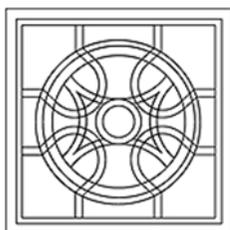


THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, March 1, 2026
10 a.m.
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Whether you're a first time guest or a long time member, we are grateful for your presence with us. There's a place for you here!

Following today's service, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please see an usher for listening assistive devices and large-print bulletins.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Nursery care for children through age two is available in the Strouse building—see an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend the Godly Play Sunday School class, but are welcome to remain in the nursery at the discretion of their guardians.
- Children's *Praise Packs* are available in the narthex to aid children with worship participation. Please return them after the service.
- All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which begins immediately after the Children's Message. Please scan the QR code to fill out a brief waiver for your child.



BEFORE WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please be mindful of our musicians, who rehearse in the Sanctuary between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We welcome all to enter the Sanctuary, but ask that you keep your conversations low.

CONTACT

If you'd like to receive regular updates about worship, church life and other events, please contact Office & Media Coordinator, Mary Frommer. If you are interested in joining PCCH, please contact the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle. With pastoral care concerns or prayer requests please contact the Rev. Emily Chapdelaine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C minor

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Incline your ear, and come unto me.

Edwin Fissinger
(1920-90)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.
But some things are certain.
We do know:

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will keep our lives.

**People: As we come to worship,
we lift our eyes to the God of our salvation.**

*HYMN 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir: Christ, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir: Kyrie eleison.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WONDROUS LOVE
(Hymn 85)

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

*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

God of signs and wonders,
we come to your word again and again,
seeking understanding and new life.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
illumine our hearts and minds
so that we may believe this testimony
and have eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**People: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children ages three through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.

Children will not return to worship for communion in order to engage in a special art project.

Joyful Noise will meet in the Chapel from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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

Youth Choir will not meet today in order to participate in a Youth service project.

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

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Born Again?

Ellen Williams Hensle

*Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you,
no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."
John 3:3*

*HYMN 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

FINEST WHEAT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

MacMillan

ALL VOICES *mp*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord, God of power and might. _____
mf Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - ry. *f* Ho - san - na
mf in the_ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the
ff name of_ the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the_ high - est. _____

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:
People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle when invited by an usher. Take a piece of bread from a server (all bread is gluten-free) and partake. Then take a cup from the server and partake. Empty cups may be placed in the pew racks. If you choose not to come forward, servers will come to your seats to serve you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

W. A. Mozart
(1756-91)

*Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

Thank you, gracious God,
for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness,
help us to share your grace with others.
Draw us ever closer to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Matthew Glandorf
(b. 1973)

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you,
not as the world gives
do I give unto you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C minor

Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS

Jeannette Quirus, Dom Rebeck, Buddy Storm and Harry Spaeth

GREETERS

Gregory Dickinson and Jack Evans Elders

Stephen Bishop and Debby Evans Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones and Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Angie Fredrickson and Linnea Johnson

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COVER ART *Christ and Nicodemus*, Fritz von Uhde, c. 1896, oil on canvas. "How can anyone be born after having grown old?"-John 3:4. Hoping for clarity and understanding Nicodemus visits Jesus at night, symbolic of his desire to come into the "light" of faith from darkness. An open book often symbolizes intellectual growth and the pursuit of truth; while open windows (like the one Jesus is positioned in front of) represent freedom, hope, and opportunity. The positioning of the books, window, and figures provides the narrative that Jesus is leading Nicodemus, and the world, out of darkness and into the light of faith and truth.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

PCCH PRAYER GROUP

The Deacons host a prayer gathering right after worship on select Sundays. Our next prayer gathering is today, March 1. Find Nicolette Cobbold in Widener Hall to join.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on March 4. The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will lead the discussion, focusing on the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **Romans 5:1-11**. All are welcome.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, March 5 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

The Philadelphia Chambe Ensemble, the oldest continuously performing chamber ensemble in Philadelphia, returns to PCCH on Friday March 6 at 7 p.m. for their winter concert series. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance by scanning the QR Code.



LADIES CIRCLE GROUP

If socializing, Bible Study and stimulating/lively discussions appeal to you, then you may want to join our group of great women to learn and share. We typically meet on the third Tuesday of every month (September through June) at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17. Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us on Thursday, March 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at The Stotesbury, 812 E. Willow Grove Ave, in Wyndmoor. Emily Chapdelaine will be the moderator. All are welcome. Please contact the church office with any questions.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is today.

