

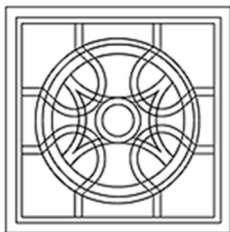
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, January 26, 2025

10 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 two is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's *Praise Packs* to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex. Please return these after worship.



All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which takes place immediately after the Children's Message. Please use the QR code to fill out a brief safety waiver for your child.

We encourage you to fill out the black friendship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

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 14.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Andante tranquillo from  
Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

## INTROIT

Arthur Wills  
(1926-2020)

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**People: God calls us to be builders as well.**

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

**People: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

**People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

**People: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**People: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,  
you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.  
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation.  
You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.  
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,  
but we sit idly by,  
endangering the lives of people far and near.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
and give us the courage and strength  
to be reconciled to others;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.  
Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau  
(b. 1977)

*Congregation*



*Choir* Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation*



*Choir* Christ, have mercy.

*Choir and Congregation*



*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.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

JUNEAU

## **\*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**

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 61:1-9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALTER

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-8

Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(1810-1876)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
And the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul,  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

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

*Joyful Noise will meet following church school until 11:40 a.m.*

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

## 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

Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Good News?

Ellen Williams Hensle

*And [Jesus] said, "Truly I tell you,  
no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."*

*Luke 4:23*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

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

Edward Elgar  
(1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind—to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

### \*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: **We praise and thank you, Lord God,  
for the majesty of your work,  
the wisdom of your word,  
and the generosity of your grace.  
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness  
to your goodness and mercy,  
your faithfulness and justice,  
and your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 332**

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Alec Rowley  
(1892-1958)

God be in my head and in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in my eyes and in my looking,  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,  
God be in my heart and in my thinking,  
God be at my end and at my departing.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude and Fugue  
in G minor*

Johann Krebs  
(1713-1780)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

### LITURGIST

Taylor Slaughter

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Julie Snyder

### MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

### GREETERS

James Spause and Margaret Spencer Elders

Thanice Petrak and Linda Pettengill Deacons

### USHERS

Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader

Carolyn Manwaring, Barbara Spause, Ray McCahery, and Sarah Wright

### FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Cathy Brzozowski

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Gary Brunell by Susan Brunell.

### **COVER ART** curated by **Rebecca Thornburgh**

Maurycy Gottlieb, *Christ Preaching at Capernaum*, 1878-79, oil on canvas, National Museum in Warsaw. Considered one of the most talented students of renowned painter Jan Matejko, Maurycy Gottlieb (1856-1879) was a Polish-Jewish realist painter of the Romantic period. At fifteen, he was enrolled at the Vienna Fine Arts Academy and later studied in Matejko's studio in Kraków. But on experiencing antisemitism from his fellow students there, Gottlieb left after less than a year, returning to Vienna to explore his Jewish roots, having been raised as a secular Jew. Gottlieb won a gold medal at the Munich art competition for his painting *Shylock and Jessica* (1876), portraying a scene from Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Gottlieb based Jessica's face on that of Laura Rosenfeld, to whom he had proposed marriage. However, Laura rejected his proposal and wed a Berlin banker. Though planning to marry another woman, when he heard about Rosenfeld's marriage, Gottlieb knowingly exposed himself to the elements, dying at age 23 of complications from a cold and sore throat. In his brief career he created an impressive number of works, of which more than three hundred survive (mostly sketches, but also oil paintings), though not all are finished. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, many Polish collections unknown in the Western Bloc were popularized, and his reputation grew greatly.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Ellen Williams Hensle at the church office or at [ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ewhensle@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 Ellen Williams Hensle at the church office or at [ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org).

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.



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.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: [chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25](http://chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25) for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

### **Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder**

The Gallery Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to enter the sanctuary during this time, but please remember to keep conversations low so that the choir is able to focus on their rehearsal.

### **Nametags during worship**

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle is thrilled to be here and looking forward to getting to know all of you. To assist her and her family, we are requesting that you wear a nametag during worship for the next few weeks. Nametags will be available for you to fill out in the Narthex prior to worship on Sundays.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HAPPENING AT PCCH

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### FELLOWSHIP

Join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for coffee and sweet treats. All are welcome.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, February 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

### PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on January 29. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**. All are welcome.

