

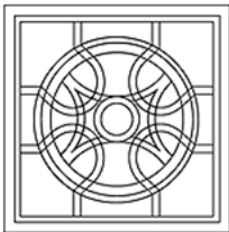
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10 a.m.

SEVENTH 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

Processional

William Mathias
(1934-92)

INTROIT

The Lord Goes Up

Malcolm Archer
(b. 1953)

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy,
while trumpets all his triumph tell;
with him humanity is raised
above angelic worlds to dwell.

O God, our Father, hear our prayer:
with Christ, our Lord, your only Son,
send forth the Spirit of your love
to live in us and make us one.
Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We may not know the time or the place,
People: **but we know that God is restoring the world.**
Leader: We may not see the risen Christ before us,
People: **but we know his spirit rests on us.**
Leader: We may not know what God is doing next,
People: **but we come together in faith, excited to discover it.**
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Savior,
as you ascended, you left the work to us.
You called us to keep the movement going,
to witness to the ends of the earth,
to pray, to heal,
to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,
to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.
We have fallen short of this call.
We have hidden ourselves in fear,
sought our own comfort,
and resigned ourselves to the status quo.
Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will,
that we may be signs of your coming reign. 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

Spirit of God,
bless us with a word of life this day
to restore, support and strengthen us
as we seek to be one with you. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

JOYFUL NOISE ANTHEM *I Can Do All Things*

Mark Burrows
(b. 1971)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!

I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun.
I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about!

I can jump, I can play, I can cheer, I can pray.
I can dance, I can sing, I can do most anything!

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 1:4-14

While staying with [the apostles], [Jesus] ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The End and the Beginning

Ellen Williams Hensle

“When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

Acts 1:9

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Shalom

Dan Forrest
(b. 1978)

Peace. Shalom.
Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you;
Not as this world gives, I give to you,
Do not be afraid.
Peace. Shalom.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class of 2026:

Emery Abernethy
Natalie Bishop
Wesley Bishop
Cade DePasquale
Morgan Evans
Dillon Fischer
John Ryan Harris

Addilyn Krissel
Elisa Lutz
Sam Magid
Natalie Pretz
Louisa Genuardi
Colin Welsh

*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.

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

Vidi Speciosam

Raffaella Aleotti
(1570-1646)

I saw a beauty like a dove ascending.
Above the streams of water,
whose priceless smell was overwhelming.
And as on a spring day, she was surrounded,
by roses and lilies of the valley.

*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: **Glorious God, everything that is given to us
rains forth out of the abundance of your love,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Bless these gifts and our lives together
that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;
in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.**

***HYMN 434**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasy in G minor

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGISTS

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

MUSIC

PCCH Gallery Choir

Joyful Noise Choir

Youth Choir

Dr. Julie Snyder Director of Children's Ministry, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS

Jeannette Quirus and Dominick Rebeck Elders

Nicolette Cobbold and Ann Goslin Deacons

USHERS

Dom Rebeck Team #3 Leader

Peter Cooke, Tom Hensle, Doug Olson, Emily McCahery, and Ray McCahery

FLOWER GUILD

Barb Olson and Grace Stewart

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Mary Elizabeth Buehler, Sheldon Pfeifer, and Randall E. Cain** by **Linda Pfeifer**.

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COVER ART *Ascension of Christ*, Mistr vyšebrodského cyklu (Master of the Hohenfurth Altarpiece), tempera on wood, c. 1350. Created by an artist whose name has been lost to time, the *Ascension of Christ* is one of nine panels depicting the life of Christ commissioned by Petr I of Rosenberg. This collection of images is assumed to be a part of an altar retable (a raised shelf above an altar to hold liturgical objects) or as decoration for the choir partition of the church of the Cistercian Abbey (which Petr I financed).

HAPPENING AT PCCH

WEEKEND OF SERVICE—FACE TO FACE

Join us after worship today to help make casseroles and sandwiches for Face to Face Germantown. Sandwiches and casseroles will be brought to Face to Face to help feed our community! Scan the QR Code to learn more about Face to Face.



PCCH PRAYER GROUP

The Deacons of PCCH host a once a month prayer group on select Sundays. Our next prayer gathering will be on June 14. Find Nicolette Cobbold in Widener Hall to join.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS

The PCCH office and Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, May 25 in recognition of Memorial Day. We will return for regular hours on Tuesday, May 26.

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.

EMILY'S MATERNITY LEAVE

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine will be out of the office on maternity leave beginning Monday, May 25 and returning on August 23. While she is out of the office our Seminary Intern, William "Buddy" Storm, will be assisting with our church's ministry.

MAKE GACM YOUR +1

When you do your shopping this week, add an item to your cart for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry! Federal cuts to food banks and food access have increased demand for nutritious food, and your donations to the GACM food cupboard support families in our community in this season of increased hardship. While we designate the first Sunday of the month for collection during worship, items can be left to the reception room at any time. Please remember that all jarred products should be in plastic containers. Thank you! Critical needs at this time include: Pasta sauce, canned meats (chicken, tuna, etc.), breakfast cereal.

BIBLE STUDY	LADIES CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
May 20, 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 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Taylor Slaughter praetextum@gmail.com	Ron Rising 203.206.7299	Honoring Bill Cobb 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



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)
5/17	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Tennyson Tippy and Anna Storm	stay in worship	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

There will be no Youth Group this week. Please join us after worship to celebrate the Confirmation Class of 2026.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) and Youth Choir (grades six to eight) will not rehearse today. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.



PCCH CHILDREN & YOUTH

End of Year Potluck

SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 5:30 P.M.

at the home of Diana Rodgers

RAIN LOCATION: WIDENER HALL

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.



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 to register.

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET *(registration required)*

Tuesday, May 19 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.

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

(registration required)

If you missed the May 14 Forum on the Hill you can watch it online by scanning the QR Code. Learn about the Penn Museum, their mission, how they provide access to archaeology and anthropology for everyone, and what's inside the Penn Museum. Ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Mexico & 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 CultureFest and Mind & Mood Recharge, and the free community days like Juneteenth, Wawa Welcome America free museum day, and Kwanzaa.

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 Foxx and Regina King.

UNDERSTANDING SKIN CANCER *(registration required)*

Thursday, May 28, 11 a.m., *free*

Learn more about the types of skin cancer, prevention, risk factors, screening and tips for staying healthy! Alexandra will discuss skin cancer screening and why it's important to know the signs. Presented by Fox Chase Cancer Center's Office of Community Outreach & Engagement.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 17

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Children's & Youth Ministry Potluck	11 Laughlin Lane, 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, May 18

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi Private Practice group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
Table Games Open Play group	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief Support group	reception, 1 p.m.
Watermedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mindful Eating class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Qigong class	room 3&4, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 19

Meditation Practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
PCCH Ladies Circle group	reception, 10 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Lear to Play Croquet class	front lawn, 10:30 a.m.
Tai Chi class	rooms 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg Open Play group	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Horticultural Therapy workshop	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Children's Ministry Committee meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 20

Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles Open Play group	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study group	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge Open Play group	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Making Art: Pastels class	room 3&4, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Introduction to Table Tennis class	Youth Room, 3:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 21

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon Movie: <i>Ray</i>	Harris, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship group	Associate office, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 22

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 23

Building cleaned

SUNDAY, May 24

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Chapel, 11 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Chapel, 11:45 a.m.
Cantatas and Chamber Music—Filament	Sanctuary, 4 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

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

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Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music

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The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita



PCCH links and
online giving options

WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION



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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