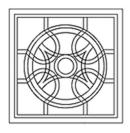
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, June 11, 2023 10:00 a.m. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST





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 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

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

Following the 10:00 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 10.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**INTROIT** 

Anonymous (16th century)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27:4)

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord,

that will I seek after:

People: To live in the house of the Lord

all of the days of my life.

Leader: To behold the beauty of the Lord **People:** and to inquire in his temple.

\*HYMN 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

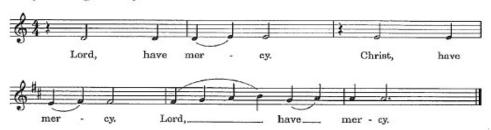
O God, forgive my fallen countenance and my soul grown dreary, as if I did not live in the mystery of thy salvation. Thou hast given so much to me, give one thing more—a grateful heart; not thankful when it pleases me, as if thy blessing had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.

George Herbert

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

**KYRIE ELEISON** Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Everyone sings the refrain:



Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Everyone repeats the refrain.

#### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY (Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

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

#### JOYFUL NOISE ANTHEM AND DISMISSAL

This Little Light of Mine

African-American Spiritual arr. John Helgen

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

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

Parents, please pick up your children in the Strouse building after the congregational meeting.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 4:13-18

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

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

SERMON Blessed to Be a Blessing M. Craig Barnes

"I will bless you...so you will be a blessing." Gen. 12:2

\*HYMN 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

The Apostles' Creed

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings; where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

\*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we offer our gifts, as we offer our lives, with the hope that

you will use what we give to proclaim your love, in word and deed.

Amen.

\*HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen TRAD. DANISH

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** 

#### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

#### **PREACHING**

The Rev. M. Craig Barnes

#### **LITURGISTS**

The Rev. Sarah Finbow

The Rev. Russell C. Sullivan

#### **MUSIC**

**Summer Choir** 

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Joyful Noise

Julie Snyder conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

#### **GREETERS**

Linda Amsterdam and Rebecca DePasquale Elders

Beth DeSoo and Sara Eastman Deacons

#### **USHERS**

Joan Demme, Team #4 Leader, Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Michelle Shachtman, Robert Shachtman, Barbara Spause

#### FLOWER GUILD

Cathy Brzozowski and Grace Stewart

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Thomas N. Lawton** and **Walter and Beverly Dorer** by Kristin and John Lawton.

COVER ART J.M.W. Turner, *Norham Castle, Sunrise*, 1845, oil on canvas, Tate Gallery, London. Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775-1851), known in his time as William Turner, was an English Romantic painter, printmaker and watercolorist. He is known for his expressive coloring, imaginative landscapes, and turbulent, often violent marine paintings. He left behind more than 550 oil paintings, 2,000 watercolors, and 30,000 works on paper. He was championed by the leading English art critic John Ruskin from 1840, and is today regarded as having elevated landscape painting to an eminence rivaling history painting. This depiction of Norham Castle, overlooking the River Tweed, the border between England and Scotland, was one of the artist's last paintings, and falls within his "Modernist" period. This piece is well known for Turner's attentiveness to dawn light, and the softened silhouette it brings.

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# GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at 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 Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

If you would like to receive a ride to church for Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

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 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

#### MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

#### Today immediately following worship in the sanctuary

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has called a meeting of the congregation following worship on Sunday, June 11, 2023 to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect officers.

#### PCCH PICK-UP CHOIR

Do you want to sing with the PCCH Gallery Choir? This Sunday, June 11 and next Sunday, June 25, anyone interested in singing may join the Gallery Choir in worship! No audition is required. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. in the gallery (organ loft) to rehearse for the 10:00 a.m. service. This is a great chance if you are new to PCCH, too busy on Thursday nights, or weren't sure how to get involved, to meet one another and get singing! No ongoing commitment is required, but anyone who enjoys the experience and wants to join the Gallery Choir in the fall may audition with Daniel. If you cannot make it on one of these days but you want to sing in the choir, please contact Daniel Spratlan at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

#### NEW YORK CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Next Sunday, June 18 the New York City Children's Chorus will join us to lead worship. This chorus is a graded choral program for children in the metropolitan New York City area who wish to receive training in the art of singing in a rigorous and rewarding choral environment. Founded in 2012 by Mary Huff at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, the New York City Children's Chorus enables choristers, through hard work and dedication, to develop a passionate commitment to excellence through the choral arts, to learn discipline and self-confidence, and to give back to their community through the gift of music.

#### THE PCCH PRAYER GROUP NEEDS YOU

One of the most meaningful ways we demonstrate care is by praying for our members who are in need. We seek the permission of people before we send their names to the prayer group. If you are interested in joining this group, let our minister of visitation, Russell Sullivan, know at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org, or the coordinator of the group, Kelly Baughman, at kellybaughman@yahoo.com



after the meeting following worship on the front lawn

a grand time for all!



if you signed up to bring a side dish or to help with setup/cleanup/grilling, today's your day to shine!





and if you're reading this before Sunday, there's still time to help!

bring a side dish or stay for cleanup—

let Emily McCahery know!

215.208.6268 or emma.camp327@gmail.com

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

On Sunday mornings we normally offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (room 212) and another for children in grades 3 through 7 (room 201). Both rooms are directly adjacent to the chapel.

Our curriculum for both age groups, based on the Montessori method of learning, comes from Godly Play, using visual elements to hear Bible stories and then inviting children to express themselves by creating art or building and shaping things.