### DEACON'S BRUNCH

Join us Sunday, February 2 for brunch and fellowship with our Deacons immediately after worship. We look forward to seeing you there!

### COCKTAIL PARTIES WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are hosting a series of informal cocktail parties in the coming months at the homes of church members. Join us in a relaxed, social atmosphere to meet Ellen and Tom, hear more about Ellen's vision for the church, and connect with fellow members of our congregation. Our next cocktail parties will be held on February 8 and February 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/6eu8dnvh](http://tinyurl.com/6eu8dnvh) or on the bulletin board outside the office.

### MEET AND GREET WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

On Sunday, January 26 (and Sunday, February 16), grab a refreshment from Widener Hall and join the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle in Harris to get to know her better! *Meet and Greet*s will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

### FAMILY AND YOUTH EVENTS WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are planning events specifically designed for families with children and youth: these will provide more opportunities for our younger members to interact with Ellen in ways that are engaging and fun. Youth (grades six to twelve) are invited to spend time with Ellen on February 9 after worship. Families and children (kindergarten to fifth grade) are invited to spend time with Ellen on March 9 after worship. More details to follow.

## HAPPENING AT PCCH

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### **PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!**

Please hold the evenings of Sunday, March 16th and Sunday, May 18th from 6:30-8:30 for parent social opportunities. The March event will be a meet up at a local bar or restaurant and the May event will be a potluck at a home. Both events will be close to PCCH. More details coming soon. Thank you to everyone who filled out the availability and interest surveys.

If you have a teen who would be interested in babysitting for families in our church community, therefore allowing more parents to attend, please have your teen contact Diana Rodgers at [dhrogers@gmail.com](mailto:dhrogers@gmail.com).

### **GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS**

**First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, February 2, 2025.**

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. Please help with your donation of cash or food items—canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables and beans, hearty soups and stews, and breakfast cereals. Regular sized products, not family size, and packaged in non-glass containers are appreciated.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
1/19	Michelle Shachtman and Katie O'Dwyer	Diana Rodgers and Rachelle Pretz	Kate Magid and Steve Bishop

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages three to second grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades three to five will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle school youth in grades six to eight will study *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*. Youth will explore how they can live out their faith, as Jesus taught, in our modern world. The middle school youth will meet during worship two to three times per month. On the remaining Sundays, youth should participate in the full worship service.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle and high school youth will meet immediately after worship each week until noon in the Youth Group room. Lunch will be provided. Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday of the month but will instead engage in Service Sunday after worship.

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

*Joyful Noise*, our children's choir for ages three grade five, will rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. 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*, our youth choir for grades six to 12, will rehearse today from 12-12:45 p.m. (please note new time). Youth Choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers are always welcome.

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: [chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs](http://chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs).

### ***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.

#### **“SOUL” LINE DANCING** (*registration required, join at any time*)

Thursday, January 23 and 30, 1:30 p.m., \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the “Philly” sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. Gloria will help you make this simple, and easy activity a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed! All levels welcome.

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

Tuesday, January 28, 12 p.m., \$12 in advance,\* \$15 at the door

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 costs you only 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!

\*Pre-registration and payment is required by Friday, January 24 to receive the \$12 rate.

#### **LEARN TO PLAY: RUMMY TILES** (*registration required*)

Wednesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m., free

Rummy Tiles (aka Rummikub) is one of the world's best-selling and most-played games.

Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs or groups, Rummy style - the first player to use all of their tiles wins. Fast-paced, easy gameplay for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Come learn how to play and then return on Wednesdays for Open Play!

#### **AFTERNOON MOVIES: *THE FALL GUY*** (*registration required*)

Thursday, January 30, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no long lines? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water provided. Bringing your own snacks welcome! This month’s movie is “The Fall Guy” starring Ryan Reynolds and Emily Blunt. A stuntman, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, January 26

<b>Worship</b>	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Youth Group	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Meet and Greet with Ellen Williams Hensle	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.

### MONDAY, January 27

Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi practice group	room 3&4, 10 a.m.
Table Games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong	Harris, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir room, room 3&4, 5:15 p.m.
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Endowment Committee meeting	Harris, 7p.m.

