

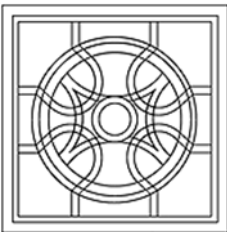
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Sunday, May 10, 2026

10 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

*Arabesque No. 1*

Claude Debussy  
(1862-1918)

## INTROIT

*Psalm 23*

Bobby McFerrin  
(b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
there is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in her house,  
forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
and to the Holy of Holies,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O people, praise our God—  
the Artist of creation,  
the Lord of heaven and earth.

**People: We worship our Maker with resounding praise!**

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being;  
it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

**People: God has kept us among the living;  
Our God does not let our feet slip.**

Leader: God formed all people to seek the Lord;  
indeed, our Creator is never far away.

**People: Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!**

\*HYMN 454

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,  
we love you imperfectly:  
we do not always keep your commandments.  
We love each other imperfectly:  
we hurt those you call us to love  
through our actions and our inaction.  
We love ourselves imperfectly:  
we struggle to believe that we are truly your children,  
made in your image.  
Forgive us.  
By the power of your Spirit,  
make us more faithful  
that we might live as Christ has shown us,  
reflecting your love and grace. 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

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## \*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 mercy,  
you promised never to break your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words of our generation,  
speak your eternal word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 66:14-18

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through eighth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.  
Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not meet today.*

### 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.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

“Those who desire to love life  
and to see good days,  
let them keep their tongues from evil  
and their lips from speaking deceit;  
let them turn away from evil and do good;  
let them seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Do the Right Thing*

Ellen Williams Hensle

“For it is better to suffer for doing good,  
if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil”

*1 Peter 3:17*

\*HYMN 313

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

### \*AFFIRMATION 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,  
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

Thomas Tallis  
(1505-85)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
e'en the spirit of truth.

### \*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: **Almighty God,  
receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness.  
Make our lives an acceptable offering  
in union with our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter Lutkin  
(1853-1931)

Amen.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Etude (Op. 8, No. 12)*

Alexander Scriabin  
(1872-1915)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

### LITURGISTS

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Julie Snyder

### MUSIC

PCCH Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

### GREETERS

William Murphy and Elizabeth Podraza Elders

Becky Frazier and Sue Brunell Deacons

### USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

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

### FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Elizabeth Podraza

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in honor of **the loved ones** of Lisa and Tom Butler.

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**COVER ART** *A Mother's Love Holds the Worlds*, Mary Jane Miller, egg tempera on wood panel, 2008. From the artist: "...We did not create the Earth; we do not sustain the Earth, but it is in our power to care for the Earth. Mary is seen here gently caressing our planet as a mother. She carried our Lord and divine wisdom released throughout Creation. The figure of Mary holds the created order with a tender embrace that reminds us of how fragile our Ecosystem is...We must learn to be compassionate for one another as well as the rock we live on."

## HAPPENING AT PCCH

### WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY GOLF OUTTING

Play, volunteer or support the West Kensington Ministry's eighth annual golf outing! Players tee off on Monday, May 11 at 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club, in Warminster. Sign up and learn more by scanning the QR Code.



### A "CHILL" FUNDRAISER FOR THE PCCH PRESCHOOL

Enjoy a treat from Chill on the Hill while supporting the PCCH Preschool! On Wednesday, May 13 stop by Chill on the Hill (5 E Highland Avenue) between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to build your perfect frozen yogurt! What's even sweeter is that 20% of all sales will be donated to support our PreK's wonderful programming!

### JIMMMMM @ VONC BREWING

May 15, the Church Life Committee invites you to rock out with our very own Jim Spause at von C Brewing Company in Norristown! Jim is playing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. that evening and will be donating his tips to the church's music ministry. Enjoy a beer, something to eat from a great Japanese food truck, and time with your friends from PCCH at this kid- and pet-friendly venue.

### CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC—FILAMENT: A MUSICAL GARDEN

Join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 24 for Cantatas and Chamber Music celebrating the close of Filament's concert season. Filament and guest violinist, Min-Young Kim, will bring to life Johann Adam Reincken's *Hortus Musicus* while exploring seventeenth century chamber sonata rarities. A pre-concert reception will begin in the Narthex at 3:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$20.

### SOCIAL WITNESS WEEKENDS OF SERVICE

Join us the weekend of May 16 and 17 for our Spring Weekend of Service! Donate your skills with URDC on Saturday, May 16 or stay after worship on Sunday, May 17 to help make sandwiches and casseroles for Face to Face in Germantown. Use the QR Codes below to sign up for Saturday and/or Sunday!



May 16  
Service with  
URDC



May 17  
Casserole and sandwich  
supplies for Face to Face

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
May 13, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room	May 19, 10 a.m. Reception Room	May 21, 2 p.m. Reception Room	May 21, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury
Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Acts 1:6-14	Taylor Slaughter: praetextum@gmail.com	Ron Rising 203.206.7299	Mark Bernstein 812 E Willow Grove Ave



# PCCH SPRING PICNIC

Sunday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

Help us celebrate another terrific year in the life of our church by joining us at the annual spring picnic. The church will provide hamburgers (vegetarian and beef), hot dogs and fixings. Feel free to bring a tasty side dish to share!

Suggested donation \$5

Please consider volunteering to help with setup or clean up by scanning the QR Code below!



