# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.

...love does have a reward.

Just as the proper benefits of education
are the opportunities of continuing education,
so the rewards of loving
are to become yet more vulnerable,
more tender, more caring.

Love, and you are a success whether or not the world thinks so.

The highest purpose of Christianity—which is primarily a way of life, not a system of belief—is to love one another.

~ William Sloane Coffin

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.

Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

Trumpet Concerto in D

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

# **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 145)

Leader:

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

People:

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

and tell of your power,

Leader:

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People:

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

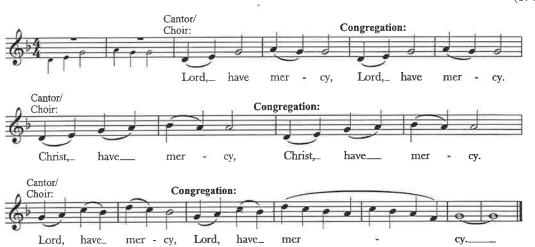


## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, have broken your law, have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and have neglected the cries of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

# **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kile Smith (b. 1956)



#### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader:

Friends, believe the good news.

People:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*GLORIA PATRI Smith



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of mercy, amid the changing words of every generation, your word does not change. Speak that word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with lives of faith and love. Amen.

# **EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

**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 LESSON John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him. "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Leader:

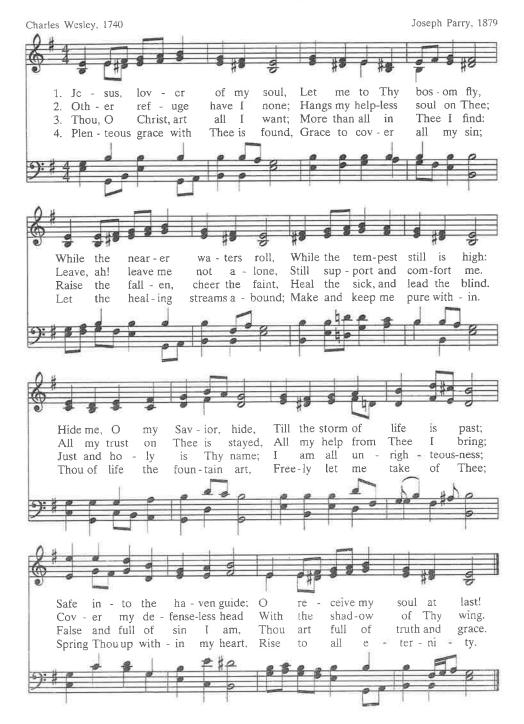
Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

John Wilkinson



# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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

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

#### **OFFERING**

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online.

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY** 

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)

\*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

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

**People:** Leader:

And also with you. Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Help us to use the good

things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth. Keep

us faithful in service, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

\*HYMN

God Is Love (see opposite page)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

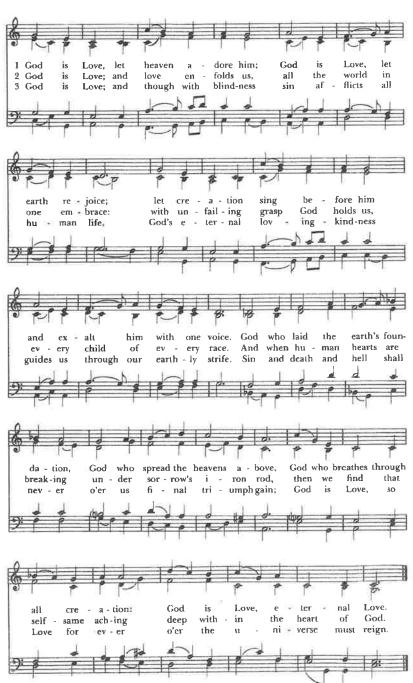
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Con Spirito (Heroic Music)

Telemann

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation standing



Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907) LEADING WORSHIP: John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGIST: Christen Webber

MUSIC: Steve Williamson, tenor soloist; Scott Marino, trumpet soloist; Ken Lovett, organist

GREETERS: Elder: Greg Dickinson; Deacon: Amy Raphael

USHERS: Narthex: Sarah Wright; Hallway Door: Troy Foxworth

FLOWER GUILD: Barrett Stewart and Grace Stewart

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lillian G. and John E. Cupp
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#### WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

Whether you are a first-time guest, regular visitor, or long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. We invite you to join us again and to experience the vibrant life of this faith community.

Please silence all electronic devices as worship begins.