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. Food or supply donations brought today can be carried forward and placed on the chancel steps during the final hymn. Financial contributions are also welcome; please be sure to include GACM in the note/memo line.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	GODLY PLAY (age three–kindergarten)	GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE (first–second grade)	CHRISTIAN STUDIES (third–fifth grade)	FOLLOW ME (sixth–eighth grade)
3/1	Michelle Shacktman and Angie Fredrickson	Tennyson Tippy and Holly Harris	Brandon Harris and Anna Storm	stay in worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program for children age three through grade five begins with a brief opening in the chapel. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program please scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

On Sunday evenings when our Confirmation class is meeting, Youth Group will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that all middle school and high school youth, regardless of confirmation status, are welcome to come to Youth Group! Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine for more details.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will rehearse today from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. 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 (grades six through twelve) will not rehearse today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in order to participate in the Youth service project. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

PCCH YOUTH

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Rescheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026

First Seating 5:00 P.M. | Second Seating 6:15 P.M.

CENTER ON THE HILL

If you have time in your day, we have something fun for you to do! Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page. Scan the QR Code for more information.



Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

TRAVEL TALK—CRUISING 101: FINDING YOUR PERFECT CRUISE *(registration required)*

Thursday, March 5, 12:30 p.m., *free*

This informative session will provide an overview of the many cruising options available today. Participants will learn the differences between ocean and river cruising, explore the advantages of group and solo travel, and gain insight into accessibility features that make modern ships comfortable and inclusive for all travelers. The session will conclude with a lighthearted “Cruise Bingo.” Presented by Lyn Thompson-Giles from Travel Designed by Lyn.

LAUGH OUT LOUD—AN IMPROV COMEDY CLASS *(registration required)*

Monday, March 9, 11 a.m., \$5

Join us for this fun and entertaining class where we will learn about, and practice, short form improv (as seen on the TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*). Through interactive exercises and activities you will experience learning on an intellectual and physical level while having a great time! No experience necessary! Come laugh out loud with us!

FORUM ON THE HILL—TOM WEINER: IN DEFIANCE—TWENTY ABOLITIONISTS YOU WERE NEVER TAUGHT IN SCHOOL *(registration required)*

Thursday, March 12, 12:30 p.m., \$5 suggested donation

This talk will bring to light the often-suppressed stories of those who risked everything to end enslavement. Profiling black and white men and women this presentation highlights their courage, activism, and unwavering commitment to freedom. Through vivid vignettes, including their own words, struggles and sacrifices come to life; these stories serve as a powerful corrective—meant to challenge, inspire, and ignite action. Co-author Tom Weiner will share his perspective, emphasizing the importance of learning from the past.

MARCH ART SHOW—ELENA M. ALDRETE, JOHN A. ALDRETE AND DIANE JORDAN BJORNSTAD: MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION *(registration required)*

Thursday, March 12, 12:30 p.m., *free*

John A. Aldrete will exhibit giclée prints from his first return-trip to his birth country, Peru. Elena M. Aldrete will offer an assortment of her prints, paintings and ceramic pieces inspired by pre-Columbian images. Diane Jordan Bjornstad will exhibit a selection of her expressive figurative acrylic/oil paintings which often reflect her deep understanding of the human condition.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 1

Worship

Church School
Fellowship
Joyful Noise
Tempesta di Mare concert
Parent Social outing
Youth Group
Confirmation class

Lord's Supper & Home Communion

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Widener, 11 a.m.
Chapel, 11:10 a.m.
sanctuary, 4 p.m.
El Poquito, 6 p.m.
Harris, 6 p.m.
Harris, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, March 2

Sketching and Watercolor class
AARP Smart Driver course
Tai Chi Private Practice group
Table Games open play
WaterMedia Level Two class
Qigong class

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Harris, 10 a.m.
room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
room 5, 12 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
room 3&4, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 3

Sketching and Watercolor class
Meditation Practice group
AARP Smart Driver course
Tai Chi class
Mah Jongg open play
Strong Bones class
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class
Strong Bones class
Deacon meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Harris, 10 a.m.
room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Widener, 1 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Harris, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 4

Beginning Tai Chi class
Rummy Tiles open play
PCCH Bible Study class
Continuing Tai Chi class
Bridge open play
Intermediate Tai Chi class
Making Art: Pastels class
Golden Yoga class

Widener, 10 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Widener, 11:15 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Widener, 12:30 p.m.
room 3&4,
Widener, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 5

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Home Sweet, Safe Home presentation	Harris, 11 a.m.
Travel Talk: Cruising 101 presentation	Harris, 12:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris 2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 6

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.

SATURDAY, March 7

Building cleaned

SUNDAY, March 8

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Stouse, 12 p.m.
Youth Group meeting	Harris, 6 p.m.
Confirmation class	Harris, 7 p.m.

JOIN US FOR

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SATURDAY

MARCH 21

WIDENER HALL

7:00 PM | \$20

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY AND PUT YOUR TRIVIA
SKILLS TO THE TEST!

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

Jill Bown	Melissa Montgomery	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	William Murphy	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Elizabeth Podraza	Margaret R. Spencer
Jack Evans	Jeannette Quirus	William Storm
Graeme Frazier	Dominick Rebeck	Tennyson Tippy
Kelley Garner-DiCesare	Diana Rodgers	Clarke Woodruff

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