Use this QR Code to access the SignUP Genius page for volunteer slots

PCCH AT THE BALLGAME



Friday, August 28 | 6:45 p.m.



Join us as the Lehigh Valley IronPigs take on the Syracuse Mets. We will be seated in the “Pig Pen”, between the bullpen and the left field wall, giving us a greater chance to mingle and cheer! In-seat food and drink delivery is available. Car-pooling is available from church. Tickets are \$20, children under two are free!

Scan the QR Code to contact  
Liz Podraza for tickets





## CENTER ON THE HILL

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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.



**The Center will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.**

### *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.

### **LEARN & PLAY CROQUET** (*registration required*)

Tuesday, May 12 through June 2 (weather permitting), 10:30 a.m., *free*

Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called "wickets") embedded in a grass playing court. Join us on the lawn to play American nine-wicket aka "backyard" Croquet. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while playing a competitive lawn game! No experience necessary, all players welcome.

### **GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER** (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 a.m., *free*

Join us as we welcome Elder Law Attorney, Rob Slutsky; as he explores the important documents every family should have in place: wills, powers of attorney, healthcare directives, trusts, and other vital tools to prepare you and your loved one to age with peace of mind. The best plans prepare for the worst scenarios. Participants can have their important questions answered by an elder law expert.

### **FORUM ON THE HILL—DR. RORUJORONA: WHAT'S INSIDE THE PENN MUSEUM?**

(*registration required*)

Thursday, May 14, 12:30 p.m., \$5 *suggested donation*

Dr. Rorujorona Ferrell (Assistant Director of Community Engagement Programs) and learn about the Penn Museum, their mission, how they provide access to archaeology and anthropology for everyone, and what's inside. Ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Mexico and Central America, a brand new gallery dedicated to the resilience of Native peoples, and more. Dr. Ferrell will talk about some of the museums popular public programs and may even bring a few touchable objects from the teaching collection to share some of the cultures the Penn Museum Represents.

### **AFTERNOON MOVIES—RAY** (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 21, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no longlines? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water provided, feel free to bring your own snacks! From his humble beginnings in the South, where he went blind at age seven, to his meteoric rise to stardom during the 1950s and 1960s experience of the life and career of Ray Charles. Staring Jamie

16 Foxx and Regina King.

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, May 10

#### Worship

Church School

Fellowship

#### Mother's Day

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener, 11 a.m.

### MONDAY, May 11

Sketching and Watercolor class

Tai Chi Private Practice group

Table Games Open Play group

Crazy Quilt: American Roots Music class

Grief Support group

Watermedia Level Two class

Qigong class

Finance meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

Harris, 1 p.m.

reception, 1 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Room 3&4, 2 p.m.

Harris, 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, May 12

Meditation Practice group

Build Your Own Website with AI class

Sketching and Watercolor class

Lear to Play Croquet class

Name That Tune game

Tai Chi class

Mah Jongg Open Play group

Strong Bones class

Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class

Strong Bones class

Session meeting

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 1&2, 10 a.m.

front lawn, 10:30 a.m.

choir room, 11 a.m.

rooms 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, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, May 13

Beginning Tai Chi class

Rummy Tiles Open Play group

Bible Study group

Continuing Tai Chi class

Bridge Open Play group

Intermediate Tai Chi class

Making Art: Pastels class

Golden Yoga class

Introduction to Table Tennis 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, 1:30 p.m.

Widener, 3 p.m.

Youth Room, 3:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, May 14**

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Getting Your Affairs in Order workshop	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Forum on the Hill	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support group	room 4, 2 p.m.

**FRIDAY, May 15**

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques class	room 1&2, 10 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, May 16**

Service with URDC	tba, 8 a.m.
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**SUNDAY, May 17**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
Church School	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Widener, 11 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Chapel, 11 a.m.
Children and Youth End of Year Potluck meetup	Chapel, 11:45 a.m.
	11 Laughlin Ln, 5:30 p.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

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Jill Bown  
Rebecca DePasquale  
Gregory Dickinson  
Jack Evans  
Graeme Frazier  
Kelley Garner

Melissa Montgomery  
William Murphy  
Elizabeth Podraza  
Jeannette Quirus  
Dominick Rebeck  
Diana Rodgers

Harry Spaeth  
James Spause  
Margaret R. Spencer  
William Storm  
Tennyson Tippy  
Clarke Woodruff

### BOARD OF DEACONS

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Kelly Baughman  
Mark Bernstein  
Stephen Bishop  
Sue Brunell  
Nicolette Cobbold  
Debby Evans

Becky Frazier  
Ann Goslin  
Kristin Lawton  
Emily McCahery  
Jane McGill  
Laura Messenger

Thanice Petrak  
Rachelle Pretz  
Amy Raphael  
Sharyn Walker  
Sarah Wright  
Beth Wrigley

## CHURCH STAFF

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

**The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine** Associate Minister of Congregational Life

**Dr. Daniel Spratlan** Director of Music

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

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

**Rachel Cline** Church Administrator

**Megan Cullen** Director, Preschool

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

**Mary Frommer** Office and Media Coordinator

**Felix Delgado** Full Time Sexton

**Nakeem Coleman** Part Time Sexton

**Debbie Lambeth** Sunday Child Care Giver

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



PCCH links and  
online giving options

## WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION

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PCCH is a Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are committed to building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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