



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

Give me the courage to live!
Really live—not merely exist.
Live dangerously,
scorning risk!
Live honestly,
daring the truth—
particularly the truth of myself!
Live resiliently—
ever changing, ever growing, ever adapting.
Enduring the pain of change
as though 'twere the travail of birth.

Give me the courage to live,
give me the strength to be free
and endure the burden of freedom,
and the loneliness of those without chains;
let me not be trapped by success,
nor by failure, not pleasure, nor grief,
nor malice, nor praise, nor remorse!

Give me the courage to go on!
Facing all that waits on the trail—
going eagerly, joyously on,
and paying my way as I go,
without anger or fear or regret
taking what life gives,
spending myself to the full,
dead high, spirit winged, like a god—
on... on... till the shadows draw close.
Then even when darkness shuts down,
and I go out alone as I came,
naked and blind as I came—
even then, gracious God, hear my prayer:
give me the courage to live!

~ Howard Thurman

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

INTROIT

Dirk Janszoon Sweelinck
(1591-1652)

How brightly beams the Morning Star!
What sudden radiance from afar
doth glad us with its shining,
brightness of God that breaks our night
and fills the darken'd souls with light
who long for truth were pining!
Thy word, Jesu, only feeds us,
rightly leads us,
life bestowing;
praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from God.
**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**
Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God.
**People: God is a refuge for us.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

INVOCATION

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, sharing your justice and love in all we do. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Call and Conversion”

John Wilkinson

ANTHEM

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848-1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

HYMN

All My Hope on God Is Founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Michael Burkhardt
(b. 1957)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGISTS: Rebecca Bernstein and Edie Russo

MUSIC: Members of the Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to the 135 households (individuals and families) who have pledged \$539,053 for 2021, including those who have pledged in the past week. We are well on our way to achieving our goal, which is approximately 155 pledges committing to \$600,000.

If you pledged in 2020 and haven't yet for 2021, or if you've never pledged, now is the time. You can mail your pledge to the church office or make a confidential pledge to ecole@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Log onto our website at <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/> and click on the Church School button at the top of the page.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday prior to worship for children of all ages. We would love to have the adults tuning in to pay attention to what we do in church school—often a purely behind the scenes venture. The sessions continue to be available on the website.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 24, 4:00—5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW YEAR

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom as we seek to grow in faith. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87560710917?pwd=Um1STVFNR1J6WTJTCnVLO3hhK1c2QT09>

- January 24
 - **Vaccines: What We Know**
 - At a time when our hope for a safer future rests on new vaccines, questions abound. How do vaccines work in a public health setting? Specifically, how do these new COVID vaccines induce immunity? How does approval take place? How is safety monitored? Our own Greg Dickinson has a PhD in immunology, conducted biomedical research in the field of vaccine design, and teaches vaccinology to nursing students in the area. Join us for a discussion of these questions as we explore vaccines in the age of COVID.

- January 31
 - **PCCH Book Club- *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler**
 - On the last Sunday of each month, we will meet to discuss our Spring 2021 book. This week our discussion will focus on Chapters 1 and 2: The birth and call of Abraham. Join us as we discuss a biblical narrative that forms the foundation of three faiths. We will do some presentation but you are encouraged to order the book, available through Amazon or other sources.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

One of the things we miss is “live” conversations on matters of faith, even online. As the new year begins, we will introduce live Zoom Bible study, happening every two weeks or so, in both daytime and evening hours. (For the time being, this will replace our Wednesday noon Bible study on Facebook.) On Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m., join John Wilkinson for a discussion of the scripture passages for upcoming worship services. Here’s the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233284167?pwd=OUdmRFRtcXJUM09HQTVSeEIZT3R1QT09>

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ON RACISM AND SLAVERY

The PCCH Racial Justice Working Group invites you to use the Lenten season as a time to explore issues of racism. One way to do that is through the Lenten devotional “Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery.” This devotional invites readers to learn more about the impact of slavery and its ongoing repercussions. Each daily entry includes a testimony, biblical passage and reflection. You may purchase this resource here: [Lent of Liberation Paper - Cheri L. Mills : Westminster John Knox Press \(wjkbks.com\)](#). If you have questions about ordering, please contact the church office.

If you engage this resource during Lent and would like to share your reflections with other church members, please contact John Wilkinson and we will organize a discussion opportunity.

