

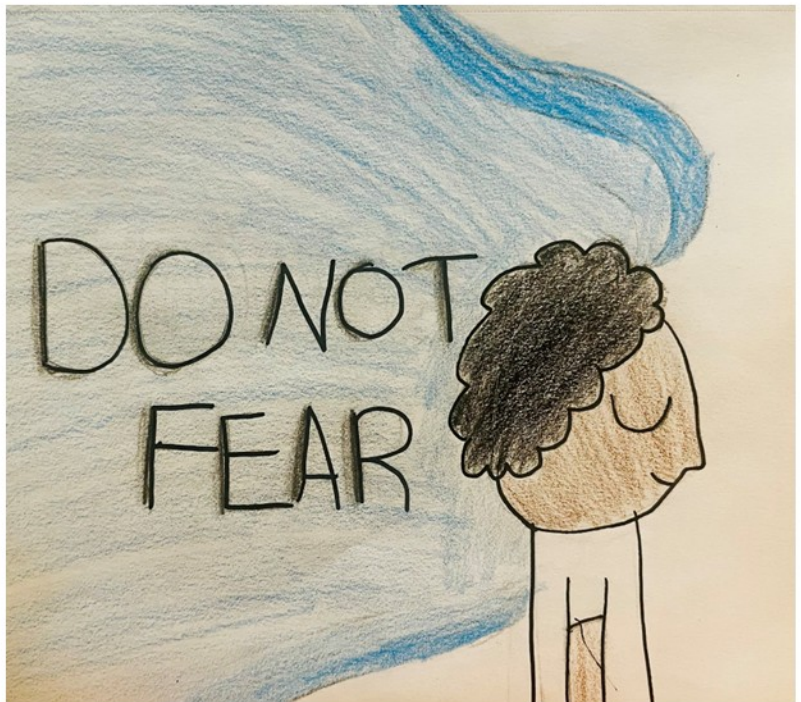
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, February 8, 2026

10 a.m.

YOUTH 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

*Concerto for Two Violins
in D minor, Third Movement*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Antiphonal Jubilate Deo!

Greg Gilpin
(b. 1964)

Jubilate Deo!
Oh, be joyful all ye lands.
Sing a song of gladness,
Sing a joyful song!
Sing alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help comes from?
People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Leader: He will not let your foot slip; He who watches over you will not slumber.
People: Indeed, He who watches over Israel with neither slumber nor sleep.
Leader: The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
People: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
Leader: The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will watch over your life.
People: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**Please stand as you are able.*

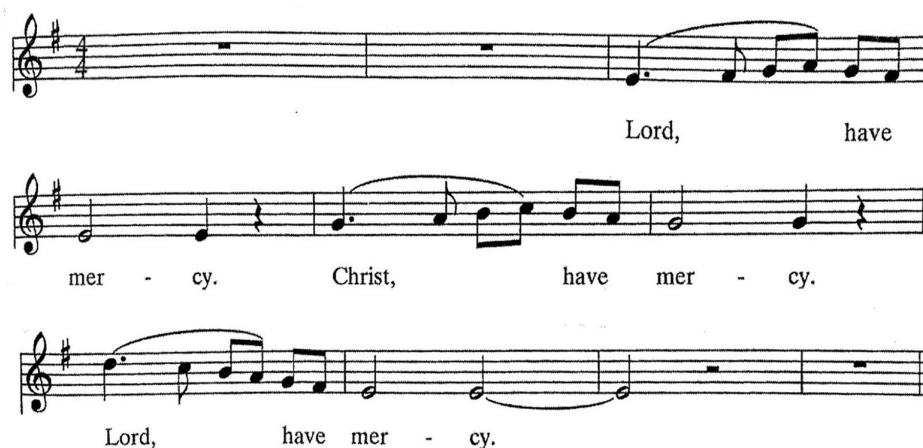
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created the earth,
filled it with your glory, and called it good.
You made us in your image
and charged us with caring for your good and glorious creation.
We confess that we have neglected that calling.
Worse—our violence, waste, and greed
endanger the very world you made.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Pour out your abundant grace to refresh the parched earth
to restore the beauty of your creation,
and to replenish our resolve to serve you
as faithful caretakers of the world you so love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

John Weaver
(1937-2021)



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half rest, and then a melodic phrase starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, with a slur over the last four notes. The lyrics "Lord, have" are aligned under the second staff. The second staff continues the melody, starting on E4, moving up to G4, then down to F4, E4, D4, and finally C4, with a slur over the last four notes. The lyrics "mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." are aligned under this staff. The third staff begins with a melodic phrase starting on G4, moving up to D5, then down to C5, B4, A4, and finally G4, with a slur over the last four notes. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are aligned under this staff.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WEAVER

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

*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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,

That as the Scriptures are read and as your Word is proclaimed,

We may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 17:31-40

When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father, and whenever a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth, and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through second grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not meet today.
Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School.*

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

John 14:26-31

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

Gabe Eastman

Wesley Bishop

*HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

Leader: We believe the Holy Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all people.

People: It moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience.

Leader: We believe the Spirit initiates new life in Christ.

People: The new life takes shape in a community in which all people know that God loves and accepts us for who we are.

Leader: We therefore accept ourselves and love others,

People: knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

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

Shalom

Dan Forrest
(b. 1978)

Peace I leave with you,
peace I give to you:
Shalom.

Not as this world gives,
I give to you.
Do not be afraid.
Peace. Shalom.