- Resources are available to support your worship experience, including hearing devices and large print bulletins. Speak with an usher for assistance.
- If you are a visitor and would like to meet a pastor, tour the church or learn more about us, please speak with an usher.
- All are welcome to Coffee Hour immediately following worship outside on the front lawn or in Widener Hall depending upon the weather.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at <a href="mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org">jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org</a>.
- If you need a ride to church, please call the church office.
- If you need care or support in any way, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office.
- Nursery for infants and children through age 2 is available before worship in the Strouse Building; children age 3 and older should accompany parents to worship and join in the Children's Moment, after which they will be dismissed for the Church School Gathering.
- In case of an emergency, there are three exit doors behind you in the narthex. If you are sitting near the front of the sanctuary, use the door near the lectern.
- In case of a medical need, please alert an usher—first aid supplies and a wheelchair are available.
- Sunday worship is live-streamed at <u>www.chestnuthillpres.org</u>. These services are recorded for later viewing.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH July 25, 2021

# CELEBRATING AUSTIN CRENSHAW SHELLEY'S MINISTRY Sunday, August 1

- Join us for worship, with communion, on Sunday, August 1. Austin will be preaching.
- Following worship, we will share brief words of recognition in the sanctuary.
- Then we will head outdoors, for a party with pizza, hoagies and water ice, plus fun activities.

Join us on August 1 to connect with one another and to share your gratitude with Austin.

# **PCCH CHURCH OFFICE**

The church summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will resume regular five-day per week 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. hours the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7.

#### PCCH CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for church member volunteers to answer the office telephone and be a friendly face in the church office on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Please call Evelyn Carpenter at 215-247-8855 if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you to Vee Barrett, Barbara Keeler and Liz Podraza for volunteering. We still need at least three more volunteers so that you can be scheduled once every six weeks. This is a very pleasant volunteer opportunity. Please consider joining our staff of volunteers!

# **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

Welcome back to in-person church school! During today's worship service, children will remain with their families to hear the Children's Moment from their pews. Then we'll dismiss and head to the Chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Please feel free to have your child dress comfortably as we may move some of our instruction outdoors onto the lawn, and please remember to send a clearly labeled water bottle each week. (If you're visiting and didn't bring a water bottle or simply forgot, no worries. We have cups and water for your child.) We are excited to be able to gather again!

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. Should you choose to take your child to our nursery, please ask an usher to direct you to that space. Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully-vaccinated, fully background-checked, masked caregivers.

#### PCCH YOUTH TRIP

After months of planning, the Youth headed off on their summer excursion yesterday! From July 24-30, eighteen of us will be in Bluemont, VA on a spiritual retreat. There will be morning and evening devotions (led by all ages), daily workshops, and Bible studies. We will enjoy several hikes along the Appalachian Trail, a day trip to Harpers Ferry, and a night out in our nation's capital. Please keep our young people and our leaders in your thoughts and prayers as they seek both respite and revitalization during their week away.

# PCCH VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2021 COMPASSION CAMP

(evening edition)

Vacation Bible Camp is moving to the evenings this year.

August 17, 18, 19 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For ages 3-12 Cost is \$30.00

Bible stories, music, movement, arts and crafts...we will explore the idea of compassion for ourselves, our neighbors and the whole world around us!

Here is the sign-up link: https://forms.gle/o3yEyykwigg496Dc8

# ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, August 17:

Special Summer Theology on Tap—watch for details.

Wednesday, August 18—during the camp:

Parents are invited to remain at the church for a gathering (refreshments provided!) with John Wilkinson about the future of our children's and family ministry. Please plan to connect with other families and to share your ideas.

#### THE CHURCH GATHERED

#### PIHN BACKPACK DRIVE

We are once again assisting our PIHN partners with their annual backpack drive. As you may recall, PIHN distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in their program for the new school year. Please fill a child-sized backpack (or two, or ten!) with school supplies, including paper, pencils, crayons, stickers, glue sticks, children's safety scissors, or anything else to make the school year better for these children. You may drop off the backpack in the Reception Room. The last day for drop off is **AUGUST 15**. If you are unable to drop off your backpack, 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 as we continue this much-loved drive.

#### SUPPORTING PIHN

PIHN, our mission partner that supports homeless families, is beginning the process again of hosting families onsite. If you've been involved in the past, you know how meaningful this is. If you've ever been interested, now is the chance. Contact Melissa Montgomery if you'd like further information at melissamon70@yahoo.com.

PIHN is also in need of receiving a number of items to support its families: air conditioners, microwaves, irons, vacuum cleaners, dressers, sheets, towels and air mattresses. Please contact Melissa for more information or bring clearly marked items to the church.

#### LIVE-STREAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As our worship live-stream begins, we are seeking several volunteers to assist with its production. No previous technical experience is needed; you will simply push preset buttons. Ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at <a href="mailto:danielspratlan@gmail.com">danielspratlan@gmail.com</a>.

#### FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. Thank you for your support.

# THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

#### WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING

Our mission partner, West Kensington Ministry, is holding its third annual benefit golf outing on Monday, September 27 at Jeffersonville Golf Club. This promises to be a fun day to support an important urban ministry partner in our city. To register, go to <a href="https://www.westkensingtonministry.com">www.westkensingtonministry.com</a> and click on the green "golfer registration" button. For more information, contact Jeff Podraza or John Wilkinson.

#### SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, you have the opportunity to view two prior Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibits in anticipation of the newest version, debuting at PCCH in November.

- First Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Flourtown): View the 2020-2021 portraits from June 22 through August 28 (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00—3:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.) Please call ahead.
- St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church: View the 2019-2020 portraits until August 28, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings.

Learn more at www.soulsshotportraitproject.org

#### SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER SOUGHT

Our partner Souls Shot Portrait Project is seeking a volunteer bookkeeper. Familiarity with QuickBooks is required. The initial commitment is for 2-4 hours a month and subsequently 1-2 hours per month. Please contact <a href="mailto:soulsshotportraitproject@gmail.com">soulsshotportraitproject@gmail.com</a> for further information. Thank you for your consideration and suggestions.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY SOUGHT FOR WKM

A young adult participant active with our mission partner West Kensington Ministry has recently graduated from Jefferson University and is looking for employment. He majored in mechanical engineering and minored in computer science/IT. If you have any possibilities or would like further information, please contact <a href="mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org">jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org</a> who will put you in touch with WKM leadership. Thanks for your response.

# THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is OPEN for **in-person activities this Summer!** When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

# Upcoming classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all activities and classes at the Center.

Call 215-247-4654 or email <a href="msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org">msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org</a> to register.

#### SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR

Mondays or Tuesdays, join at any time, 9:30—11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still life's and photographs will be used. This drawing and watercolor painting class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching classes in the Chestnut Hill area for the past twenty-six years.

#### MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY

Tuesdays, ongoing, join at any time, 12:30—2:30 p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction. Over the past years, a small group of people have been meeting to play and would like to expand the number of players.

#### **BRIDGE OPEN PLAY**

Wednesdays, ongoing, join any time, 11:30 a.m.—3:00p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

#### **GOLDEN YOGA**

Wednesdays, start at any time, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 Classes, \$85 for 10 classes

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. Barbara Levitt has practiced and taught Classical Yoga for more than forty-five years.

# **QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)**

Mondays, ongoing, 2:00—3:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m., \$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is 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. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. *Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.* 

# THIS WEEK AT PCCH and COTH

# SUNDAY, July 25

10:00 am

10:20 am

11:15 am

Worship (Sanctuary)

Church School (Strouse)

Coffee Hour (Front Lawn)

MONDAY, JULY 26	
9:30 am	Sketching and Watercolor (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm	Bridge Group (Room 5)
1:30 pm	Watercolor and Drawing (Room 1&2)
2:00 pm	Qigong (Widener)
TUESDAY, July 27	
9:30 am	Sketching and Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
10:30 am	Lotus Blossoming Yoga (Harris)
12:30 pm	Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 1&2)
7:00 pm	Well Spouse Support Group (Phone)
7:00 pm	Northern District Boy Scouts (Room 5)
7:30 pm	Deacon/Elder Gathering (Harris)
WEDNESDAY, July 28	
10:30 am	Tai Chi Level 1 (Widener)
11:30 am	Bridge Open Play (Room 1&2)
11:45 am	Tai Chi Level 2 (Widener)
1:15 pm	PCCH Staff Meeting (Zoom)
3:00 pm	Golden Yoga (Widener)
THURSDAY, July 29	
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Widener)
9:30 am	Watercolor Painting Group (Room 1&2)
10:00 am	Thursday Bridge Group (Room 5)
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FRID	AY.	July	30
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1:30 pm

12:30 pm Folk Dancing Group (Widener)

Mah Jongg Group 1 (Room 1&2)

# NEXT SUNDAY AT PCCH

NEXT BUILDING AT LUCK		
SUNDAY, August 1	LORD'S SUPPER	
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
10:20 am	Church School (Strouse)	
11:00 am	Austin's Celebration Party (Front Lawn)	

#### THE SESSION

John Wilkinson, Moderator Katherine Connelly, Clerk

Martha Agate Linda Amsterdam Rebecca Bernstein Jill Bown Lisa Burns Ryan Cavanaugh Gregory Dickinson Matthew Eastman

Jack Evans
Robert Fles
Lisa Guyer
Kate Houstoun
James Lutz
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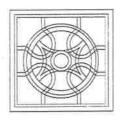
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