### TUESDAY, January 28

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mindfulness practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis class	room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
Community Luncheon	Widener, 12 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class	rooms 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
The Crossing Board meeting	Harris, 6 p.m.
Royal Scottish Dancers group	chapel, 7 p.m.
Boy Scout meeting	room 5, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener, 7:30 p.m.
Christian Ed Committee meeting	Zoom, 8 p.m.

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### WEDNESDAY, January 29

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles class and open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, room 3&4, 6:15 p.m.
MALT Beginning Piano class	room 1&2, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Committee meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, January 30

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tips to Simplify and Thrive class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Afternoon Movie showing	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
MALT Ballroom Dancing class	Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, January 31

PreK Soccer Shots	Widener, 9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 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.
Philomusical Corale rehearsal	sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober & Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### **SATURDAY, February 1**

Building cleaning

Philomusica Chorale concert

sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, February 2**

#### **Worship**

Church School

Deacon's Brunch and Fellowship

Youth Group

Joyful Noise rehearsal

Youth Choir rehearsal

Tempesta Di Mare concert

#### **Lord's Supper**

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

Strouse, 11:10 a.m.

Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.

Strouse, 12 p.m.

sanctuary, 4 p.m.

Dear Saints of PCCH,

Below you will find a summary of the church's finances through December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially to the life of our community in 2024. We were able to make up a significant gap in congregational giving at the end of the year and finish closer (though not all the way) to a balanced budget. Endowment draws are covering our deficit of \$32,844.

We are still in the process of developing the church budget for 2025. You can help us in this process by making a pledge if you have not done so already. Making and fulfilling a pledge allows you to be intentional in your financial commitment and provides critical information for church leadership as we plan our ministry for the year ahead. Pledges of any size are welcome and valued, and it is never too late to submit one. You can pick up a pledge card in the church office.

If you have questions about your pledge, or would like to learn more about the pledging process, please contact our Church Administrator Rachel Cline: [rcline@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:rcline@chestnuthillpres.org). To discuss alternative giving methods such as Qualified Charitable Distributions or donating stock, please contact finance chair Hap Spaeth: [hspaeth@gmail.com](mailto:hspaeth@gmail.com).

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing where God will lead us!

In Christ,  
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

### 2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1—December 31, 2024

	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	619,642	612,805
Endowment Draws	154,073	225,807	158,691
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	187,970	160,036
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>1,005,073</b>	<b>1,033,419</b>	<b>951,532</b>
 All Expenses and Mission	 1,005,073	 1,066,263	 <b>951,532</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,844</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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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Jill Bown  
Rebecca DePasquale  
Gregory Dickinson  
Matthew Eastman  
Jack Evans  
Graeme Frazier

Ryan Mann  
William Murphy  
Elizabeth Podraza  
Jeannette Quirus  
Dominick Rebeck  
Michelle Shachtman

Taylor Slaughter  
Harry Spaeth  
James Spause  
Margaret Spencer  
William Storm  
Clarke Woodruff

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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Emily Barth  
Kelly Baughman  
Mark Bernstein  
Stephen Bishop  
Catherine Brzozowski  
Nicolette Cobbold  
Beth DeSoo

Debby Evans  
Becky Frazier  
Ann Goslin  
Kristin Lawton  
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Jane McGill

Barbara Olson  
Thanice Petrak  
Linda Pettengill  
Rachelle Pretz  
Amy Raphael  
Sharyn Walker  
Sarah Wright

## CHURCH STAFF

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

**The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis** Pastor Emerita

**Dr. Daniel Spratlan** Director of Music

**Jeffrey DeVault** Organist/Associate Director of Music

**Dr. Julie Snyder** Director, Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir

**Katherine McGill Magid** Director of Youth Ministry

**Rachel Cline** Church Administrator

**Megan Cullen** Director, Preschool

**Mariangela Saavedra** Director, Center on the Hill

**Mary Frommer** Office and Media Coordinator

**Felix Delgado** Sexton

**Asante Carter** Sexton

**Debbie Lambeth** Sunday Child Care Giver

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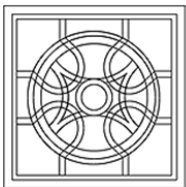
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