***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: **Mighty and merciful God,**
lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak,
to help those who suffer and to honor all people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice
and instruments of your peace,
So that all may be reconciled in your beloved community;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 399**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shalom

FORREST

Peace. Shalom.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in D minor

Johann Krebs
(1713-1780)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Gabe Eastman and Wesley Bishop

LITURGISTS

Natalie Bishop, Elowen Ciprioni, Cade DePasquale, Julia Eastman, Reece Ehrsam, Morgan Evans, Taylor Evans, Dillon Fisher, MacKenzie Fisher, John Ryan Harris, Adam Jones, Elisa Lutz, Chip Magid, Sam Magid, Natalie Pretz, Louisa Rodgers-Genuardi, Colin Welsh, and Gavin Welsh

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Ella DePasquale

MUSIC

PCCH Youth Choir

Dr. Julie Snyder Director of Children's Ministry, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

Wesley Bishop and Beth Dzwil violinists

GREETERS

Margaret R. Spencer and William Storm Elders

Kelly Baughman and Sharyn Walker Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Katee Houstoun, Jason Jones and Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Sandy Connelly and Barbara Frazier

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of all God's children, by Sharon Kelly and family.

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COVER ART *Do Not Fear*, Elowen Ciprioni, drawing on paper, 2025.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on February 11. Emily Chapdelaine will lead the discussion, focusing on the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

DEACON BRUNCH

Join the Deacons of PCCH for a special brunch after worship on Sunday, February 15. Enjoy lite bites, a yogurt parfait bar, and getting to know our church community! All are welcome.

PRESIDENT'S 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 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. 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 have left the food cupboard bare, and your donations to the food cupboard support families in our community in this season of increased hardship. Return items to the reception room at any time.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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)
2/8	Michelle Shachtman and Angie Fredrickson	Tennyson Tippy and Dan Pretz	stay in worship	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

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 Kate Magid 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 not 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.

PCCH YOUTH

SPAGHETTI
DINNER

Sunday, February 22, 2026 | First Seating 5:00 P.M. | Second Seating 6:15 P.M.

CENTER ON THE HILL

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 to register.

FORUM ON THE HILL—THOMAS H KEELS: LADIES OF THE STREET *(registration required)*

Thursday, February 12, 12:30 p.m., \$5 requested donation

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 will discuss how Philadelphia women defied the Republican Organization to create some of the fair's most memorable monuments.

FEBRUARY ART SHOW MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION—LYNN IZZI: MIXED MEDIA

Friday, February 13, 4 p.m., free

Lynn Izzi, a life-long Philadelphia area resident, interested in art since childhood. She is currently studying watercolor painting with Marcia Jones at the Center on the Hill. Retirement gave Lynn time to pursue her passion for painting and gardening, both reflected in her work using a process that transfers pigment from her garden flowers to paper. Lynn's pieces in this show include pastels, watercolors, acrylics and other various media.

QIGONG—HEALING MOVEMENTS*(registration required)*

Mondays, 2 p.m., Tuesdays 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.

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 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.*

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 8

Worship

Church School

Fellowship

Cantatas and Chamber Music—Nickolas James

Youth Sunday

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener, 11 a.m.

sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, February 9

Sketching & Watercolor class

Tai Chi Private Practice group

Table Games Open Play group

Grief Support group

WaterMedia Level Two class

Qigong class

Finance meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

reception, 1 p.m.

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

Harris, 2 p.m.

Harris, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 10

Sketching & Watercolor class

Meditation Practice group

Mah Jongg Open Play group

Bingo game

Strong Bones class

Watercolor & Drawing Foundations class

Strong Bones class

Session meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 9:30 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Harris, 1 p.m.

Widener, 1 p.m.

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

Widener, 2:15 p.m.

Harris, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 11

Beginning Tai Chi class

Rummy Tiles open play

Bible Study group

Continuing Tai Chi class

Bridge Open Play group

Intermediate Tai Chi class

Golden Yoga class

Widener, 10 a.m.

room 5, 10:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

Widener, 11:15 a.m.

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

Widener, 12:30 p.m.

Widener, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 12

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Uno Dos Tres—Very Basic Spanish class	room 5, 11:30 a.m.
Forum on the Hill—Thomas H Keels	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support group	room 4, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 13

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
February Art Show Opening reception	COTH hallway, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 14

Building cleaning	Valentine's Day
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SUNDAY, February 15

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Deacon's Brunch	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	sanctuary or Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—Westminster Choir	sanctuary, 5 p.m.



Cantatas and Chamber Music

NICKOLAS JAMES, TENOR

Sunday, February 8 | 4 p.m.



preconcert reception | 3:30 p.m.



SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence



EXHIBITION

January 16 - March 3, 2026

Souls Shot Portrait Project pairs fine artists with families and friends of those taken by gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the loved ones portrayed.

The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience.

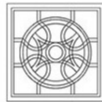
OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, January 16

7- 9pm. Doors open at 7pm, program at 7:45.

Gallery hours:

9 - 4, M- F or by appointment 215 247 8855



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left above:

Where I Still Find Him

Portrait of James Dicken

Celeste Schor

left below:

In This World You Play for Keeps

Portrait of Janaya Lopez

Stacy Kent Wyckoff

soulsshotportraitproject.org





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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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
Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier
Kelley Garner DiCesare

Melissa Montgomery
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Jeannette Quirus
Dominick Rebeck
Diana Rodgers

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James Spause
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William Storm
Tennyson Tippy
Clarke Woodruff

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PCCH links and
online giving options

WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION



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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