IENT HOLY WEEK

EASTER

2024

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY March 24

10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching When Jesus Comes to Town (John 12:12-19)

Wednesday March 27

10:30 a.m. Bible study

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching Homily: *Death of the Hero* (John 18:15-17)

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service/Cantatas and Chamber Music in the chapel J. S. Bach – BWV 12, *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen* Soloists of the Gallery Choir with PCCH Consort Daniel Spratlan conducting

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Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship

CHILDREN & YOUTH

During the season of Lent, our Sunday School classes will study the events of Holy Week and Easter using our Godly Play Curriculum (ages three - second grade) and our Christian Studies Curriculum (third - fifth grade). Our Middle School Youth will focus on forgiveness and sharing God's grace through the Lenten season, with particular focus on Jesus' experiences from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. Our High School students will reflect on facing the darkness in our world and forgiveness.

Our Children and Youth will also focus on mission and service by learning about and participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. This mission project will kick off with art creation during Sunday School on February 25 (to be exhibited during PCCH's Festival of Music and Arts on March 1-3), and will culminate with a collection at our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Our Youth will also assist in all facets of the Egg Hunt.

February 18

Lenten Luncheon at Iron Hill with High School Youth Group: a focus on facing the darkness in our world

February 25

Joyful Noise will sing in worship; Children and Youth Art Project during Sunday School.

February 3

Escape room outing for all youth

February 17

Lenten luncheon at Iron Hill with High School Youth Group: a focus on forgiveness

Palm Sunday March 24 Joyful Noise will sing and process with palms in worship

Easter Sunday March 31

An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the worship service and Sunday School, with a collection for One Great Hour of Sharing

UPCOMING THIS LENT SEASON

The Resurrection and the Life: through the Sundays of Lent and Holy Week we will explore the affirmation in the Gospel of John that Jesus is the source of our death-defying hope. We begin, as John does, with the testimony of his power to bring Lazarus out of his tomb and will end on Easter with Mary Magdalene's discovery that there was more to Jesus than she knew.

(see page 3 for events for Children and Youth)

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14

10:30 a.m. Bible study Join us for our weekly study, focusing on the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday.

Ash Wednesday service

7:30 p.m. in the chapel Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of reflection and introspection. All are invited for an intimate service featuring readings, prayers, music and the voluntary imposition of ashes.

February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching *Why is Jesus Slow?* (John 11:1-16)

Wednesday, February 21 10:30 a.m. Bible study





Festival of Music & Arts art exhibit and concert more on page 9

Wednesday, March 6 10:30 a.m. Bible study

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching *The High Cost of Living* (John 11:45-57)



February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent 10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching Beyond Belief (John 11:17-37)

Wednesday, February 28 10:30 a.m. Bible study

March 3 — Third Sunday of Lent 10 a.m. Worship with Communion in the sanctuary and online Dr. Craig Barnes preaching *Leaving the Tombs* (John 11:38-44)

Bring forward donations for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Good Cupboard during the last hymn.

Thursday, March 14 – Forum on the Hill

12:30 p.m. in Widener Hall Dr. Joel Schwartz Laughter is the Best Medicine more on page 10

Saturday, March 16 – Piffaro concert 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary *The French (Italian) Connection* piffaro.org

Sunday, March 17 — Fifth Sunday of Lent 10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary and online Dr. Russell Sullivan preaching Letting Your Hair Down (John 12:1-11)

Concert – The Crossing

with Sandbox Percussion 5 p.m. in the sanctuary Harold Meltzer You Are Who I Love crossingchoir.org

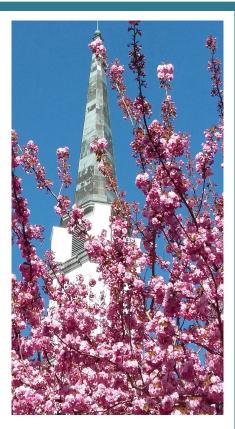


Tuesday, March 19 – Community Luncheon 12 noon in Widener Hall more on page 11

Wednesday, March 20 10:30 a.m. Bible study

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the annual denominational offering that supports three initiatives: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, which all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. This collection will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Food Cupboard

Please help with your donations of canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, breakfast cereals, canned vegetables and beans, and hearty soups and stews; regular size products packaged in non-glass containers, please. Donations can be offered Sunday,



March 3 during the last hymn of morning worship, or placed in the bookshelves in the reception room or the lower hallway any time throughout the month.



EASTER FLOWERS

On Easter Sunday, March 31, the sanctuary will once again be blooming with beautiful spring flowers given to the glory of God and to honor loved ones.

The Flower Guild invites you to remember or honor your loved ones on Easter. Complete and return the form in the church bulletin or call the church office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Wednesday, March 27 10:30 a.m. Bible study

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Monday, April 1 PCCH offices and Center on the Hill closed



FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ARTS



SUNDAY, MARCH 3

ART EXHIBIT

Widener Hall works by PCCH children & youth

CHOIR CONCERT

sanctuary 12 noon Mass Transmission by Mason Bates PCCH Gallery Choir Jeffrey DeVault, organ Daniel Spratlan, conductor free will donation to benefit Music & Arts programming

lunch will be served in Widener Hall following worship, before the concert

About the music

Commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony for their 2012 Mavericks Festival, Mass Transmission brings to life the true story of a loving mother and daughter speaking over the first longdistance radio transmissions between Holland and Java. Ethereal choral sonorities processed through a haze of radio static unfold into virtuosic organ toccatas. The texts for outer movements of the work – from the eyes of the mother – are adapted from an obscure 1928 government publication about the technological advances made by the Dutch in communicating with their colonists. The text for the central portion of the work - from the eyes of the daughter - is adapted from the diary of a Dutch girl growing up in Java.

About the art

After learning the story that inspired Mass Transmission, the children and youth of PCCH have created art works and commentaries responding to the ways people can communicate to share their love.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Forum on the Hill provides opportunities once a month, September through June, for the community to engage with speakers who discuss current topics. Join the conversations! Presented in person at 12:30pm in Widener Hall, with the recordings available here:



chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill

Bring your own bag lunch, and enjoy our light snacks, water, and coffee.

Registration is required to attend in person. A \$5 donation is requested to help support this program.



FORUM ON THE HILL

Thursday, March 14 12:30 p.m. Dr. Joel Schwartz Laughter is the Best Medicine

Taking charge of our emotional wellbeing is just as important as diet and exercise. Studies show that laughing, smiling and being positive can lengthen your lifespan, can change your mental state from depressed to happy, can expand your thinking and creativity, can make you more productive at work and can change "stressed" to "dessert." Dr. Schwartz will discuss the physical and emotional benefits of humor, where to find humor and how to apply it in your life, your education, your work and your relationships. And maybe, just maybe, some of you will become immortal. Joel Schwartz M.D. is the Emeritus Chair of Psychiatry at Abington Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from Hahnemann University Hospital, and his psychiatric training at the Institute of Living, and Hahnemann University. He is the recipient of the Herman Belmont Award for Excellence in Teaching Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, has been on the "Top Docs" list of Philadelphia Magazine several times and has received the United States Air Force Commendation Medal during his tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 19 12 noon \$12

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 filled with round tables set with white linens and festive tableware—all set for a wonderful time.

We'd love to see you there!

Register with your \$12 payment before Friday, March 15 (\$15 thereafter)



EASTER SUNDAY

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PCCH Gallery Choir with organ, brass & tympani Daniel Spratlan conducting

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