FAITH IN THE RUINS: A RABBI, A PASTOR AND A PRIEST CONVENE A CONVERSATION ABOUT AMERICA POST JANUARY 6, 2021

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Adam Zeff (Rabbi, Germantown Jewish Centre), Jarrett Kerbel (Rector, St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church) and John Wilkinson will host a conversation about who we are as a country and how we got here. The clergy will offer their observations and space will be made for conversation and sharing of feelings and perspectives. Please join us for this important and timely conversation.

This session will be held on Zoom. St. Martin’s is hosting this event, and registration is needed. Please register for the link on St. Martin’s website:

<https://www.stmartinec.org/blog/faith-in-the-ruins/>

or direct on Constant Contact:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehie9v5nad6f204e&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Please contact John Wilkinson if you have any questions.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., Livestream on Facebook (Link to follow)

Please join us for our next Livestream concert as Katy Avery and Thann Scoggin present a recital of baroque and modern vocal masterworks which are thematically relevant to our current times. Bach's 1726 dialog cantata "*Liebster Jesu, mein Verlangen*" opens the program, followed by excerpts from two early 20th-century song cycles by Maurice Ravel: *Chansons madécasses*, an evocative depiction and criticism of colonialism; and the whimsical animal caricatures of *Histoires naturelles*. The recital concludes with a duet written by Philadelphia composer John Conahan in celebration of Thann and Katy's engagement.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Since the Eagles are not in the Super Bowl this year, our youth, in partnership with the Social Witness Committee, will be spending Sunday, February 7 participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. As many of you know, this event mobilizes grassroots organizations to give locally and help make an impact on hunger and food insecurity. On February 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will be collecting much needed pantry supplies for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Please stop by and safely drop off shelf-stable pantry items (no glass please!) including pasta, rice, cereal, canned meat and fish, vegetables and of course soup.

If you are unable to drop off your donation, and would like to arrange a pickup, please contact Melissa Montgomery at 610-506-0898 or melissamon70@yahoo.com and we will be happy to arrange a time. Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you (from a safe distance).

POSITION OPENING: CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

PCCH will be seeking a new church administrator to succeed Esther Cole upon her retirement in the spring. If you are aware of someone who might have interest, please contact ecole@chestnuthillpres.org for further information and a position description. You may also direct inquiries to John Wilkinson.

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is offering ONLINE ONLY events, and classes for participation from home for the winter months of January, February and March. New Online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, are also posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The schedule for upcoming online events can also be found there.

Upcoming online classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for online participation on Zoom by Computer, Tablet or Dial-in by telephone. Instructions and link to join will be sent after you register. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

MEDICARE OPTIONS OR HOW TO IGNORE JOE NAMATH

Monday, January 25, 10:00—11:00 a.m., Free

Medicare can be complicated and confusing for retirees, baby-boomers preparing for retirement, children who are handling their parents' health care, and social security disability recipients. Joan Adler, Certified APPRISE Medicare Counselor, will discuss your Medicare options. There will be time to discuss special circumstances and answer questions.

HOME SAFETY

Thursday, January 28, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free

In this class, faculty and students from Salus University's Occupational Therapy Department will share easy strategies and products to simplify daily activities and improve safety within the home. Presentation will be followed by discussion and Question and Answer session.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, beginning February 3, start anytime, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$40 a month or \$10 per class

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

WEDNESDAY DIABETES and NUTRITION WORKSHOP

February 3 and 10: First and Second Wednesdays of the month, Ongoing, 12:00—1:00 p.m., Free.

You can live well with diabetes, pre-diabetes or other chronic disease including obesity with the most nutritious diet. Certified diabetes educator Kirsten Puskar, RDN, CDCES, will help you understand managing your diet and diabetes to stay healthy. All are welcome to take part in her interactive discussions. The first week we discuss the basics of diabetes and nutrition, the second week is all about meal planning. Come join us!

AARP SMART DRIVERTEK

Thursday, February 4, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free. Space is limited: Deadline to register is Friday January 29

Cars are quickly becoming smarter and smarter. But you can stay in the know by signing up for the FREE Smart DriverTEK workshop—a 90-minute interactive session that will get you up to date with new intelligent features. Accelerate your car knowledge! Register today!