#### Attention all parents: we still need snacks and teacher volunteers.

Godly Play is designed for children to both experience God and to find ways to express their faith experiences. The rhythm of Godly Play is more like worship than school and children are able to explore what they have experienced.

Our younger children from ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be immersed in the stories of God's care for us, learning the ebb and flow of silence and interacting, of hearing and doing.

The older group, grades 3 to 7, will focus on the gift of creation and how we might think about the needs of the earth while hearing many ways in which people of the Bible carry out acts of love and care in challenging times.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To volunteer, scan the QR code and fill out the form, or speak with Julie Snyder, Amy Raphael, Shannon Cavanaugh, or Michelle Shachtman.

Any questions, contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or contact the church office. See dates and details on page 14.

# Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY AUGUST 14 -18 9 - NOON

Exploring what it means to be "called" through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children ages 3 through 5th grade.
All are welcome!
Join us and bring a friend!



Register here



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#### CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. 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.

#### JUNE ART SHOW

#### PCCH Member Kathryn (Kass) Dymecki Watercolors

The "Gallery" is open for viewing downstairs in the Center hallway, Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and before and after worship services on Sundays.

"After graduation from Moore College of Art I was a textile designer in Philadelphia and New York studios. The P.A.B. Widener Traveling Fellowship awarded to me at graduation gave me four months of travel/study in Europe. Following years of commercial art I became interested in weaving, wood carving, and painting with oils and watercolor. At retirement I vowed to concentrate solely on watercolor painting. My interests range from florals to still-life arrangements to landscapes. Whatever the subject matter, color, mood, and composition are for me the most important elements in any painting."

#### ZUMBA GOLD (registration required)

Wednesdays, ongoing starting June 21, 11–11:55 a.m.

Single class \$12, four classes \$45, eight classes \$80

What's Zumba Gold? Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners. You are welcome to bring your own 1-2 lb. weights to build strength and tone all target zones.

**SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR CLASS** (registration required, space limited to 8 max) Tuesdays, join at any time, 9:30–11:30 a.m., \$32 per month Bring check to first class.

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still lifes 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. He has also taught illustration at the Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia. Alex is an accomplished artist who exhibits at the Chestnut Hill Gallery and has held several of his own local exhibits.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (registration required)

Fridays, ongoing, join anytime, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

\$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free.

Contact msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org or 215-247-4654 to register.

Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles. There is always a mix of teaching and "just dancing" and it's a great place for beginners to pick up the basics in a super friendly group. For more details about our Friday folk dance session, contact Anne Ehrhart at anne.ehrhart@gmail.com

#### TRAVEL TIPS FOR SENIORS (registration required)

Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

Presented in person, and recorded to be shared online to watch next week.

Join our travel talk on why seniors should travel. Travel keeps the mind sharp, makes life more interesting, you can make new friends, and helps keep your body and mind healthy. We will discuss securing discounts, ask questions prior to travel to provide the best outcomes for traveling with medical issues and assisted mobility devices. Presented by Lyn from 115 Travel.

# HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, June 11	Summer Picnic
Worship	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Congregational meeting	sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Summer picnic	front lawn, 11:15 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall, 2:00 p.m.
Philomusica rehearsal	chapel, 3:00 p.m.
MONDAY, June 12	
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg 101 class	room 4, 10:00 a.m.
Italian Conversation group	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Classic table games play	room 5, 12:00 p.m.
Water Media level 2	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	room 3&4, 6:00 p.m.
Finance committee meeting	Harris, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, June 13	
Mindfulness practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones exercise class	Widener Hall, 1:00 p.m.
Bingo	Harris, 1:00 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall, 2:30 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	choir room/room 3&4, 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts round table	room 1&2, 7:00 p.m.
Session meeting	Harris, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, June 14	
Rotary Club meeting	Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	chapel, 10:00 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	chapel 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	chapel, 12:30 p.m.

PCCH Staff meeting	Melcher, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	chapel, 3:00 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	sanctuary/choir room/chapel, 6:00 p.m.

# THURSDAY, June 15

BNI meeting	Melcher 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9:00 a.m.
Clergy consult group	reception room, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday bridge group	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall/sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.
MALT ballroom dancing class	chapel, 6:45 p.m.
Philomusica board meeting	Harris, 7:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, June 16

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Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10:00 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall, 1:00 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7:00 p.m.

# SATURDAY, June 17

Crossing rehearsal Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

# SUNDAY, June 18

Worship	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:00 a.m.

# **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**

Linda Amsterdam	Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman
Rebecca Bernstein	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Jill Bown	Kate Houstoun	Harry Spaeth
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kathryn Krantz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	James Lutz	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	Katherine Magid	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Jack Evans	Ryan Mann	Christen Webber
Robert Fles	William Murphy	Kevin Welsh

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Courtney Frenklin	Jane McGill
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Trish Franklin	Barbara Olson
Becky Frazier	Linda Pettengill
Beverly Heimbach	Amy Raphael
Lyn Huertgen	Dominick Rebeck
Jane Kaufman	Deborah Robinson
Kristin Lawton	Beth Vaccaro
Emily McCahery	Sarah Wright
	Beverly Heimbach Lyn Huertgen Jane Kaufman Kristin Lawton

# CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Interim Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr. Minister of Visitation

Megan Petero Acting Coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry

The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emeritus

Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist/Associate Director of Music

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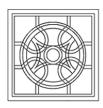
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