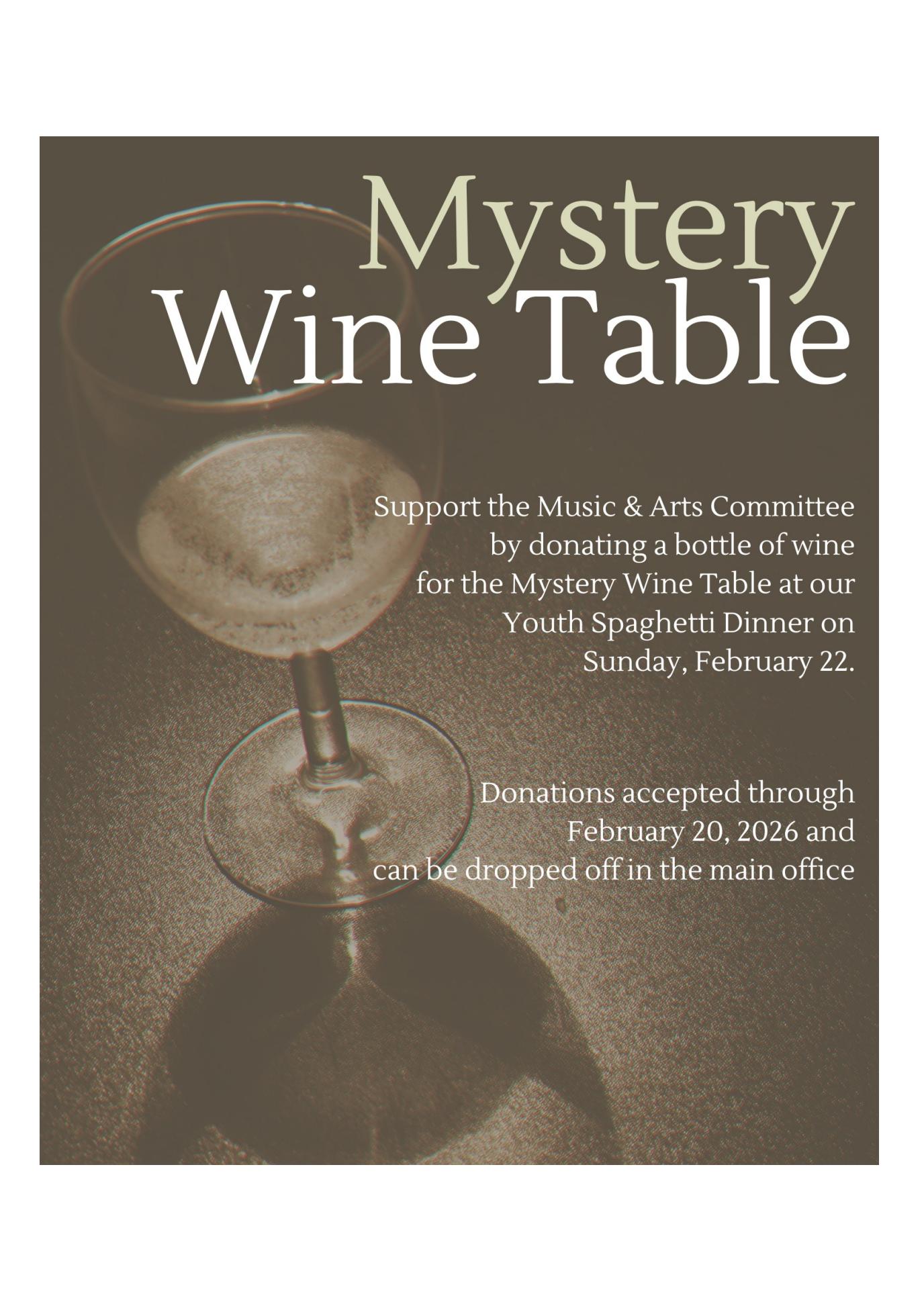
If you missed this month's fascinating forum you can watch it now, by scanning the QR Code. One of the bright spots of the Sesqui-Centennial was the High Street of 1776, a recreation of a Federal-era Market Street lined with twenty two reconstructions of historic structures. Created by the Women's Committee, the Street of 1776 was the Sesqui's most popular single attraction. In this talk we discuss how Philadelphia women defied the Republican Organization to create some of the fair's most memorable monuments.







# Mystery Wine Table



Support the Music & Arts Committee  
by donating a bottle of wine  
for the Mystery Wine Table at our  
Youth Spaghetti Dinner on  
Sunday, February 22.

Donations accepted through  
February 20, 2026 and  
can be dropped off in the main office



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL PARENT SOCIAL



## El Poquito: March 1

6pm-8pm | Pay As You Go

Diana needs a head count by February 24

Text, email, or find during coffee hour



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## CHURCH STAFF

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**The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle** Senior Minister and Head of Staff

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**Debbie Lambeth** Sunday Child Care Giver



PCCH links and  
online giving options

## WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION

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PCCH is a Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are committed to building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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